

Samarbeta Jämt
and
Against sexualisation of the public sphere

- to influence the development of a more equal society
- to form public opinion against the increased sexualisation of girls and women

Points to consider

Fifteen different Swedish Internet sites are enterprises where all or part of what is shown is naked self-portraits of young boys and girls. Young people place the pictures on the Net, without having any control over the distribution. A large share of the pictures are copied directly to the porn industry.

There are the same risks on the Internet as in the real world. To let a child surf the Net without knowing how to do so safely, is the same as letting them teach themselves how to swim.

We cannot do safely on the Net what we cannot do in reality!
Therefore it is important to discuss:

- What gender roles are being shown to us?
- Our own and young people's Internet habits
- What boundaries do we want to set?



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Do you know that...	Do you want...	What can you do?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 800 000 Swedes access porn on the Net! • Annually 146 000 adults log in to the most popular young people's sites. 1/3 of these log-ins are for the purpose of actively seeking sexual contact with children! • Net paedophiles exist in every layer of society! • The Internet doesn't create new crimes but provides new opportunities to commit old crimes! • Webcam sex is a completely new form of youth prostitution, rapidly increasing in Sweden. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Internet to continue contributing to the increased exposure and exploitation of sexualisation in the public sphere? • Adults continuing to exploit children and young people for pornographic purposes? <p>Or do you think that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current legislation is inadequate and the 'grooming' of children by adults, with the purpose of sex, should be made a crime? • All those providing young people's sites should take responsibility, cooperate with the police and report suspected crimes that happen on their sites? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get to know more and supplement young people's "cyberspace know-how" with a dose of common sense. • Get involved by visiting the Organisation for International Women's web sites www.ikf.se and www.samarbeta.org where you can find access to some very good links. <p>Contact</p> <p>Jelica Ugricic Project Director jelica.ugricic@ikf.se</p> <p>Eva Ekmark Project Leader resurscentrum@ikf.se</p> <p>Organisation for International Women in Malmö Spångatan 7 211 44 Malmö, Sweden +46 (0) 40 / 23 13 80</p>

Information

Consequences

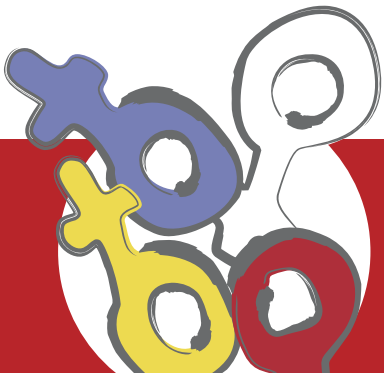
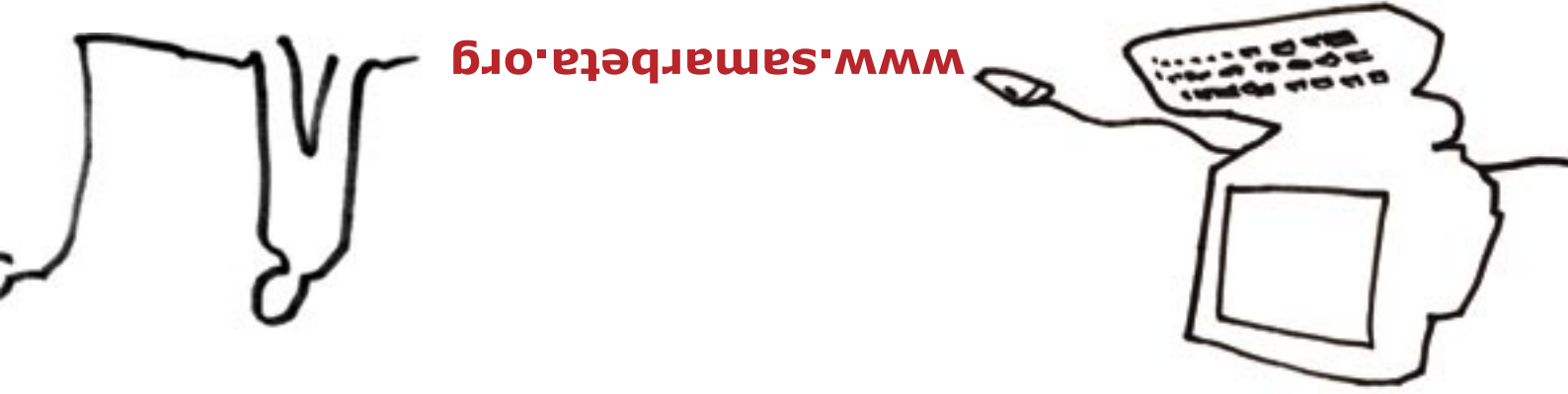
Action

are we influenced by the Internet?

Mona Sahlin
Government Minister

„Sexualisation and gender roles take a bigger and bigger place in the public sphere as a whole, pushing in to every pore, wherever we go, wherever we look, whatever TV channel we put on, whatever news-paper we open, whatever advertising we see. How does this influence girls' view of themselves, boys' view of girls and also boys' view of themselves?“

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