



Kvinna till Kvinna

The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation's position towards the Sweden Democrats

The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation's statutes define that we are a politically and religiously independent organisation. Our view of society is based on democratic values, and all people's equal value and rights. Working against discrimination and for gender equality should permeate everything we do.

Kvinna till Kvinna has many years' experience of working in conflict countries. We have seen how nationalist parties and movements in these places have contributed to a social climate characterised by violent confrontation, ethnic discrimination, homophobia and open hostility towards women's human rights. We regard the Sweden Democrats as part of this nationalist tradition. Policies that seek to create divisions between groups and base themselves on antifeminism go against our values.

Against this background, Kvinna till Kvinna's board has adopted the following position:

- Kvinna till Kvinna's value base differs from that of the Sweden Democrats.
- Kvinna till Kvinna does not participate in events arranged by the Sweden Democrats.
- Kvinna till Kvinna declines invitations from the Sweden Democrats and we do not invite the Sweden Democrats to our events.
- If the Sweden Democrats request to visit our partner organisations, we say no. We do not provide contacts between partners and the Sweden Democrats for reasons outlined above.

Practical implementation:

- We do not include the Sweden Democrats when we engage with political parties to discuss our issues.
- We do not sign opinion pieces with Sweden Democrat politicians, not even together with other politicians and organisations, and regardless of whether the Sweden Democrats have the same viewpoint as Kvinna till Kvinna on certain issues. Specific issues are subordinate to our fundamental values.
- When Kvinna till Kvinna arranges seminars or debates, we do not invite the Sweden Democrats. Inviting the Sweden Democrats would mean that we help give the party a platform.
- We can engage in discussions or, on request, provide individual Sweden Democrat politicians with information material to try to convince them of the correctness of working for gender equality and women's human rights, a generous aid policy that supports women's organisations in conflict areas, etc. However, it is important to maintain a distance to the Sweden Democrats as a party.
- If the media or other actors arrange a debate in which the Sweden Democrats will be represented, we can participate if it is deemed relevant. In these cases, other actors are the organisers and hosts.
- In cases where we arrange political hearings with other organisations at which all parliamentary parties are represented, we can agree to the Sweden Democrats participating if it is the wish of the majority.