



WELCOME TO THE INACH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

”CIVIL ACTIVISM AND POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY”

17 OCTOBER 2013, UPPSALA, SWEDEN

On behalf of INACH the Uppsala Anti-Discrimination Office (Diskrimineringsbyrån Uppsala) is pleased to invite you to the INACH Annual Conference on the theme “Civil Activism and Political Responsibility”, in Uppsala, Sweden, on the 17th of October.

At this year’s conference we want to focus on the relation between civil society and politics/policy making and address three different spheres of accountability. Through the theme “CIVIL ACTIVISM AND POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY” we call upon the public internet users, the civil society and the official politicians and ask them about their role, ability and responsibility in creating a safe internet environment. What can be done by ordinary citizens? What should our elected politicians do? What is already done by the civil society to combat hate or to improve the environment on the Internet? Where do our strategies reinforce each other and where do our different intentions collide? During the conference we will also have the opportunity to exchange ideas, learn from each other as well as discuss our various approaches and strategies on countering cyber hate.

We also invite INACH members to a study visit on the morning of Friday the 18th of October, where we visit non-governmental organizations who deals with counteracting cyber hate, and responsible governments in Stockholm.

The conference will be held in the centre of beautiful Uppsala, Sweden, in the old university building known as Norrlands Nation, Västra Ågatan 14. More information on the venue and how to get there will come closer to the conference date.

Please register for the conference here: <http://natvaro.eu/inach-conference-2013-registration/>

Note that the last date to register is September 13.

We look forward to meeting you in Uppsala!

Lina, Ida, Anna, Andreas and Josefin

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Program

- 09.00 – 10.00 Registration
- 10.00 – 10.15 Welcome speech by Lina Gidlund, Manager of the Uppsala Anti-Discrimination Office
- 10.15 – 10.40 Opening speech by Erik Ullenhag, Sweden's Minister for Integration
- 10.40 – 11.00 Countering Cyber hate - An introduction to INACH and INACH:s work by Phillippe Schmidt, chairperson of INACH
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 – 12.30 **Panel I: DEALING WITH CYBER HATE** - a conversation on experience, resistance and strategies for change
- A panel on methods and approaches for countering cyber hate on a personal level. How do individuals who have been subjected to internet hate act, and what support and reactions do they meet? What can we learn and which fruitful strategies are there? Which political changes are required?
- Moderator: Anna Adeniji, Nätvaro/The Uppsala Anti-Discrimination Office, Sweden
- 12.30 – 13.30 **LUNCH**
- 13.30 – 15.00 **Panel II: ORGANIZED ACTIVISM** - the importance of political support or resistance from policy makers
- A panel discussion on the civil society experiences of working on combating hate speech online, and the relationship between this work and the current political situation. What can be said on support and/or resistance from leading politicians and policy makers? What is the role of politicians' support?
- Moderator: Jonathan Vick, The Anti-Defamation League (ADL), USA
- 15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break
- 15.30 – 16.45 **Panel III: LEGISLATION AND POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY** - opportunities, threats or tools for change?
- A talk on the political responsibility for preventing hate on the internet. What can and should be done about hate online from a political perspective? Is legislation the answer? What other tools is there? What can politicians do?
- Moderator: Lina Gidlund, The Uppsala Anti-Discrimination Office, Sweden
- 16.45 – 17.00 Conclusion and a look ahead
- 18.00 – Dinner

*Please observe this is a preliminary program and the times and headlines might come to change.

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Practical information

Accommodation and food

The Uppsala Anti-Discrimination Office will provide accommodation and breakfast (for 2 nights/days) for 1 representative from each INACH member organization. INACH will invite us to dinner on Wednesday evening at 7 PM, the day before the conference (the 16th). The Conference on Thursday includes lunch and The Uppsala Anti-Discrimination office together with the City of Uppsala are happy to invite you to dinner in the evening (the 17th).

The study visit to Stockholm on Friday, the day after the conference (the 18th), is also included and free of charge. Hopefully we can get one of the organizations or government authorities we're visiting to treat us to lunch!

Travel

Book your flight tickets as soon as possible, and for those of you who need visas, make sure to get them in good time.

We recommend that you arrive on Wednesday afternoon/evening (the 16th) and that you leave on Friday in the late afternoon/evening (the 18th). We also recommend that you book your flights for Arlanda Airport, since from there it is only a 15 minute train ride into Uppsala centre. (Please observe that Skavsta Airport is 2 ½ hours from Stockholm and even farther from Uppsala.) Bromma Airport may be an option unless you arrive late on Wednesday. Check transfer possibilities to Uppsala before booking. We can help you with that if necessary.

INACH will entertain requests for assistance with travel cost on a need-to-have basis, e.g. if a member-organization is not able to send a representative to the conference. Please observe, this does not mean INACH covers a second delegate from a member organization while the first is covered by the organization itself! If you really need help for funding your flight you need to contact the INACH secretariat before booking: secretariat@inach.net. Phone: [+31 20 692 7266](tel:+31206927266).

More practical information, such as how to get from the airport to the city centre, and around the city to the conference hall, will come closer to the conference date.

If you book your own accommodations or want to make further bookings outside of what we offer and want tips on hotels etc, or if you have any other questions, please contact us at: natvaro@diskrimineringsbyran.se

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About The Uppsala Anti-Discrimination Office

The Uppsala Anti-Discrimination Office works to prevent and combat discrimination through free legal advice to individuals and through training and awareness raising activities. In addition, the Uppsala Anti-Discrimination Office works with projects, exhibitions and collaboration as a means to develop and strengthen the work against discrimination on a local, regional, national and international level.

The Uppsala Anti-Discrimination Office are one of twelve anti-discrimination organizations in Sweden. The Uppsala Anti-Discrimination Office is owned by Uppsala Föreningsråd, an umbrella organization for non-profit organizations in Uppsala.

About Nätvaro (Net Presence)

Nätvaro is a three year long project, owned by the Uppsala Anti-Discrimination Office and funded by The Swedish Inheritance Fund Commission (Arvsfonden). The project aims to develop the work of preventing and countering cyber hate. This is done through the development of case management and legal advice to persons exposed to cyber hate, and through the development of training concepts aimed at young people, NGO's, schools and companies, as well as through building networks and sharing knowledge between key stakeholders in society. The project was developed as a result to the needs experienced when the Uppsala Anti-Discrimination Office became the Swedish contact point of INACH in 2007.

This spring, we published a web site where one can report hate crimes online and also find tips and information on how to act. We are now in our second year and have the privilege to arrange INACH's annual conference in the fall.

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