



GENDER
EQUALITY
WITH A **MALE** PERSPECTIVE

Erection on demand?

It is a misconception that all men are always ready for sexual interaction. Issues of male sexuality, men's sexual practices, men's sexual difficulties and men's management or mismanagement of the own sexualities are much more complex, and much more important. **Gender equality with a male perspective means promoting a nuanced understanding of male sexuality.**

Father's quota: a gender equality revolution

The majority of Norwegian fathers are now taking out paternal leave. Still, fathers are not fully recognized as custodians, being particularly disadvantaged in divorce cases. **Gender equality with a male perspective means giving fathers and mothers the same opportunities as parents.**

Women suffer, men die

In Norway, men live on average 4 years shorter than women. Norms of male endurance, toughness and pain resilience make men susceptible to injuries and diseases. Avoiding necessary health checks also causes men to suffer higher morbidity and mortality rates. **Gender equality with a male perspective means understanding men's lower life expectancy as being, literally, of vital importance.**

No sissy stuff

The desire to satisfy cultural expectations of masculinity and fear of being perceived as unmanly exert a strong influence on men, and guide their life choices and self-images. Sometimes, this may limit rather than enable men in living fulfilling lives. **Gender equality with a male perspective means expanding the notion of masculinity.**

GENDER EQUALITY WITH A MALE PERSPECTIVE: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Bringing up the next generation

Increasing the proportion of men in child care is crucial in raising children who do not associate caring with one gender only. It is also crucial to allow men into a female-dominated profession. **Gender equality with a male perspective means that both men and women should be represented in all important professions – such as bringing up the next generation.**

Victims, perpetrators – and preventers

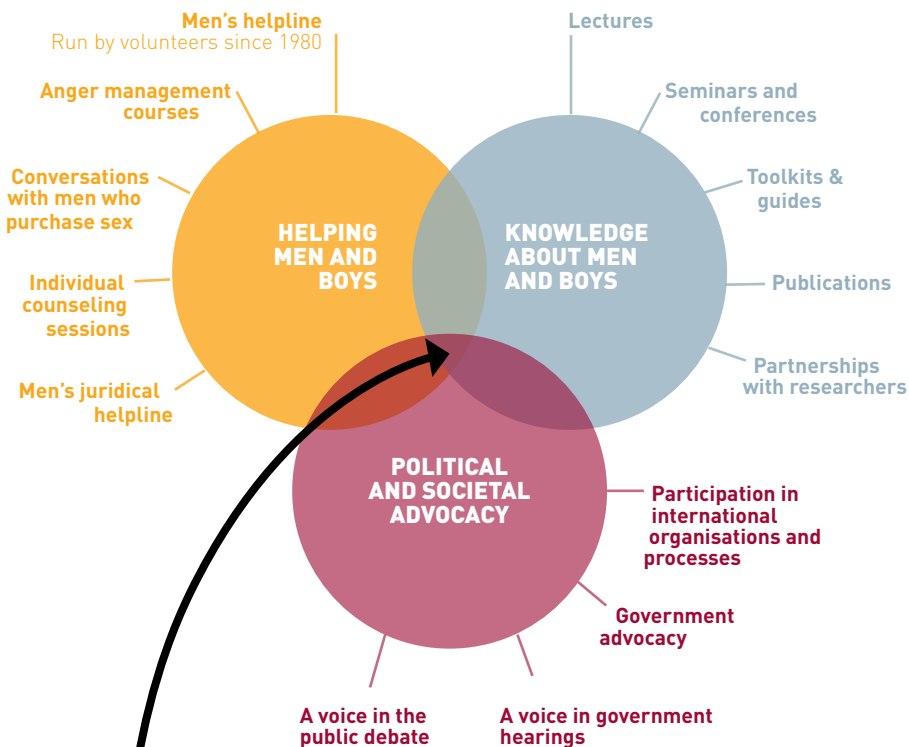
While the majority of male victims of violence are assaulted by stranger, the majority of female victims of violence are assaulted by intimate partners. **Gender equality with a male perspective means working with men as victims and as perpetrators, as well as making them partners in efforts targeting all forms of violence.**

In the board rooms and at the margins

Men's overrepresentation among the privileged has its counterpoint in their overrepresentation among the marginalized: the school dropouts, the drug users and the incarcerated. Men with ethnic minority backgrounds are disproportionately marginalised and stigmatised. **Gender equality with a male perspective means addressing men's marginalisation and discrimination as well as their privilege.**

REFORM – RESOURCE CENTRE FOR MEN

Gender Equality – because men are worth it!



A UNIQUE POSITION!

Working at all three different levels gives Reform a unique position in the Norwegian gender equality landscape. By linking theory and practice and translating experiences and knowledge to advocacy, our work towards gender equality with a male perspective has a strong influence in society – from the help line to the parliament!

ABOUT

REFORM – RESOURCE CENTRE FOR MEN

- Reform is a not-for-profit non-governmental organisation.
- Reform was founded in 2002 by the men's helpline.
- Reform receives its core funding from the Ministry of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion, and project funding from both government institutions and private sources.

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kjøp av seksuelle tjenester

Counseling men who buy sexual services



Hvitv Bånd Norge

Working with men to prevent violence against women

WORK

WITH US!

Reform- Resource Centre for Men is part of an international network of organisations working for gender equality with a male perspective.

Reform participates in Nordic, European (EU) and international meetings, conferences and workshops, and cooperates with individuals, organisations, activists and scholars worldwide. We also initiate and contribute to several national and international project partnerships on a wide range of topics.

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