

ACTIVITY REPORT

UBC WORKING GROUP ON GENDER EQUALITY

June 2018 - September 2019

1. General description

Chairmanship and Secretariat

The Working Group on Gender Equality does not stand up for a particular commission. Therefore there is no chairperson in the workgroup but two coordinators, Ann-Sofie Lagercrantz and Katarina Johansson Storm from the city of Kalmar. They are also responsible for the secretariat tasks.

Aims & goals

Its aim is to help to strengthen the gender equality perspective in the work of all the different UBC commissions. The working group wants to ensure a stronger presence of gender issues in the work of UBC and focuses on these main areas:

- Eradication of all forms of gender-based violence
- Elimination of gender stereotypes resulting in discrimination at decision-making level and labour market
- Social and urban planning
- Focusing on The European charter for equality of men and women in local life

2. Meetings

Tallinn 5/6 2018.

Members taking part in the meeting was Umeå, Pori and Kalmar, All together there were 4 participants. The focus for the meeting was to discuss strategies on gender mainstreaming in the UBC cities. The meeting was dedicated to think through the priorities for the nearest future of the group and make a brief preliminary description of the group's work.

Soniya Rassi from the city of Pori informed about the project "Social and political participation of women with a migrant background". The project aim is to promoting interest to woman in public life, local political commitment leading to a sense of accountability across Europe.

Malmö 17-1910 2018

The Working Group on Gender Equality planned a meeting in connection with the 82nd UBC Executive Board meeting in Malmö, 17-19 October 2018. There were no members coming, therefore the meeting was canceled. Ann-Sofie Lagercrantz and Katarina Johansson Storm from the city of Kalmar attended at the Executive Board meeting, they gave a report from the group's work.

3. Projects

- Preparation of the project concept - To increase the capacity for a more strategic engagement in gender equality among UBC member municipalities and its commissions.
- Plan to launch it at the working group-meeting in Kaunas.