

Humanitas Anti-discrimination bureau

Humanitas started in 2005 as a NGO working with questions concerning non-discrimination. We are financed by money from the state, and we are one of 15 anti-discrimination bureaus in Sweden, spread out geographically. We work both with helping individuals who are exposed to discrimination and with informing and educating private companies, states, schools etc in questions concerning discrimination.

Humanitas is a small NGO with only two employees. Our guidance that is information to individuals of the legislation, help with coming to a solution in the matter, help filling a report to the discrimination authority (Diskrimineringsombudsmannen) which is free of cost.

The discrimination legislation

Instead of having many different laws concerning discrimination, based up on different kinds of grounds of discrimination, there is now a new legislation concerning discrimination in Sweden. In January 2009 all grounds of discrimination were merged into a common law; the discrimination law (Diskrimineringslagen).

Discrimination means that one individual is treated less favourably or prejudicial because of one or more characteristics on one of the grounds stated in the legislation. These grounds are at the moment ethnic origin, religion or other belief, gender (sex), sexual expression, sexual orientation, disability and age.

The Swedish discrimination law provide protection against discrimination in different areas of the society. Those are for example employment, access to good and services, education, social insurance system, health and medical care.

If you have been discriminated, or if you have questions concerning the human rights, please contact Humanitas for free consultation.

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