

Union and university take measures on campus sexism

It may hardly have passed unnoticed, the recent stories shared by loved ones, friends, family, and colleagues on sexism, misogyny and discriminations but also abuse. The hashtag #metoo have brought out everyday sexism and assaults in broad daylight, making it a bit easier to share a story that previously have felt shameful, insignificant or just plain tough.

The situation at Chalmers is problematic in all aspects on campus: in classrooms, student life and extracurricular activities.

The union will now, in close cooperation with the university's management, come to terms with these problems and make them high priority. The work entails to not just look at numbers from surveys but also stories from students and staff. Another important point is also to recognize the problem and grant resources to resolve the issues long-term.



Within the union the latest student barometer mainly shows infringement and sexism in the social and entertainment environment, i.e. dinners and student groups. Standing up is hard because the normalization of sexism is a strong force and breaking the spell comes at a high social risk.

This is why the union and the university want to engage both students and staff in this work, because everybody must be part of it. We are all a part of this culture but also a part of the solution. This is not about single individuals, not about exemptions among us, it is about

structures maintained by nice guys that normalizing everything from groping and cat-calling to physical abuse.

One of many steps to get started is to collect the stories. They will form a solid foundation in this work but we need to reach everyone on campus who has a story. No "Yes" or "No" questions or scales of 1-10, just your story or feeling without judgement.

No story is too small or insignificant and stories will only be seen by the small group working with this issue. You will be completely anonymous, but your story may be published (but altered to secure anonymity) to help spread knowledge and awareness. The more who share, the better the measures and resources to reach our goal: <https://goo.gl/forms/h5jEw1y3Lj9Xy4h2>

Read more about these measures by Chalmers president:

<http://www.chalmers.se/insidan/SV/aktuellt/nyheter/artiklar/8221-sa-forstarker-vi>

If you want to get involved in the work, or share ideas, thoughts or learn more, please contact the president of student welfare Lisa Winberg at @so@chalmersstudentkar.se