



NEWS REPORT

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Title: Head of Equality Ombudsman removed
Country: Sweden
Context
Issue at stake: New head of Equality Ombudsman
Ground of discrimination: All grounds
Source:
Field: All fields

Content

Political development:

Katri Linna has been removed as Head of the Equality Ombudsman and has been given new assignments at the Government Offices of Sweden (*Regeringskansliet*).

- The struggle against discrimination is central. Society therefore needs a well-functioning Equality Ombudsman and strong discrimination law. With a new head, both the Equality Ombudsman and the work on counteracting discrimination can receive a fresh start, said Integration Minister Erik Ullenhag. We agreed that she (Katri Linna) will be responsible for drafting a white book on the injustices Swedish Roma encountered in the XXth century.

Katri Linna had four years left on her assignment as head of the Equality Ombudsman. Håkan Sandesjö, former head of the Migration Board and present Consumer Ombudsman has been temporarily appointed Equality Ombudsman. The Government will invite candidates to apply for a six year assignment as the new head of the Equality Ombudsman. No specific timeframe has been set up.

Internet link source and additional information:

<http://www.regeringen.se/sb/d/14203/a/160188>