Faculty of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences

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Organization: Ultuna Student Union and Equal treatment committee

Invited speaker, Mohammed Tuffaha, from foundation Expo This presentation was made in Swedish but the summary is made with English text and some of the slides from the presentation

Key questions for her presentation are:

- What is racism?
- How is racism expressed?
- Where does it have its roots?
- Prejudice how does it work?
- What can be done to create a more inclusive environment?

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where educational materials are available (in Swedish)



Welcome to the presentation!

For the reader of this document, you may not have been able to attend the seminar. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to make contact.

EXPOUTBILDNING

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Issues/ challenges/ questions

Provide information about racism

Not tied to any denominations (religious or political groups)

This is an NGO – that offers educational activities and a magazine "Expo".

PUBLICISTISK VERKSAMHET



Mission

Expo's mission is to work against racism – through educational efforts and social engagement in general

UTBILDNINGSVERKSAMHET



SOCIALT ENGAGEMANG



Background

Expo was founded in the mid 1990s as a reaction to increasing racism and discrimination.

In a short deccade – lots of things happened in society (in Sweden). An example from Mohammed Tuffaha own childhood, where the living environment all of the sudden became hostile.

VAD HÄNDE 1995?



What do we want?

Social engagement, no discrimination with regards to grounds for discrimination

Racism

A way to divide individuals in we – and you

Herrman Lundborg – was one of the key persons behind bioloical racial biology

o http://sv.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herman Lundborg

DEN "VETENSKAPLIGA" RASISMEN



EXPOLITBIL DNING

Different forms of racism

- ✓ Organized racism
- ✓ Structural racism
- ✓ Individual racism or a mix between these

RASISMERS OLIKA FORMER



Organized racism -

Is what we will see in media and political actions Individuals that do political actions against people, refers to, for example IS (the Islamic State) or a single individual initiatives such as A Brejvik (in Norway).

ORGANISERAD RASISM



Prejudice – ideas we have without knowing about the basis for doing so

You can **enact your prejudice** OR

You can be **aware of prejudice** and try actively to seek other perspectives

A bad experience – may lead to a generalization

VARFÖR HAR VI FÖRDOMAR?



Ann Frank – points to how a group of individuals will carry the responsibility for what few do

Ann Frank wrote so wisely about organized racism that became the norm (structured racism).

"What one Christian does is his own responsibility, what one Jew does is thrown back at all Jews" The Diary of Anne Frank (1952)

FÖRDOMARNAS LOGIK



Structured and organized racism -

Antisemitism is an example and unfortunately this is not a historic phenomenon...

NAZISMEN PÅ 1990-TALET



Why do we have prejudice? And how is it verbalized?

Personal identiy

Definition of you as an individual

Social categorization where a "we" and "them" are

It is expressed orally as condecending names of groups of individuals.

VÅRT SPRÅKBRUK

"En riktig jude!" "Ār du CP-skadad?"

"Typiskt invandrare" "Svennejävel!" וביתיק. "Jävla n----!" "Taliban"

"Ditt mongo"

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There are lots of experssions of antagonistic assumptions such as:

- "They opress women..."
- "... are less intelligent"
- "They are greedy ..."
- "They can't be trusted..."

FÖRDOMSFULLA ANTAGANDEN

- Dem förtrycker kvinnor.
- - [Till skillnad från våra tjejer som är anständiga.] Dessa människor är mindre intelligenta.
 - [Vår modernitet vittnar om vår högre intelligens.]
 - Dem är snåla och giriga. [Vår generositet och frikostighet vet inga gränser.]
- Dem är opålitliga och tjuvaktiga
- [Till skillnad från oss som är ärliga och hederliga människor.]

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Who's an immigrant?

A person that has moved from one place to another place

or

a person that is different from the norm/ what this person knows as "normal"

VEM ÄR INVANDRARE?

"Jag var runt tio när jag först lärde mig den egentliga innebörden av ordet invandrare. Invandrare. Det betecknar bokstavligen personer som har flyttat till Sverige från ett annat land. Men det var ju inte det de äldre killama i min skola menade när de spottade fram ordet, insåg jag. De menade folk som såg ut på ett visst sätt, som kändes konstiga och främmande. 'Dem där andra'."

- Lisa Magnusson

Cracking the codes: Joy Degury "A trip to the grocery store"

https://www.google.de/?gws rd=ssl#q=Joy+Degury++A+ trip+to+the+grocery+store



Societal norms

They express what is accepted and desired in a particular society. There are norms about a number of things: physical properties, social behavior, food habits etc etc.

If I fit all norms in society – I may never feel "excluded"...

Skin color, sexual preferences, gender identity, physical norm, consumpton of, for example alcohol or food....

SAMHÄLLETS NORMER

HUDFÄRGSNORM

SEXUELL NORM

KÖNSNORM

KROPPSNORM ALKHOHOLNORM

KOSTNORM

Mångfaldsbarometer (omnibus) MÅNGFALDSBAROMETERN The vast majority of individuals (an annual measurement of values at Univ. of Gävle) welcome diversity EXPO UTBILDNING **Hate crimes HATBROTT** very few of these crimes are resolved and many of them Anmälningar are associated with distorted veiws of "we" and "them" 72 % - as a long way from each other. stofobiskt eller annat tireligiöst motiv 220 Brottsförebyggande Rådet (2013) EXPO UTBILDNING Debates we all remember in Swedish media "MAN FÅR INTE ENS SÄGA..." You should not call this a Christmas scenes from Disney's Christmas favourites Who can become a Lucia? Illustrations of Louis Armstrong in Swedish papers However, some other denominations are not disputed Eg red orange (röd apelsin) instead for blod apelsin (blood orange) **Course materials** More information about the book is available at: http://expo.se/2012/expo-slapper-boken-positivantirasism 4905.html Så förnyar vi en debatt som kört fast WE MUST DARE TO BE MORE CRITICAL!

After the seminar (and "fika"), a discussion and workshop was performed ...

We were sitting in smaller groups to discuss norms in the society. Finally we played the "one step ahead" game. The goal of the exercise is to reflect on the various systems of society. All participants each get a role (such as blond boy from Sweden who likes ishockey or women from Syria with no pass-port etc.) The game leader said assertions, like I feel safe to go home by night, if you feel safe in your role you take one step ahead. After 24 assertions we talked in small groups about where we were standing with our roles and why? How can we change systems in the society? A lovely time for some reflections!