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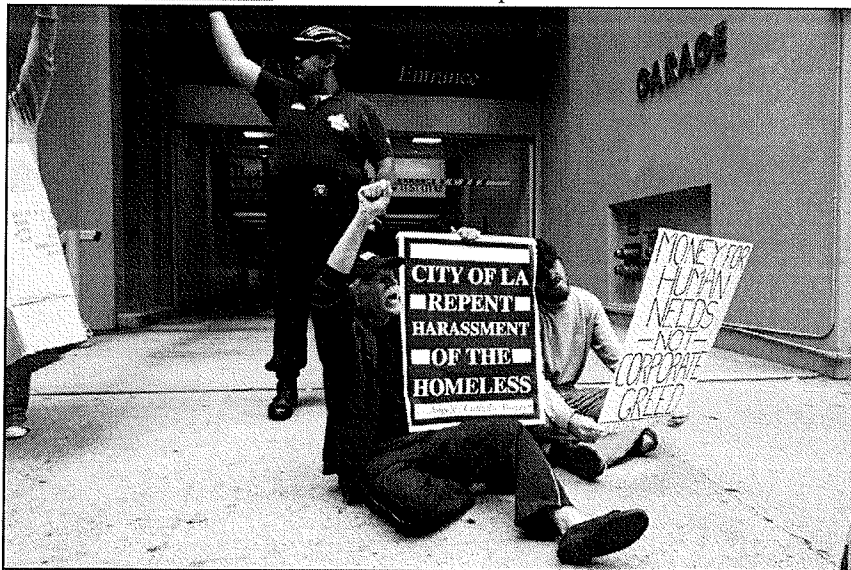
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### LACW in Solidarity With Occupy and LA CAN - Five Arrested

Filed under: [News Items](#) — Mike W @ 9:21 pm



On Thursday, May 31, Occupy L.A., Occupy Skid Row, Occupy the Hood, and L.A. Community Action Network (LA CAN), began an ongoing protest and an occupation in front of the Central City Association (CCA) offices to voice opposition to CCA and LAPD policy of constantly harassing the Skid Row poor and homeless. On day four of the protest, Sunday, June 3, the LACW joined in solidarity and camped out on the sidewalk in front of CCA offices. On Monday morning, Jeff and LACW friend Jeremy were arrested with a person from OLA for blocking the entrance to the parking garage, while another OLA person and an LA CAN member were arrested for defacing the sidewalk with chalk. Jeremy was charged with felony resisting arrest with bond set at \$25,000, which later was reduced to an infraction and Jeremy was released with time served. Jeff was charged with obstructing traffic and released on his own recognizance (OR) with a court date on June 27. Both Jeff and Jeremy were released Wednesday evening, June 6.

See photos [HERE](#).

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1. Thank you Catholic Workers!

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## Equality in Sweden

In Sweden it's not unusual to see men pushing prams and women debating in parliament. Equality starts at school, where boys and girls are given the same opportunities. Girls actually outperform boys in education, and almost half the PhDs awarded today go to women.

One important factor in Swedish equality is parental leave. New dads get ten days off work when their child is born, and then share with their partner a further 480 days of paid parental leave. This allows women to continue to pursue their careers, while allowing men to play a larger role in their children's formative years.

Equality is supported by laws and enforced by a discrimination ombudsman. Besides gender discrimination, the ombudsman also ensures compliance with laws against discrimination on the grounds of ethnicity, disability or sexual orientation.

Several other laws in Sweden protect women's rights. Women have the right to an abortion, and there is a specific law to protect women against violence by people close to them. Sweden was the first country to make rape of a woman by her husband illegal.

In the workplace, employers are bound by law to promote equality among their employees and to act in cases of harassment. More than a quarter of registered companies are run by women, and this figure is increasing. About a fifth of the directors on the boards of listed companies are women, and this is also rising. Women are even better represented in the public sector, from local to national level. Nearly half of all members of parliament, and ministers, are women.



## **Pride kids — power to a new generation**

by: Christine Demstader

Stockholm Pride can be a flamboyant showcase of sexuality and an adult arena for debate and discussion. Now a new project ensures there's something for the family too, promoting the event as a playground for gay parents and their kids.

