

Why a feminist party?

In Europe, every third woman has experienced physical violence since the age of 15. The gender pay gap is increasing in many countries and women are still forced to choose between parenthood and working. Discrimination and violence are part of everyday life for many LGBT people. We have seen hate speech against minorities from several political leaders, as well as an increase of fascist parties in all parliaments. Europe is guarding its borders while the need for people to seek refuge in Europe is greater than ever.

A new dimension in politics

There is a lack of political direction in order to tackle these challenges. The Feminist Initiative puts gender equality and human rights on top of the political agenda. Our ideas are based on antiracist feminism and we think that politics should be about more than economic growth. Left and right wing perspectives are not irrelevant, but discrimination, racism and sexism do not disappear automatically with socialism. Neither does liberalism, with its focus on individual freedoms, remove the structural inequalities of our societies. That is why the world needs ideologically independent feminist political parties.

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FEMINIST POLITICS FOR CHANGE

We believe in a society where all people can travel through life without discrimination.

Let's do it together!

The Feminist initiative in Sweden was founded in 2005 by feminists from the women's movement, the LGBT movement and the Antiracist movement, as well as students, academics, politicians and activists. From the first election in 2006 when the party gained 0,7 percent of the votes, the support for the party has increased to 3,2 percent of the votes in the 2014 elections. The party today has seats in 13 municipalities in Sweden. In the elections to the European parliament the party had 5,5 percent of the votes, gaining one seat and taking place in the committees LIBE, AFET and DROI, and joining the political group of Socialists and Democrats.

We work with feminist politicians across party lines to promote human rights and combat discrimination based on gender, skin color, ethnicity, social class, sexuality, functionality, sexual identity or religious belief.

We're actively looking for feminist and antiracist movements across Europe ready to take the next step. Starting a new political party is a big project - that's why we offer assistance and guidance on the ground. Let's do it together!



"There are no weak groups - only weak structures."

SORAYA POST,
MEMBER OF EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT

"Human Security instead of militarism"

GUDRUN SCHYMAN,
PARTY LEADER



"Human rights are the core of our policy - not an add-on"

GITA NABAVI,
MEMBER OF LOCAL
COUNCIL OF STOCKHOLM



Let's get started!

We did some things right, and some things wrong... That is why we want to share our knowledge with other antiracist and feminist movements around the world who wish to take the next step into party politics. Usually new political projects don't have a lot of money to sponsor their activities. That is not a big problem. The best activities and ideas for PR shouldn't have to cost much - especially now that the whole world is connected to social media and news travel faster than ever.

HOME PARTY

We offered people interested in feminism to "gather 25 people in a room, and we come to talk about feminism". That's how we are still talking to thousands of people in Sweden. It is cost-efficient and when you get there you know they want to talk to you!

SEMINARS

We would love to hold a seminar for you on how we built a feminist movement in Sweden. Then, together, we can look at the specific situation in your country.

TASKFORCE

Starting a political party can be quite tough at times. That's why we offer active assistance in how to organize, set up and administrate a feminist movement. Our taskforce offer advice on policy, communication, press, organization, administration, strategy.