

**PEACE, FREEDOM AND FEMINISM
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S-kvinnors' political demands

S-KVINNOR – THE FEDERATION OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC WOMEN IN SWEDEN

WHAT S-KVINNOR DEMAND:

Section 1 – Women’s rights are human rights

S-kvinnors’ feminism is about challenging, querying and changing the patriarchal society in which men continue to represent the norm and are persistently favoured over women. Our role is, in the Social-democratic Party and with the voters, make visible and act for political reforms that will lead us to the gender-equal society

- S-kvinnors’ goal is the gender-equal and equitable society in which everybody lives in freedom and has equal power over their life and the joint development of society.
- S-kvinnor wish for society to be inclusive, sustainable and long-term able to keep up development.

Section 2 – Building the feminist society

- Development of Sweden’s work to ensure that the EU consists only of democratic states.
- Fiscal policy must be fair and used to create conditions of gender parity and equality.
- Gender parity and equality must be a factor in all social planning.
- Political decisions must improve people’s lives and living conditions based on an equal and equitable perspective.
- Essential social services must be accessible throughout the country.
- Develop collective traffic so that more people can use it.
- Society must use its possibilities to relocate state operations. The same applies to municipalities and regions.
- To counter loneliness, accessible meeting places should be reliably available.
- Public Service must be protected in the Constitution.
- Plan for residential areas with mixed forms of leasing.
- There must be fiscal neutrality between different leasing forms so that tenancy is not disfavoured in relation to other leasing forms.
- Stop the selling-off of public utilities.
- Promote the support of all citizens with self-teaching digital solutions that are democratic, ethical and equitable.
- Develop and extend digital and technical services in women-dominated occupations.
- Strengthen legislation against net hate.

Section 3 - Welfare

- Set priority on jointly-owned welfare facilities of high quality with more resources, more trained staff, and allow professionals to be professionals.
- Forbid profit in welfare.
- Statutory right to evening, night and public-holiday childcare regardless of type of employment.
- Municipal right to veto private school establishment.
- Statistics on private schools’ operations must be transparent and available to the public.
- Review private schools’ generous reimbursement model to limit opportunities for schools’ profit-making.
- ‘No’ to religious pre-schools and schools.

- Requirements for integrated school day and coordinated leisure activities.
- All pupils must be given access to free arts-and-crafts schools.
- Create good school prerequisites for children's increased physical activity.
- Municipalities and regions must be obliged to map the accessibility of public areas and premises and to draw up plans to eliminate obstacles.
- The Swedish Act on Support and Service for Persons with Functional Impairments (LSS) must meet the individual's needs, and the human rights legislation must be complied with.
- Health and medical care and the authorities must be well versed in functional disability.
- Introduce an act on care of the elderly with civil rights for old people.
- All care of the elderly shall take place under equitable conditions. The municipalities should be obliged to follow up and report on gender distribution among different care types.
- The food in care institutions must be nutritious and the elderly must be able to influence what is offered.
- Abolish the Swedish Freedom of Choice Act (LOV) in care of the elderly.
- The Swedish Public Procurement Act must be reviewed so that public institutions are guaranteed gender-equitable, environmentally-friendly, high quality, short and well-planned procurement processes.
- Clearer follow-ups must focus on gender-equal public authorities, national agencies and municipalities regarding the Public Procurement Act.

Section 4 – Climate and sustainable change

- The national economy must take account of ecological, social and economic aspects.
- Climate issues must always be foremost and included in political decisions.
- That Sweden introduce carbon-dioxide budgets at national, regional and local levels.
- A goal for reducing the consumption-based release of greenhouse gases must be introduced and the release needs to be halved before 2030.
- Conduct a large popular education project for democracy, environment and sustainability.
- GNP must be supplemented with indicators measuring and following up wellbeing.
- A circular sharing economy must be developed, encouraged and reinforced at all levels.
- Consumer power must be strengthened and goods and services for sale must bear climate declarations.
- Transport costs must be made visible, and freight must cover the true release costs.
- Sweden must become the world's first fossil-free welfare country.
- Sweden must phase out nuclear power.
- Rail and other public transport must be refurbished and developed throughout the country, for which loan finance must be an option.
- Reduced or wholly-subsidised ticket prices in rail and public transport.
- Stop for sales of new petrol- and diesel-driven cars by latest 2030.
- Electrification of the entire transport system and investment in more fossil-free alternatives.
- Increase the leap in industrial output and help more industrial organisations to lead the development of green changeover.
- The climate leap must be widened to apply also to a circular leap.
- Sweden must counteract the impoverishment of biological diversity.
- Sweden must set a good example in non-toxic environments.
- The EU must realise the European strategy on chemicals.