- [Read more about Stockholm Pride and the rainbow families](#)

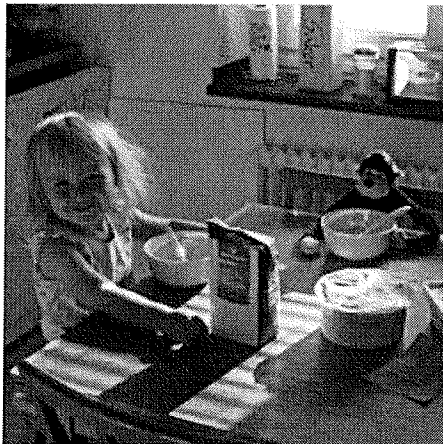
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## **Equality starts in pre-school**

by: Sara Hasbar

A blue cup for her and a pink cup for him — does that sound weird? Not for Swedish children. Gender pedagogy at pre-school level puts everyone on an equal footing.

- [Read more about tackling gender stereotypes early on](#)



# Million Programme

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Million Programme** (Swedish: *Miljonprogrammet*) is the common name for an ambitious housing programme implemented in Sweden between 1965 and 1974 by the governing Swedish Social Democratic Party to make sure everyone could have a home at a reasonable price. The aim of the programme was to build a million new dwellings in a 10-year period (hence the project's name). At the same time, a large proportion of the older unmodernised housing stock was demolished.

In the end, about 1,006,000 new dwellings were built. The net result was an increase in Sweden's housing stock of 650,000 new apartments and houses, with a general rise in quality,<sup>[1]</sup> arguably at the expense of aesthetics.



Rebuilt Million Programme homes in Rinkeby (2009)

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## Design

The new Million Programme residential areas were greatly inspired by early suburban neighbourhoods such as Vällingby and Årsta. One of the main aims behind the planning of these residential areas was to create "good democratic citizens". The means of achieving this were to build at high quality with a good range of services including schools, nurseries, churches, public spaces, libraries, and meeting places for different groups of households. A principal aim, although ultimately unsuccessful, was to mix and integrate different groups of households through the spatial mixing of tenures. Most of the apartments were of the "standard three room apartment" type (Swedish: *normaltrea*) of 75 m<sup>2</sup>, planned for a model family of two adults and two children.

## Common misconception

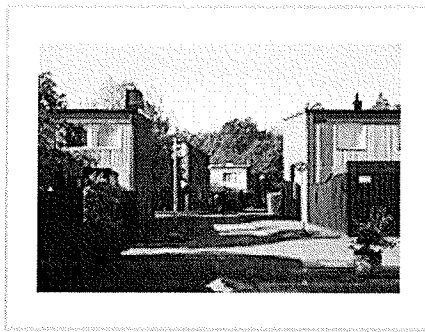
A common misconception of the Million Programme is that most (or all) of the residentials are tower blocks of concrete. In fact, the majority of the housing stock consists of apartment buildings with three or fewer floors, terraced houses and one-family houses.

## Photos





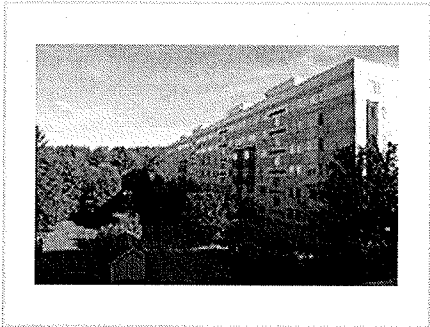
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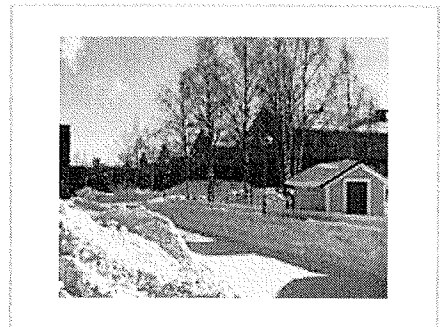
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## Criticisms

While the programme did succeed in creating one million dwellings, many have criticised its execution and aftermath.

