

***QUESTIONNAIRE***  
***“BETTER UNDERSTANDING***  
***OF YOUTH”***  
***SWEDEN***



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# **1. Structures and actors that play a role in gaining a better 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>.

Örebro University (*Örebro universitet*)

Faculty of Social Science

Professor Erik Amnå

Website: <http://www.oru.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 research, public companies included

- 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>.

- Institute for Future Studies (*Institutet för Framtidsstudier*)

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

- The Swedish National Board for Youth Affairs (*Ungdomsstyrelsen*).

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

### 1.4 NGOs dealing with youth issues

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>.

Youth research in Sweden 2000-2008 (FAS 2009). Author: Prof. Peter Waara, University of Luleå,

Contact: [peter.waara@ltu.se](mailto:peter.waara@ltu.se)

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## **1.6 Private companies dealing with youth**

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/A

### **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 published on the youth field for the current year**

### **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.

Young people with attitude (*Attityd och värderingsstudien*), is the 2007 attitude and value survey. The survey has focused on 6 000 persons in the age-range of 16-29 years and 1 500 in the age-range of 35-74 years.

### **4.3 Journals and reviews on youth research**

Locus, University of Stockholm, department of child and youth studies, 4 no/year. Up to date research concerning children and young people.

Webpage: <http://www.locus.se> (Swedish/English)

## **5. IT dissemination of knowledge in the youth field**

### **5.1 Web-Portals and online databases on a better understanding of youth (for portals on youth information see the questionnaire on Information 1.6)**

- 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>

## **5.2 Statistics, reports, journals, reviews or other publications available on the internet**

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>

## **6. Methods and approaches for gaining a better understanding and knowledge of youth and for keeping it up to date**

Methods:

LUPP – local follow-up on youth policy. Questionnaires used in municipalities with the aim to gain more knowledge about young people's situation at local level and to develop an effective youth policy cooperating in different sectors.

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

## **7. Quality assurance strategies and tools regarding knowledge in the field of youth used in the country**

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

## **8. Promotion and support to youth researchers and other actors, who work towards a better knowledge of youth, and their generational renewal**

N/A

## **9. Networking and support of networking**

### **9.1 Seminars and 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 2008 (Stockholm, 27-28 November ) were young people in alienation

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

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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](mailto:epost@omungdom.nu).

The Swedish Police Service, Stockholm county (Polisen, Stockholms län) has since 2005 established several youth councils in the suburbs of Stockholm. The aim of the councils are to prevent young people to commit crimes, reduce violent crime as well as prevent young people from being recruited in criminal networks.

Website: <http://www.polisen.se/stockholm>

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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. E-mail: [info@ungdomsstyrelsen.se](mailto:info@ungdomsstyrelsen.se)

### **9.2 Is there a permanent national network for a greater knowledge and understanding of youth linking all actors in the field (policy makers, researchers, young people and their organisations, NGOs)?**

N/A



### **9.3 Networks on youth issues specific to certain actors**

N/A

### **9.4 What transnational networks with relevance for national networks are there?**

NYRI – Nordic Youth Research Information

Website: <http://www.nyri.org>

Cooperation network for youth researchers, youth practitioners and youth policy in Estonia, Finland, France, Great Britain and Sweden

*Description of the network:* The aim of the network is to enhance the exchange and implementation of knowledge about young people between scientists, youth practitioners and policy makers. The network offers a platform for information flow between theory and praxis by promoting informal dialogue about research, practical experiences and youth policy. It is a forum where grass-root practitioners, decision makers and knowledge creators can share information and work together. One of the primary aims of the forum is to find ways of engaging young people in this cooperation between youth policy, youth work and research.

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### **9.5 Describe the organisation and the ways of promoting interdisciplinary dialogue on youth issues**

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 theme group supported by the European Social Fund. The Group works to include young people in the labour market and consists of the Public Employment Office, Communicare, the Social Insurance Agency, the NA for Education, the NB of Health & Welfare, the Ass. of Local Authorities & Regions and the National Board for Youth Affairs(project owner).

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