- Targeted taxation on climate- and environment-unfriendly activity.
- Abolish the in-work tax credit, so that pension, sickness and activity benefits, unemployment benefit and childcare benefits are taxed as income from work.
- Modify the whole fiscal system based on a redistribution-policy profile with wealth tax, property tax, the introduction of higher capital taxes and reintroduced austerity tax.
- More resources to prevent tax planning and tax avoidance.
- Abolish domestic-services and building-and-repairs deductions.

Section 5 - A gender-neutral and secure working life

- Legislate whole-time employment as the norm for the entire labour market.
- Abolish temporary employment as an employment type, abolish split tours, abolish the practice of reducing working hours instead of sacking.
- Gig platforms must be compelled to accept employer responsibility and sign collective agreements.
- Secure the balance between the labour-market partners and protect the Swedish model.
- More regional safety representatives and increased access rights.
- Trade union dues must be deductible.
- Permanent increase of unemployment insurance to apply over the whole benefit period.
- Abolish deduction for health-insurance waiting period.
- Review the pensions system from a gender-equality perspective to raise guarantee pensions and to ensure that everyone receives 72 percent of their salary per month in pension.
- Introduce individualized parental insurance to be used consecutively during the child's early years.
- A thirty-hour working week with full pay must become norm on the labour market.
- The number of educational programmes must be increased to meet the needs of lifelong learning.
- Clear competence requirements in the welfare professions through more requirements for certification and educational opportunities to supplement knowledge or validate existing knowledge.
- National responsibility for human resources development to facilitate job changing and intellectual development.
- Gender-equal and equitable opportunities for qualitative and inclusive human resource development both at and outside the workplace during one's entire working life.
- Sweden must ratify the ILO C190 Convention on Violence and Abuse in Working Life.
- Financial study assistance for adult students with dependents must be developed.
- S-kvinnor must seek to ensure that local job centres' presence is genuine local presence.

Section 6 – Gender-equitable health

- Regional surveying to promote equitable and gender-equal care and remove differences in health, care quality and access to care.
- Abolish time limits in the rehabilitation chain. Eligibility for sickness benefits must depend on work ability and health – not on how long you have been sick.
- Care must be given according to need. It must not be possible to squeeze out patients with greater need of care through private health insurance.

- Establish an inquiry into power politics in health care tasked to clarify "who controls what" in care.
- Cervical cancer must be eliminated in Sweden.
- Free mammography also for women over 74 years.
- Remove the upper limit for cervical cancer screening.
- Bring in cost-free health examinations successively from 75 years throughout the country.
- Special efforts to support the rights of LGBTQI people.
- Combat mental ill-health for women of all ages.
- Increased collaboration and more effective input (within and between municipalities and regions) for children and young people who are unwell so as to support mental health. This because health is affected by biological, psychological, social and socially-related factors.
- Health and medical care and dental care must ask routinely about violence in the home. The question must not only be asked during meetings with the patient but during collegial discussions.
- Dental care must be placed on the same footing as the rest of the health service and included in the same insurance system.
- Provide secure access to safe delivery care and minimize, diagnose and address the number of childbirth injuries, plus improve postnatal care.
- Conduct an integrated inquiry into how pregnancy is managed within social security.
- Introduce a national plan of action for delivery care.
- Safeguard the right to free abortion, nationally and internationally.
- Care staff have a personal responsibility to perform abortions (where this is included in their work description). They must not be able to refuse for personal/ethical reasons. No to the conscience clauses.
- Affirm girls' and women's sexuality, combat sexism and unhealthy notions around sex and living together.
- Education on sexuality, consent and relations must reach all school pupils.
- Youth clinic visits must be free of charge and must reach every youth.
- Menstruation protection must be free of charge.
- Increased knowledge and improved care regarding care of menopause problems so that the care becomes comparable nationwide.
- More research into and knowledge of women's health and diseases.

