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RÄTT ATT LEVA

The Student Rights Council of the Folk High Schools is of the opinion that a folk high school has failed to comply with its own procedures with regards to investigating a case of bullying. The school may have discriminated against the participant.

A participant diagnosed with autism, of the Olika men lika and Rätt att leva (Right to live) projects, has been a victim of bullying at a folk high school. No investigation into the situation was launched even though the participant repeatedly reported the bullying to staff at the folk high school. The Student Rights Council of the Folk High Schools (FSR) is of the opinion that the folk high school has failed to follow its own procedures with regard to reporting and investigating bullying, and that the procedure in question is not accessible to participants at the folk high school. Olika men lika and Rätt att leva would also like to draw attention to the fact that the folk high school may have discriminated against the participant on account of lack of accessibility in its activities and failed to fulfil its obligation to investigate the bullying.

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The Olika men lika Swedish inheritance fund project, which works with and for people with some form of disability who do not have Swedish as their mother tongue, and the Rätt att leva inheritance fund project have been in touch with the participant, who needed assistance regarding the situation at the folk high school. The situation involved several weeks of aggravated bullying with no investigation or action being initiated by the folk high school.

The Student Rights Council of the Folk High Schools (FSR) has notified the folk high school that it has failed to follow its own procedures with regard to report bullying. The FSR also recommends that the folk high school makes its participant handbook accessible so that all students can access the information regardless of disability. We



emphasize that this recommendation is particularly important, given the fact that the folk high school offers study programmes for people who are in need of special support or who have disabilities that affect their learning process.

However, Olika men Lika and Rätt att leva would like to draw FSR's attention to the fact that they do not mention in their recommendations that the participant has autism, and hence, the folk high school may have further failed in its obligations. All folk high schools have an obligation to investigate such incidents immediately and provide specialised support in their activities. We have helped the student to file a report of discrimination with Malmö mot Diskriminering (Malmö against Discrimination), which is now investigating the case.

Link to the statement by the Swedish National Council of Adult Education:

<https://folkbildningsradet.se/media/xokhkihw/yttrande-fran-fsr-om-eslovs-folkhogskola.pdf>