The most common complaint is that it created too many "ugly concrete buildings" which ruined the cityscape. Only 16% of the buildings actually used concrete on the exterior, *[citation needed]* and almost half the development was constructed as single-family homes, but the program is now popularly associated with the so called "concrete suburbs", i.e. dull, grey, low-status suburbs made mainly out of concrete slabs. The architecture in these areas is criticised for being sterile and some have even compared the



House in Hammarkullen (Angered), northeast Gothenburg

buildings to those found in former Eastern Bloc countries called Panelák especially East Germany (Plattenbau). The three well-known suburbs Rinkeby (in Stockholm), Hammarkullen (in Gothenburg) and Rosengård (in Malmö) were all created as a part of the programme and have become symbols of the era. Many have complained about the fact that the Million Programme suburbs have been "taken over" by immigrants. In nearly all of the Million Programme suburbs the concentration of immigrants is very high. The most common complaints are about the high crime rate and the high racial and social segregation in the suburbs.

## Million Programme districts

Well known Million Programme districts include:

- Rinkeby, Tensta and Husby in Stockholm
- Bredäng, Skärholmen and Vårberg in Stockholm
- Vårby gård, Masmo, Alby, Fittja and Hallunda in Botkyrka outside Stockholm
- Jordbro and Brandbergen in Haninge outside Stockholm
- Hallonbergen in Sundbyberg
- Hagalund in Solna
- Malmvägen in Sollentuna
- Hjällbo, Hammarkullen and several others in Angered outside Gothenburg
- Bergsjön outside Gothenburg
- Biskopsgården outside Gothenburg
- Hisings-Backa in Gothenburg
- Rosengård, Hermodsdal, Kroksbäck, Bellevuegården, Lorensborg, Lindängen, Höja and Holma in Malmö
- Kronogården in Trollhättan
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- Ålidhem in Umeå
- Mariehem in Umeå
- Årby in Eskilstuna
- Hässleholmen and Norrby in Borås
- Råslätt in Jönköping
- Ryd, Skövde in Skövde
- Hageby in Norrköping
- Navestad in Norrköping
- Ekön in Motala
- Norrliden in Kalmar
- Norra Fäladen and Klostergården in Lund
- Korsbacka in Kävlinge
- Skogslyckan and Dalaberg in Uddevalla



The suburb Tensta north of Stockholm

- Rosta in Örebro
- Andersberg in Gävle
- Körfältet in Östersund

## Trivia

Several property owners and construction companies have committed to use virtual Minecraft constructs created by the Swedish community, as a basis for reshaping of some of their projects.<sup>[2]</sup>

## See also

- Plattenbau
- Panelák
- Khrushchyovka
- Tower block
- Urbanism

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## Gro Harlem Brundtland censures Rio+20's gender equality outcomes

Absence of reproductive rights reference in UN Women's call to action 'a step backwards', says former Norway prime minister

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Liz Ford in Rio de Janeiro  
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Gro Harlem Brundtland with head of UN Women Michelle Bachelet at the Rio+20 summit on sustainable development. Photograph: Marcelo Sayao/EPA

Gro Harlem Brundtland, the former Norwegian prime minister and chairwoman of the Brundtland commission, has criticised the call to action issued by UN Women on Thursday for not including women's reproductive rights in the text.

Brundtland, a member of [the Elders](#), said omitting a specific reference to reproductive rights represented "[a step backwards from previous agreements](#)" on women's empowerment and [gender](#) equality. She also criticised vague wording on gender in the Rio+20 draft outcome document.

The call to action, presented at a high-level event hosted by [UN Women](#) and the Brazilian government, reaffirmed signatories' commitments to equal rights enshrined in the UN charter on human rights. It also reasserted commitments made at UN conferences over the past 20 years, but did not explicitly mention reproductive rights.

UN Women called for governments to "take urgent measures to ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by women, including the right to sexual and reproductive health", similar wording to that used in the [Rio+20](#)

draft document.

The call to action was signed by female leaders including the Brazilian president Dilma Rousseff, Costa Rica's president Laura Chinchilla Miranda, the Australian prime minister Julia Gillard, Helle Thorning-Schmidt, the prime minister of Denmark, and the head of UN Women Michelle Bachelet.

