
What we see, what we think, what we demand!

The Swedish Red Cross Youth Humanitarian Political Program 2015-2017

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The Swedish Red Cross Youth Humanitarian Political program was adopted by the National Annual Meeting, the highest decision-making body. The decision is valid for three years. The humanitarian policy program contains the questions the Red Cross Youth will operate during the years 2015-2017. The priority applies federal common and local level. The Humanitarian Policy Programme aims to be clear in what the Red Cross Youth sees, thinks, does and requires. Red Cross Youth takes a stand for humanity, focusing on the work of, and together with children and young people.

The Red Cross Youth is a part of a movement with nearly 100 million members and volunteers. The world's largest human safety net! Red Cross Youth is engaged in political advocacy, with humanity as a base. This will not only alleviate the impact of humanitarian challenges in Sweden and in the world, but also to prevent them from occurring. Red Cross Youth wants, in short, affect the situation of individuals and social structures. The mission is to prevent and alleviate human suffering unites all the world Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Red Cross principles

Red Cross Youth work is the basis of Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement seven basic principles: Where the most important principle is humanity. It means that the Red Cross to prevent and alleviate human suffering, protect life and health and uphold respect for human dignity. The Red Cross will work for mutual understanding and cooperation and lasting peace among all peoples. In order to carry out humanitarian work in the best way the Red Cross has another six basic principles. They are about how the organization should relate to the outside world and how the work should be structured.

- Impartiality - Impartiality It makes no discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political opinions. It endeavours to relieve the suffering of individuals, being guided solely by their needs, and to give priority to the most urgent cases of distress.
- Neutrality - In order to continue to enjoy the confidence of all, the Movement may not take sides in hostilities or engage at any time in controversies of a political, racial, religious or ideological nature.
- Independence - The Movement is independent. The National Societies, while auxiliaries in the humanitarian services of their governments and subject to the laws of their respective countries, must always maintain their autonomy so that they may be able at all times to act in accordance with the principles of the Movement.
- Voluntary - It is a voluntary relief movement not prompted in any manner by desire for gain.
- Unity - There can be only one Red Cross or one Red Crescent Society in any one country. It must be open to all. It must carry on its humanitarian work throughout its territory.
- Universality - the Red Cross, all National Societies same rights and obligations to assist each.

Vision – a society based on humanity

Red Cross Youth is an important organization. Every day children and young people are met in the youth association social activities where exchanges take place. Red Cross Youth vision is that children and young human dignity is a first priority and that children and young people perceived as a resource in the community. A society that is human respect all children and young people's human rights and allow them to live a life in dignity. Humanity must come first at all times and it's the Red Cross Youth responsibility, as part of Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement to respond and influence in policy decision goes against the Red Cross values. Advocacy work should be based on Red Cross basic principles and based on experience of activities. Advocacy work is simply based on local experience, based on the needs expressed by the young. Locally, nationally and internationally the Red Cross Youth stands up for young people, especially in vulnerable situations. Red Cross Youth affect globally by working locally and which focuses on children and young people's perspectives and needs.

Love and respect, should it be that damn difficult?

Red Cross Youth motto is "love and respect". The Red Cross Youth stands up for humanity and all human rights, against the inhumane conditions and racism. The work is based on a feminist basis. With feminism means striving for equality and equity - everyone's equal opportunities regardless of gender, ethnicity, class, sexuality, age or functionality etc. With gender refers to both biologically, legal sex as gender identity and expression.

The Swedish Red Cross Youth want to see a society imbued with love and respect and where it goes without saying that everyone can participate and be included on equal terms. We live in a globalized world, migration is a global issue and therefore, Sweden, the European Union and all countries of the world a common responsibility to give people opportunities to live a dignified life. The Swedish Red Cross Youth want to see a society that respects human rights and allow humanitarian values permeate the entire asylum process. The reception of children and young people should be individually adapted more and it must be ensured that municipalities have the knowledge and resources to ensure the child's best interests.

Red Cross Youth want Sweden to put the best interests of the children and youths first and that people seeking asylum should be treated with dignity. No individual and no country can afford to ignore what is happening in the world and forcing people to flee. Europe's borders are growing stronger and the European Union shuts out more and more people in need. With a Visa and without legal and safe routes into Europe, we see a migration policy that cost human lives - this is inhumane. Red Cross Youth do not think that Sweden only has a responsibility to promote a humane migration policies nationally but also regionally, within the European Union and internationally.

