

Joint statement on gender equality in the EU

By JEF Norway and JEF Denmark at "United in Diversity" annual joint summer camp

The 4-7th of August, European Youth Denmark and Norway had their annual joint summer camp, where a variety of topics were discussed and studied. Among these topics was the equality of genders in the EU. The camp was full of intense and enlightening discussions, which made the participants more aware of the European Union's work on gender equality. This joint statement is a result of the discussions and workshops at this year's summer camp.

For far too long women have been discriminated against both at home, at work and in general societal influence. Lower wages, worse access to healthcare and sexual harassment are a few examples among the many ways women are discriminated against on a daily basis.

An important step on the way is the Gender Equal strategy 2020-2025 put forward by the von der Leyen-commission, with the first female President of the European Commission. The key points include ending gender-based violence, closing the gender pay-gap and equal participation across sectors.

JEF Norway and JEF Denmark supports the elimination of structural differences between genders in Europe. We encourage European Union to take on a new European approach to increase women's participation in the labour market while eliminating the gender pay gap. European Union shall secure equal opportunities and equal pay for the same work in all occupations.

JEF Norway and JEF Denmark believes that European Union shall secure a work/life balance at all workplaces and across sectors. We argue this will only occur if European Union works towards ensuring that all member states implement equal parental leave rights with no discrimination.



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