Brundtland and Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland and former UN commissioner for human rights, told the event it was important that the momentum on women's rights, built up over the past 40 years, was not allowed to slip away.

In 1994, the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo, acknowledged for the first time that women's human rights include reproductive rights. In Beijing the following year, the fourth world conference on women reasserted this right.

The UN Women call to action said:

"The future women want is a world that is healthy, free from hunger, fear, violence and poverty; a world that prioritises equity, human rights and gender equality, where women and men, girls and boys have equal rights and opportunities and equal access to resources, education, healthcare, employment, leadership and decisionmaking, a world where women constitute a dynamic force for realising the benefits of sustainable development for present and future generations."

It called on governments to fully integrate gender equality and women's empowerment in any future international development framework, accelerate the full and equal participation of women in decisionmaking at all levels, eliminate all discriminatory barriers faced by women, and be proactive in addressing the factors preventing women from equally accessing, owning and managing resources and having the same job opportunities as men.

Bachelet said: "We know from research that advancing gender equality is not just good for women, it is good for all of us. When women enjoy equal rights and opportunities, poverty, hunger and poor health decline and economic growth rises. Advancing the equal rights of men and women creates healthier and more sustainable societies and economies."

Rose Mwangi, from women's advocacy organisation Soroptimist International, based in Nairobi, said she was not too concerned with the omission of reproductive rights in the call to action. She felt the decision about what to include was a matter of give and take, saying: "As the president [of Brazil] put it, we have to collaborate. It's always about give and take. But that doesn't stop us from working on the issue of reproductive rights. We can still implement what we want to implement. It's still in our hands, not the document."

Amanda Khozi Mukwashi, director of policy at VSO, based in London, said the important thing was what action followed the words. "I am encouraged that there is some political will, but we have to continue to do more as civil society to hold them to account," she said.

At the launch of a report on population and sustainable development on Thursday, Babatunde Osotimehin, executive director of the UN Population Fund, said slowing population growth can only occur "if women have the right, the power and the means to decide freely how many children to have and when".



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### Human Rights

The realization of women's rights, and thereby the promotion of gender equality, is a global struggle and is based on the principles of human rights and the rule of law. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights stipulates that human rights apply to all people equally, "without distinction of any kind such as race, color, sex, language...or any other status".

In addition to the gender neutral human rights system, there are international human rights treaties and agreements that provide a legal foundation for ending gender discrimination and gender based rights violations. These treaties and agreements affirm that women and men have equal rights and obligate States to take action against discriminatory practices.

The most important treaty is the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). The Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women is also central and affirms that violence against women constitutes a violation of the rights and fundamental freedoms of women and impairs or nullifies their enjoyment of those rights and freedoms.

Norway has ratified all international agreements on human rights and equal rights of women and men. The CEDAW convention is today incorporated into the Human Rights Act. The special strength conferred by incorporating the convention through the Human Rights Act lies in the fact that the Human Rights Act has been given precedence over other Norwegian legislation. Thus, in the event of conflict between the conventions incorporated in the Human Rights Act and other Norwegian legislation, the conventions in the Human Rights Act will have precedence over other Norwegian statutes.

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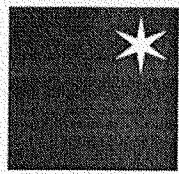
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**Room In The Inn** is a means through which congregations of every faith open their facilities to welcome 12-15 homeless people as guests on cold winter nights.

**Room In The Inn** is about changing people, guests and hosts alike. It creates the opportunity for guests to learn that there are people who care and for the hosts to come to understand that the faceless figure on the street corner is more than a statistic and that there are solutions.

**Room In The Inn** is about serving without prejudice or pride. It is about accepting everyone.

**Room In The Inn** is about people of religion putting the tenets of their faith into practice.

**Room In The Inn** is not about giving; it is about receiving. It is about everyone, both guests and hosts, receiving a blessing—an encounter with God in the midst of suffering, hardship, pain and grief.