During 2015-2017 The Swedish Red Cross Youth have prioritized to actively work in the areas of Humanitarian Migration and Social Security. Children and young people's safety shall always be first priority, whether you are in an asylum process or already living in Sweden. There is a clear need to strengthen social protection in the community for children and young people. In a society that places greater demands on the individual the Red Cross Youth meets many children and young people who cannot handle their schooling, do not have an active lifestyle and who lack a functional and secure social network. To experience a meaningful leisure time needed meeting arenas, belonging and social inclusion. Red Cross Youth hits all too often children, especially unaccompanied, separated in education and other social activities within the school.

Red Cross Youth meets undocumented children and young people with a constant fear of deportation. Undocumented children who live with this fear may not dare to go to school. The social assistance to unaccompanied children and young people basically ends on the day the person turns 18 - there is often a need offered support in any form to these young adults - is also problematic. The Red Cross Youth meets children and young people with inhuman life experiences, children and young people who experience a lack of love and respect.

We live in Sweden where support for unaccompanied children and young people at family reunification is weak from society - both before, during and after reunification. We live in a time where there are no legal or safe routes to Europe for people in need of international protection, where people are put in detention, where migrants criminalized. There is often a quick appointment of a personal representative men of unaccompanied children and young people, with sometimes a lack of skills and education of the child's situation. It is used inhumane methods to determine the child's age - the methods are not legally secure and implemented with a lack of dignity. We see a Sweden where there is a constant distrust and ignorance - even among social care, accommodation staff in homes for young asylum seekers and other stakeholders. Staff must know where the care available, how to recognize the symptoms of torture and to learn how to handle and treat young people who have been difficult traumas. Commercial assistant who has experience and skills of children and young people should be given priority in matters involving children and young people. Even if they returned today there are major flaws. Children and young people is at risk of suffering. Unaccompanied children and young people risk being sent to institutions, they may not always complete their education and in some cases they are exposed to traumatic situations. Why should love and respect have to be so damn difficult?

Demands of The Swedish Red Cross Youth

The Swedish Red Cross youth makes marks in the society and affects the people that is a part in the activities. During 2015-2017 the Swedish Red Cross Youth want to work actively for that young people in Sweden should have a meaningful leisure time. Young people should be able to manage their schooling and there should be support for the young people that is not well. The

Swedish Red Cross youth want to work actively to create positive changes for young migrants in Sweden. For the coming 3 years The Swedish Red Cross Youth therefore requirements:

In the end of 2017 should the following requirements be met:

- The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child should be incorporated in Swedish law.
- The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child should be exerted in all asylum cases concerning children.
- All municipalities in Sweden should provide education of the The Convention on the Rights of the child.
- All municipalities should provide the same conditions to children and youths to manage their schooling.
- All municipalities should guarantee a meaningful leisure time and various meeting places for children and youth.
- The Swedish government should work towards that children and young should not be subjects to insults and discrimination based grounds in the laws of discrimination.
- The Swedish authorities should unconditionally guarantee all children and youths the right and access to the society's functions, as health care and schooling, according to their need.
- The Swedish authorities should guarantee that there is broad training and education and increased resources for health care personnel, social service, "Gode Män", personnel at the accommodation for asylum seekers and other actors that meets children and young people in vulnerable situations.
- The Swedish government should act to a migration politic that is based on humanity and legal certainty for children and young people in the whole European Union.
- There should be safe and legal routes to Europe.
- The Dublin convention should not be practiced.
- All municipalities in Sweden should receive unaccompanied children and migrants.
- Sweden should have a legal certain, fast asylum process that is based on humanity for children and youths, no matter if they are without a legal guardian or come together with their family.
- The reception of the unaccompanied children and young should be individually based. Information about the young peoples asylum process should be based on their age and maturity.
- The burden of proof for children and young have to be lower, it have to be based on their age and maturity.
- Investigations of a child or youths age should be done legally secure and with dignity.
- Children and young should be safeguarded the right to live together with their families it should be a quick and legally secure family reunification process.
- Children and young people should have the same right to reunion with their family as parents have to their children.
- No children or youth is placed in custody.
- All asylum cases that concerns children and young should be handled of someone with special competence in children and youths.
- Child-specific persecution should be a reason to get asylum.