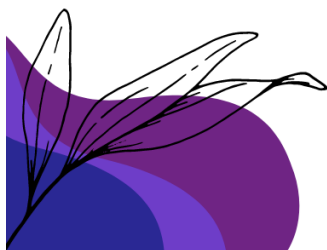


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Summary

RFSL Sjuhärad 2022

In the past year, the board together with the office, non-profits and board members have worked to implement the business plan that the annual meeting adopted in March 2022. We have been able to see some relief after years of pandemic and have been able to implement several of our social activities as well as our educational initiatives and pride festivals physically.

The social activities of, with and for new arrivals and asylum seekers, relatives, young people and trans people have been carried out - with physical and digital meetings as well as individual meetings in small groups. Our Queera Ungdomsgård, which started in 2021, has continued to have great success by, with and for young LGBTQI people, mainly in our premises but also with excursions. The work with seniors has continued to focus on the national network and digital meetings. Pride festivals have taken place during 2022 in Ulricehamn, Tranemo and Svenljunga, Borås and Mark, which have made their mark both locally and regionally. Focus weeks in Vårgårda and Herrljunga were connected to each other in 2022 with exhibitions, talks and meeting places. The meeting place in Mark has also continued to be promoted by local actors - the municipality and student associations.

During 2022, we had sick leave at the office, which affected the rest of the office as well as the board, in terms of personnel, we hired a new person during the year and at the end of the year we have three part-time employees at the office. In the board, there have been no changes other than one member's move to another location and with that participation digitally during meetings.

In 2022, we picked up the number of members from the tough pandemic years and ended the year with 688 members (compared to 324 members in the 2021-2022 shift), making us the country's third largest RFSL chapter.

We see that we are handing over an association that has fought hard to maintain and develop our work with human rights and look forward to it being carried forward with more positive steps forward in terms of operations and collaborations as well as work environment and cohesion.

We have been seen in the media and on social media for members and residents in our catchment area but also on a national level, thanks a lot to the social activities and our pride festivals but also through our trainings and collaborations outside our geography. We have had an active office and a board that worked with contacts in municipalities, associations and businesses. Contact with members is still an important part.

The board and the office thank partners, members, officials and participants for the year and hand over an association with a, due to sick leave, small but strong office and many lessons and experiences.

See also the attached digital folder for photographs from our activities in 2022:
<https://tinyurl.com/bilder2022>

Focus areas 2022

The RFSL Association's prioritised areas for 2021-2023 were: Asylum and migration, Senior citizens, Trans and intersex issues, A family policy for all. RFSL Sjuhärad are also working with these areas locally.

During 2022, RFSL Sjuhärad intended to work specifically based on the areas of:

- Anti-racism & intercultural work
- Meeting places by, with and for LGBTQI people in all ages
- Local work and local pride festivals
- HIV and health
- Social and supportive work
- Politics and impact, also because of the election in september 2022
- Increased visibility and education

Economic support 2022

Below is an account of the economic means which come to a sum of 50 000 kr or more, which we have received during 2022.

- MUCF Queer Youth Center SEK 92,610
- Länsförsäkringar Ungdomsgård SEK 50,000
- National Board of Health and Welfare Loneliness Elderly SEK 300,000
- Västra Götaland Region Rights Committee SEK 200000
- HSN School Details SEK 592,000
- FHM CheckPoint SEK 496226
- Borås City SEK 225000
- Västra Götaland region Pride SEK 180,000
- Kammarkollegiet Security SEK 62531

Below is an account of the economic means which come to a sum of 50 00 kr or more, which we have received for our work during 2023:

- Borås City SEK 265,000
- FHM CheckPoint SEK 572,000
- Västra Götaland Region Rights Committee SEK 250,000
- HSN School information SEK 600,000
- Västra Götaland region Pride SEK 230,000
- Länsförsäkringar Ungdomsgård SEK 50,000
- National Board of Health and Welfare Loneliness SEK 940,000
- Chamber of Commerce Security SEK 64,581
- MUCF Queer Youth Center SEK 362,283

See also minor support and grants as well as financial events in the annual accounts, profit and loss account and balance sheet for 2022 and budget for 2023

Anti-racism & intercultural work

RFSL Sjuhärads has actively and in all activities worked against racism in all its forms, and worked for openness and mutual integration. In the work against racism, we offer meeting places that are open to everyone, regardless of background, and constantly have an intercultural, intersectional and anti-racist perspective in our work. Our work with Newcomers has, during 2022, been mostly individual meetings, after that Migrationsverket closed in Sjuhärads. But we also had activities during our pride festivals with lectures, workshops and meeting places.

Meeting places of, with and for LGBTQI people of all ages

RFSL Sjuhärads have worked with open meeting places such as digital meetings for older LGBTQI people, a queer youth group, separate meetings and arrangements together with Newcomers, trans gender meetings, rainbow café with different themes and activities, meetings for relatives to LGBTQI people, our night club Magasinet, information about safe sex and HIV tests. Besides activities in our house we have co worked with libraries, culture houses and other local meeting places around Sjuhärads.