**Room In The Inn** is an opportunity, not an answer. It is an experience, not a solution. In short, Room In The Inn is an opportunity to experience the presence of God in a different way.

Finally, **Room In The Inn** gets its name from a story in the Bible about a family coming to Bethlehem and not finding any room in the inn. We cannot go back in history 2,000 years and change that story.

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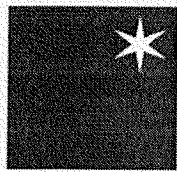
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**Congregational Support** offers support and assistance to congregations including Congregational Helpline, a screening service for local congregations who receive requests for benevolence assistance, training opportunities about homelessness for adults and youth, presentations during worship services or classes, tours of our downtown center, and volunteer opportunities for both individuals and groups. In addition, staff members provide logistical assistance for congregations new to the Room In The Inn winter shelter program and consultation for volunteers already operating the program.

**Educational Program** regularly offers classes in literacy, GED preparation, basic computer skills, spirituality and creative expression totaling over 1,300 classes. Last year over 14,000 instructional hours of classes were offered by staff and volunteers and more than 4,000 individuals participated.

**Guest House** Through a partnership with the Metro Police Department, the Guest House provides a safe alternative to jail, where this year over 30,000 beds were provided for intoxicated individuals to become sober. In partnership with the Metro Government, the Guest House offers food and shelter 24 hours a day to individuals undergoing alcohol and drug treatment.

**Odyssey** is an overarching of all the programs of Room In The Inn's Campus to help chronically homeless individuals through a progression of basic steps that establish a stable and productive life including healing, education, life skills, recovery, job readiness, and housing. In the past, 99 participants began their journey with the Odyssey program. Many of them have reconnected with family, obtained employment, maintained sobriety, and moved into permanent housing.

**Respite Care** provides medically fragile homeless people a safe place to recover from illness or recent hospitalization. Shelter, meals, and medications are provided. In partnership with the Metro Health Department, medical care is provided. While recuperating, needs assessments are completed to link the individual to mainstream services. This year 224 individuals recuperated in the respite care program. **Download Respite Referral Form [here](#).**

**Room In The Inn**, in partnership with more than 160 local congregations, provided shelter for 1,286 individuals from November 1 - March 31. Last year, with the help of approximately 5,000 volunteers, giving almost 130,000 hours of service and driving nearly 500,000 miles, Room In The Inn provided over 29,000 beds, over 22,000 showers, and served over 60,000 meals and almost 30,000 snacks/lunches to their homeless guests.

**Support Services** provide homeless individuals access to showers, meals, clothing, work identification, bus passes, case management, referrals to other programs, and mailboxes. In the last year, we helped 500 people obtain identification, provided 4,200 bus passes, 8,000 meals, and

approximately 5,000 showers. Currently, more than 1,000 individuals receive mail at Room In The Inn's Campus.

**Veteran's Program** in partnership with the U.S. Department for Veteran's Affairs, Room In The Inn's Campus serves those who have served us all, by defending our country. Transitional housing, employment counseling, education, and case management are provided. Since the inception of the program we have housed 144 veterans. Of those, 109 found full time employment and 61 obtained their own apartment.

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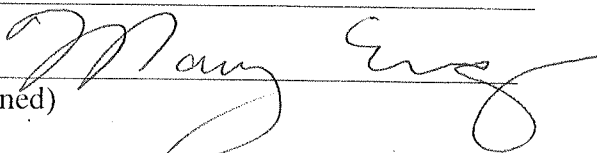
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City of Portland: Gender Equity Now!

  
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- Give your request to the Council Clerk's office by Thursday at 5:00 pm to sign up for the following Wednesday Meeting. Holiday deadline schedule is Wednesday at 5:00 pm. (See contact information below.)
- You will be placed on the Wednesday Agenda as a "Communication." Communications are the first item on the Agenda and are taken promptly at 9:30 a.m. A total of five Communications may be scheduled. Individuals must schedule their own Communication.
- You will have 3 minutes to speak and may also submit written testimony before or at the meeting.

*Thank you for being an active participant in your City government.*

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Request of Mary Eng to address Council regarding make housing a human right  
and gender equity now (Communication)

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