What's gender equality got to do with VET?

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This is why:

- Sustainable consumption we need to change lifestyles
- Sustainable energy solutions women are a minority in the sector, fewer perspectives and innovation
- Climate initiatives need to be equal the effects must be distributed fairly.
- Break the gender-segregated labour market. Promote lifestyle changes in men and launch transport solutions that benefit everyone.



Gender equality in working life



 A 3-year-project between NEA and the programme councils (trade).

 How can we facilitate and even support gender crossing choices of VET-education and vocational track.

Increase our knowledge and exchange experiences.

Knowledge, experience and goals so far

Statistics on pupils in education and establishment, broken down by gender (NAE) "This is how we do it" – good examples from different trades. Lectures and study visits.

Studies about gender in VET education and working life

Power, norms and gender" – new subject for upper secondary school incl. VET

Studies to high light:

Nordic VET-education - Knowledge and efforts to counteract gender segregation



- Many interventions tend to recreate stereotypes.
- Often girls in focus and girls who need to change.
- A one-sided link between matching/the national economy stands in the way of changes in working life and vocational training.
- Broader efforts are needed; legislation, curricula, vocational teacher education, supervisors, SYV, changes in professional cultures, changing exclusionary norms.

Choices by one's own gender - gender differences in educational choices

Swedish Gender Equality Agency

- The cause of gender inequality is found at the individual, societal and organizational levels. Efforts need to be made at all levels.
- Gender segregation is a social problem.
- Measures aimed solely at the individual level have limited effects, but can be a good complement.

"When a minority grows and forms a critical mass, it can mean that the group's influence increases, and the experience of minority stress decreases."



Links:

Nordic VET education:

<u>Yrkesutbildning i Norden – Kunskap och insatser för att motverka</u> <u>könsuppdelning – NIKK</u>

Choices by one's own gender:

VAL EFTER EGET KÖN - En kunskapssammanställning om könsskillnader i utbildningsval (jamstalldhetsmyndigheten.se)

Nordic knowledge bank:

Nordisk kunskapsbank – En grön och jämställd nordisk region (norden.org)



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