

HISTORY

As early as 1892 the first Social Democratic Women's club was established in Stockholm. The federation of Social Democratic Women in Sweden was founded in 1920, by representatives from 120 women's clubs.

During the early decades S-kvinnor fought for child care, women's right to education, equal pay, women's right to abortion and against prostitution. Since then we have promoted and still promote for example equally divided parental leave, free child care, the right to full-time employment, better working conditions and women's right to power. We also demand that more resources be granted to fight men's violence towards women and children, including honor killing.

We work for a gender-equal world, for peace and liberty for all people. We want to contribute to development centered on human beings and reduced differences in living conditions, to better meet the needs of the majority of the world's population.

We have a long tradition of international solidarity. Since the 1950's we have been deeply involved in issues concerning women in the developing countries.

During the 1950's and 1960's, S-kvinnor strongly opposed nuclear arms for Sweden, a deciding factor for the Government's no to nuclear arms.

Another important campaign was that one percent of Sweden's GDP would be allocated to development support. The campaign paid off when the goal was fulfilled in 1975.

Other international issues promoted by S-kvinnor are the right to abortion, knowledge of CEDAW, CRC and UN Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security, and information on the Swedish Sex Purchase Act.

S-kvinnor is Social Democratic feminists who place the class struggle side by side with the struggle for increased gender equality and the struggle against racism. Our association is for women throughout the whole of Sweden. Together we fight for increased gender equality in society and in our own Party.

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INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY



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Women of all countries must work together if we are to achieve an equitable and gender-equal society. S-kvinnor works actively, through both national and international actions, to achieve gender equality and solidarity on an international level.

Our goal is to provide women of the world with the power to shape society and their own lives. This requires:

- Peace, democracy and human rights
- Equal distribution of power and influence
- Economic equality
- Zero-tolerance policy on violence against women

In most parts of the world women have little power and influence. To be able to solve global problems it is crucial that both men and women possess power and influence.

Internationally S-kvinnor is working primarily to strengthen women's positions economically, politically and socially. We act energetically against violence towards women as well as trafficking of women and children for sexual exploitation and call for legitimate protection for its victims. To achieve sustainable and lasting peace, we require that the

participation of women in peace processes increases.

At national level we conduct advocacy on issues such as policies for global development, aid, trade, migration, violence and sexual exploitation of women, and Swedish arms exports.

COOPERATION

Internationally S-kvinnor cooperates with sister organizations in the Nordic countries, Europe and the world.

- Social Democratic Women in the Nordic Countries (SKN)
- The Party of European Socialist Women (PES Women)
- Socialist International Women (SIW)

PROJECTS

The aim of our international projects is to enhance women's rights and educate women by supporting their democratic organizations, as well as businesses that provide work and income for women.

We are working actively towards involving more women in politics and achieving greater female representation in political positions.

Over the years S-kvinnor has engaged in solidarity work in many parts of the world, with projects in Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa.

Our international projects are run at local, regional or national level by a club, district or the national federation. We run both shorter projects, like fundraising and advocacy, and major projects over several years.

The projects have the support of The Palme Center (the Swedish labor movement's organization for international development cooperation) and Sida (the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency). In most of our projects S-kvinnor contributes ten percent of the project budget. Our contribution comprises cash funds raised in Sweden.

OUR ORGANIZATION

The S-kvinnor congress takes place every second year. It is our highest decision-making body and establishes the political orientation for the coming years.

The organization's leadership (president, board and general secretary) is elected by the congress.

Our approximately 250 local clubs form the most important part of the organization. The clubs work with political education, political debates, influence local politics and participate in international solidarity projects. The clubs are organized in 26 districts.

All members of S-kvinnor are members of the Social Democratic Party, but not all women party members are S-kvinnor. It is not automatic membership, but an active choice.

The activities of S-kvinnor are financed by membership fees, contributions from the Social Democratic Party, and government grants.