

QUESTIONNAIRE

“BETTER UNDERSTANDING

OF YOUTH”

SWEDEN



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1 Structures and actors that play a role in gaining a greater understanding and knowledge of young people

1.1 Specific youth departments in universities dealing with youth issues

Youth research is a cross-disciplinary area, meaning that youth related research might take place at a number of universities. This does however not necessarily mean that the universities and researchers classify their research as “youth research”.

On <http://www.sunet.se> all Swedish universities and research institutes are listed.

Some examples of universities with youth departments are:

- Malmö University (*Malmö högskola*)
School of Teacher Education, Children and Youth Science
Director of department Göran Levin
Website: <http://www.mah.se>.
- Göteborg University (*Göteborgs universitet*),
Childhood Studies Unit
Director of department; Ulla Mauritzson
Website: <http://www.gu.se>.
- Stockholm University (*Stockholm universitet*)
Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Child and Youth Science
Website: <http://www.samfak.su.se>.

1.2 Statistic offices that collect statistics on youth

Statistics Sweden (*Statistiska centralbyrån*) is a central government authority for official statistics and other government statistics. Website: <http://www.scb.se>.

1.3 Major public and semi-public bodies dealing with youth issues

- The Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention (*Brottsförebyggande rådet*).
Website: <http://www.bra.se>.
 - The Swedish National Institute of Public Health (*Statens folkhälsoinstitut*).
Website: <http://www.fhi.se>.
 - The National Labour Market Administration (*Arbetsmarknadsverket*).
Website: <http://www.ams.se>.
 - The Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth – NUTEK (*Verket för näringslivsutveckling*). Website: <http://www.nutek.se>.
 - The Swedish National Agency for Education (*Skolverket*). Website: <http://www.skolverket.se>.
- Questionnaire on Better Understanding of Youth – Sweden

- The Swedish National Board for Youth Affairs (*Ungdomsstyrelsen*).
Website: <http://www.ungdomsstyrelsen.se>.

1.4 NGOs dealing with youth issues

(major youth NGO's undertaking research on young people or having practical knowledge on needs and expectations of young people)

The National Council of Swedish Youth Organisations – LSU (*Landsrådet för Sveriges Ungdomsorganisationer*), is a coordinating body for almost 100 Swedish youth organisations. It aims at constituting a forum for matters of common interest in youth organisations and providing a network for national as well as international organisations dealing with youth cooperation.

Website: <http://www.lsu.se>.

1.5 Youth researchers or experts

The Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research (*Forskningsrådet för arbetsliv och socialvetenskap* - FAS) is responsible for coordinating Swedish child and youth research and to stimulate communication and cooperation between different actors in the field.

Please refer to the FAS grants database on research projects in the youth field:

<http://www.fas.se>.

1.6 Private companies dealing with youth issues (give names and type of youth research they undertake)

- The Youth Barometer (*Ungdomsbarometern*) Website: <http://www.ungdomsbarometern.se>.
- Kairos Future Website: <http://www.kairosfuture.com>.

These companies conduct yearly surveys, mainly in the field of youth attitudes. They present the results in a number of yearly reports on different topics relating to youth.

2 Legal basis or guidelines for activities leading to a better knowledge and understanding of youth

N/A

3 Funding for research on youth

3.1 International funding for carrying out activities aimed at youth research

N/I

3.2 EU funding for carrying out activities aimed at acquiring a better knowledge and understanding of youth

Information about EU funding can be found at the European Commission's website

<http://www.europa.eu>.

3.3 Public and private national funding for carrying out activities aimed at acquiring a better knowledge and understanding of youth

- The Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research (*Forskningsrådet för arbetsliv och socialvetenskap*) supports research, is responsible for coordinating child and youth research and stimulates communication and cooperation between different actors in the field. Website: <http://www.fas.se>.
- The Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research and the Swedish council for science (*Vetenskapsrådet*) support the development of a long-term perspective in the research area. Website: <http://www.vr.se>.

3.4 Actor(s)/structure(s) mainly receiving funding

Research institutes, government authorities, municipalities, NGOs, researchers.

4 Paper publications on the youth field

4.1 Statistics of books on the youth field

N/I

4.2 Regular Youth reports

The National Board for Youth Affairs (*Ungdomsstyrelsen*) (<http://www.ungdomsstyrelsen.se>) produces, as a part of the follow up of the national youth policy, two yearly reports:

- Young today (*Ung i dag*) presenting statistics and analysis of results relevant for the youth policy from 12 – 15 government agencies
- Focus (*Fokus*), an in-depth study focusing on one specific youth policy field such as health, work, disadvantaged youth, etc.