Section 7 – Exploitation and objectification of the female body

- Counteract all forms of exploitation and objectification of the female body.
- Legislate against sexist advertising, marketing and objectification of women in the media.
- Introduce a zero vision of men's violence towards women.
- Men's killing of women must be defined as femicide when the motive is misogyny.
- Investigation of gross violation of a woman's integrity must be given priority and stiffer penalties should be introduced.
- Allocate more resources to the judiciary so that legal processes may be shortened.
- Everyone working within the judiciary – police, prosecutors, court and criminal care staff – must have knowledge of how violence is manifested and must be able to think norm-critically.
- Promote inquiry and legislation in cases where a violence suspect is removed from the joint home on suspicion of a crime.

- Prohibition of contact must be used more frequently, and transgressions must be punished.
- The question of violence must be raised in contacts with the authorities, health and medical services or care services. There must be knowledge of how violence victims should be treated so as to achieve the right care inputs.
- Improve the conditions for safeguarding women's economic rights in a separation or divorce.
- Municipalities must be responsible for, and set a high priority, on issues of women's integrity. They must have clear action plans for achieving a zero vision of men's violence towards women and their children.
- Secure long-term financing of the country's girls and women's shelter.
- Introduce strict legislation to protect children from meeting a parent who has subjected the child to violence.
- Follow up the application of increased penalties for honour crimes. Ensure that measures for increasing knowledge for identifying, meeting, preventing and countering honour crimes is developed.
- Follow up the application of the Act on Increase Protection against Child- and Forced marriage.
- More specialised clinics for the sexually mutilated are needed to ensure equal care throughout the country.
- Counter sex purchase and prostitution through improved collaboration among society's institutions.
- Tighten up the Sex Purchase Act so that sex purchase always leads to deprivation of liberty.
- Alarm must always be registered when the sex buyer is a parent.
- The Swedish Sex Purchase Act must apply to Swedish citizens purchasing sexual services abroad.
- Increase the penalties for sex crimes.
- Seek to counter and forbid pornographic films as a first step for children and youths through e.g. porn filters and age verification.
- Promote the use of pornographic films as evidence of offence to enable prosecution of those responsible.
- Foster public opinion against surrogate motherhood both nationally and internationally.

Section 8 – International solidarity

- Sweden to remain militarily alliance-free and must not seek membership of NATO.
- Sweden must work actively for disarmament, peace and a nuclear-free world and ratify the UN Treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons.
- Swedish weapons export must cease completely and until then must not take place to countries
 - participating in or risking participation in armed conflict
 - violating human rights.
- Sweden must become an atom-free zone.
- The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women must be incorporated into Swedish law.
- Child marriage must be counteracted both in Sweden and abroad.
- UN Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security must continue to be implemented in global preventive work.

- The UN and other international organs must have equal representation of women and men.
- Gender-parity counsellors must be included in peace missions and reconstruction processes.
- All forms of sexualised violence in war and conflicts must be prevented and sanctions must be possible against parties not offering protection against violence. This in compliance with UN Resolution 2467.
- Sexual reproductive health and rights, and girls' right to education must be given priority in aid work.
- Aid money must always be used for international projects, with a clear focus on humanitarian and educational projects, and not for supporting national budgets.
- Sweden is to seek a fair climate transition in which the high-income countries responsible for the greatest release of greenhouse contribute to the transition to a fossil-free society in the low- and medium-income countries.
- Women's international trade union organisational potential to be raised and enabled in all the forums in which we act.
- Sweden to actively promote recognition of a free Western Sahara.

Section 9 - Women and migration

- The right to seek asylum is a human right.
- Sweden must ratify the UN Convention on Migrant Workers' Rights (CMW).
- Sweden must actively work to ensure legal avenues for seeking asylum in Europe.
- Sweden must actively work for a fair reception throughout the EU.
- Sweden must work to increase global acceptance of responsibility for people fleeing from injustice.
- Sweden must work to ensure that sexual offences in war or in conflict zones constitute grounds for women and children to seek the right of asylum
- Draw attention to the vulnerability of women, unaccompanied children and LGBTQI people fleeing injustice, and upgrade their special reasons for needing protection.
- The proposals in the permanent Aliens Act must have a gender-equality perspective.
- Permanent residence permits must apply as a main rule for everyone who has been granted status as a refugee and a person in need of protection.
- There must be necessary resources for rapid handling of residence permits.
- Recipients of residence permits must be entitled to family reunification.
- It must be possible to study Swedish for Immigrants and Community Introduction already during the application period and during parental leave.
- Labour force immigration must be regulated so that the parties agree on labour market needs.
- Improve and expand collaboration among different authorities concerning start-up assistance.
- Start-up assistance on the labour market must have a gender-equality perspective.
- Newly-arrived women's participation in the labour market must increase.