

# The latest news from Stígamót



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# The paradise of gender equality?

- Iceland is supposed to be the most gender equal country in the world according to World Economic Forum
- About 4.5 % of women in Iceland at Stigamot, and then there is the Women's shelter and the Rape crises centre, and then there are all the women that live outside the capital area that don't get help anywhere, and then there are all those women that will never talk about the violence
- Still only about 10% of the Stígamót women reported the rapes
- And still only 11% of reported rapes lead to sentences
- And here we go again for the 25<sup>th</sup> time and not giving up!



# From the defensive to the offensive!

- We have ratified the Istanbul convention
- Waves after waves of activism
- #metoo, Shorten the darkness, the slutwalk, #dailysexism, #freethenipple
- #womenspeakout
- Last government had to resign because of the conspiracy of silence around sexual violence
- 30% increase at Stigamot, 30% more people, 30% more counselling interviews, more disabled people
- The luxury of focusing on prevention and young people, on healthy and sick relationships, to set and respect boundaries
- Men as allies



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- Goal:
  - Teaching teens about the difference between healthy relationships and violence
  - and to understand what boundaries and consent mean
- Purpose:
  - Alternative to porn and rape culture
  - Preventive work, to stop possible perpetrators from using violence
  - Raising consciousness amongst possible survivors, so that they are more likely to seek help
- On valentine's day every year
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywboDogna3M&index=3&list=PLJmPa0cXY3kKU\\_ya71b7L227gvGKJMeQ3](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywboDogna3M&index=3&list=PLJmPa0cXY3kKU_ya71b7L227gvGKJMeQ3)



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# Allies - training Program to engage men on VAW

- Men who want to engage in combating violence against women.
- To achieve a deeper understanding of a broad set of issues and concepts
- To create a sharing and learning space for men
- Design ways and strategies on how to get involved.
- Based on Stígamót's approach to combating gender-based violence.
- The golden elevator and the glass ceiling



# A class action against the Nordic states?

- We have to do more and do it differently
- A big group of those women that have had their cases dismissed, to report the Icelandic authorities to the Human rights court and to the Grevio group and to the CEDAW commission for not protecting their citizens and for not bringing justice to women (Istanbul convention)
- We have not yet found the best way, and we wonder if we should join forces, make use of this wonderful network of Nordic Women against Violence, and sue all the states of paradise in the North?
- If some of the organisations are interested contact us

We will first have gender equality when women  
are save from male violence  
Greetings from Stigamot!!!