Visitor statistics for meeting places in 2022

Meetings for relatives	14 persons
Trans gender cafés	63 persons
Youth club	1454 persons
Rainbow café & pub	385 persons
Newcomers	in contact with 52 personer
CheckPoint	17 persons at HIV test, information to more than 250 persons
Club Magasinet	870 persons
Senior	41 persons
Read Queerly	102 persons

Local work and local pride festivals

RFSL Sjuhärads wanted to be more active in our eight municipalities during 2022 and be an active part in the work for human rights in our area. We have participated in many different activities in all of our eight municipalities, among other things during theme days around health, relations and crime victims but also on markets. We were in close contact with local police and other important persons locally. We visited schools with information and meeting points and we arranged three pride festivals in four municipalities, and also two focus weeks:

Focus week Herrljunga May 7-21

Focus week Vårgårda May 20 - June 3

Borås Pride June 30 - July 2

Ulricehamn Pride September 3-10

Tranemo & Svenljunga Pride October 1-8

Mark Pride October 10-15

Please contact us for more information about the programs.

Hiv and health

RFSL Sjuhärads have during 2022 worked with hiv and health in many of our activities: meeting places, CheckPoint, festivals and networks. We wanted to continue to work for a better meeting with health care for our members. We had, among other activities, CheckPoint's HIV test, 13 occasions and open for appointment booking, which has been appreciated. We had also increased marketing and active accounts to answer questions and spread information in partly new channels: qx, gruiser, grindr, Borås newspaper, QueerMap and on social media

Social and supportive work

We wanted, during 2022, to be able to demonstrate a breadth of our work and enable activities where the meeting between people is at the center. We also wanted to work with other specific interests raised by members. We have been a natural place for mostly LGBTQI people to meet and we have arranged activities with, for and by relatives, trans gender, youth, newcomers and asylum seekers, seniors, families and a queer English speaking book club: read queerly. We also worked with our night club Magasinet and Rainbow café / Rainbow pub.

Our work has been visible thru social media, traditional media and in meeting with networks and people - this is one part of our work to get people to know that we exist and act supportive.

Policy and advocacy work

RFSL Sjuhärad have carried out advocacy work both locally and sub-regionally together with and vis-à-vis individuals, companies, organizations, politicians, civil society, municipalities, authorities and media in order to make conditions visible and strengthen LGBTQ people's part in society. We have, among other activities, worked with meetings with local politicians, during pride festivals actively invited and talked to local politicians. Our educations for municipal officials includes a highlight about how to meet politics.

Visibility and communication

We wanted to create an increased understanding and knowledge regarding LGBTQI and what it means to be an LGBTQI person. This increases knowledge about LGBTQ people's right to participate in activities and meetings, as well as what rights and obligations the member has within and outside the association. We have worked extra towards the geographical areas in Sjuhärad where we are traditionally not widely known. We have been visible during festivals and activities, markets and social media. We have been visible and active also in contact with members and interested thru mail, chat, phone and physical meetings.

We have also been active, in workshops and in spreading information about what is being worked on from the association's side, as well as making our local activities visible also to other RFSL departments and to the association in meetings and through mailings as well as active participation in meetings and more.

Educations

RFSL Sjuhärad have worked with the goal to be a leader in the reception area when it comes to offering quality-assured information and educations. This in the form of LGBTQ training, lectures and skills development regarding LGBTQ issues.

During 2022 we have sent information to all schools (age 6-19) in Sjuhärad and have done 105 educations for age 6-12, 84 educations for age 13-19 and 7 educations for teachers. In total we made 196 (the goal: 200) school educations during 2022.

We have offered and done educations also for municipals and other groups, with quality and inclusion as a motto. We also continued with our certificates and have done this with Svenljunga principals, Borås City Theater, Public Meetings Borås, Tranemo culture, freetime and library. During 2022 we made 63 educations for adults, with a total of 1901 participants.

The annual meeting 2022, board & staff

During RFSL Sjuhärad's annual meeting on March 19 2022, Peter Sidlund Ponkala was meeting chairman and Karl Bertilsson meeting secretary.

At the 2022 annual meeting, the following board was elected:

Chairman - Stina Nilss (2 years)

Treasurer - Magnus Cramer (1 year)

Other regular members - Charlie Howard, Daniel Karlsson, Robert Standar, Julie Isedor, Helena Ahlstedt, Anita Spjuth, Natt Harper (1 year)

Johan Lindal and Annelie Jonsson were elected to the election committee

Changes in the board during the year:

Natt Harper had to move to another location due to studies, whereupon presence was shifted to digital, alongside Julie Isedor who from the start announced to be in the board digitally.

The board sees positive on the fact that in 2022 we had an intact board that has been available in difficult times of starting up after a pandemic as well as handling conflicts and sick leave.

Staff:

The office, together with paid and non-paid members, has run the operational work during the year, knowing that the business is too large and the personnel resources too few. On August 8, 2022, Markus Gisslén got hired, following an announcement of the position previously held by Mimmi Fasth, which in 2021 was covered by Abbe Elf's work.

In many ways, 2022 has been a developing, but also tough, year for both the office and the board, but the organization has worked hard to achieve stability, professionalism and a good working environment situation. We see that we can hand over an association that has worked hard, has great hope and strength for future activities and with many valuable lessons from the past year.

*The 2022 annual report is written by the board and the office of RFSL Sjuhärad.
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