4.3 Journals and reviews on youth research

N/A

5 IT dissemination of knowledge in the youth field

5.1 Databases

- Statistics Sweden (*Statistiska centralbyrån*). Data on living conditions is updated yearly.
Website: <http://www.scb.se>.
- The National Board of Health and Welfare (*Socialstyrelsen*). Data on health, healthcare, social assistance, care of elderly and disabled is updated yearly. Website: <http://www.socialstyrelsen.se>.
- The Swedish National Agency for Higher Education (*Högskoleverket*). Data on higher education and research is updated yearly. Website: <http://www.hsv.se>.
- The Swedish National Agency for Education (*Skolverket*). Data on all levels of the educational system except for universities. Data is updated yearly. Website: <http://www.skolverket.se>.
- The Swedish National Board of Student Aid (*Centrala studiestödsnämnden*).
Data on education, research and financial aid for students is updated yearly.
Website: <http://www.csn.se>.

5.2 Web-Portals

- The National Board of Youth Affairs (*Ungdomsstyrelsen*). Website: <http://www.ungdomsstyrelsen.se>.
- Statistics Sweden (*Statistiska centralbyrån*). Website: <http://www.scb.se>.
- Swedish Council for Working life and Social research (*Forskningsrådet för arbetsliv och socialvetenskap*). Website: <http://www.fas.se>.

5.3 Statistics, reports, journals, reviews or other publications available on the internet

- The National Board of Youth Affairs (*Ungdomsstyrelsen*).
Website: <http://www.ungdomsstyrelsen.se>.
- Statistics Sweden (*Statistiska centralbyrån*).
Website: <http://www.scb.se>.

6 Methods and tools developed for keeping knowledge updated and coherent

Keeping knowledge updated and coherent is part of the regular work of those institutions and organisations that are active in the field of youth related research.

7 Methods and tools for ensuring and assessing quality of knowledge in the youth field

Ensuring and assessing quality is normally included in the work of all universities, research institutions, government agencies etc. active in this field.

8 Promotion of youth researchers and their generational renewal and their actors who work towards a better knowledge of youth

8.1 Facilitating the exchange of experience and practice

The National Board for Youth Affairs (*Ungdomsstyrelsen*) has established a consultative group with youth researchers from the following research areas: Health, education, youth participation/democracy and integration.

8.2 Supporting their mobility

N/I

8.3 Improving their skills

N/I

8.4 Funding for PhDs and support of students in this field

N/I

9 Methods and tools to ensure exchanges and dialogue between all actors in the youth field

9.1 Seminars, working groups for a better knowledge and understanding of youth

The National Board for Youth Affairs (*Ungdomsstyrelsen*) organises an annual national youth policy conference, Rikskonferensen, where policy makers, youth workers/practitioners and researchers meet to discuss and learn about different aspects of youth policy. The theme for the conference 2007 (Stockholm, 5 - 6 December 2007) is health and vulnerability.

Website: <http://www.ungdomsstyrelsen.se>.

Contact person: Lennart Nylund, e-mail lennart.nylund@ungdomsstyrelsen.se.

About youth (*Om ungdom*) is a network for people working with youth issues. It mainly operates via the internet. Website: <http://www.omungdom.nu>.

Contact person: Christer Fahlström, epost@omungdom.nu.

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9.2 Names and contacts for permanent national network for a greater knowledge and understanding of youth linking all actors in the field

N/A

9.3 Details on how this network works if it exists

N/A

9.4 Strategy to set up a permanent national network linking all actors if not already existing

N/A

10 Other networks in the youth field

10.1 Transnational networks

Some Swedish youth researchers have been involved in activities originating with the Nordic youth research coordinator.

10.2 Networks specific to certain actors (University networks on youth issues, researcher's networks on youth issues, policy makers/governments networks on youth issues, NGO's networks on youth issues, other networks in the youth field)

One actor is the Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research (*Forskningsrådet för arbetsliv och socialvetenskap* - FAS) is responsible for coordinating Swedish child and youth research and to stimulate communication and cooperation between different actors in the field. Website:

<http://www.fas.se>

10.3 Organisation and promotion of interdisciplinary dialogue for example between university departments and governmental departments (e.g. seminars, working groups, common advisory structures ...)

There is a continuous dialogue between ministries and between ministries and governmental agencies responsible for youth relevant policy areas. The dialogue is a part of the ordinary internal communication between ministries and with their agencies. It is also taking place when ministries

and/or agencies jointly fund projects. One example is the project School election 2006 (*Skolval 2006*) where three governmental agencies and youth organisations cooperated.