




The RFSL & LGBT Rights in Sweden



Gay Rights in Sweden

- 1944 homosexuality decriminalized
- Ban on all discrimination
- 1995 Registered partnerships
- Adoption & insemination rights
- May 1, 2009 Right to Marry
- Ombudsman Against Discrimination on the Grounds of Sexual Orientation (HomO)
- Equal Opportunities Ombudsman (JämO)
- Asylum



RFSL

- *Riksförbundet för homosexuellas, bisexuella och transpersoners rättigheter*
- Founded 1950
- Lobbying, activities, information, counselling, health, mediation
- 1999, workplace discrimination banned
- 2001, transgendered persons added to RFSL target
- 2003, sexual orientation-based violence banned and equal adoption & custody rights granted
- 2005, health care and welfare discrimination banned
- 2006, discrimination against children and students
- RFSL Ungdom



Beyond RFSL

- *Homo* and *Revolt* were magazines published in the late 60s
- Independent from RFSL; aimed at reaching a broad group of readers
- Drew on contemporary concept of "sexual democracy" (cf. Glover and Marklund 2009)
- Openness towards sexuality = progressive vs. rejection = regressive
- Matter of national pride and Trademark Sweden, cf. Publication "*Sex and Society in Sweden*" (NY, 1967)

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