

Award for essay on civil society's role in welfare

Sektor3 - the Civil Society Think Tank and **Forum for Voluntary Social Work** are launching an award for an **academic essay examining the role of civil society in the Swedish welfare system.**

There are many issues and challenges for welfare provision in the future. The state is no longer the sole provider of welfare, but the role of civil society organizations in welfare provision remains relatively small. At the same time, the amount of socially orientated volunteering being undertaken has increased. These developments raise a wide range of issues, including: What do these trends mean for society? What conditions are necessary for civil society organizations and companies to be able to participate in providing welfare? Does it make a difference to the individual that welfare is provided by civil society? What does it mean that the state is beginning to use volunteers? The essay can be **an international comparison, a field study, an analysis of current discourse on the subject, or something completely different.**

The award is SEK 5000. The essay will be published by Sektor3 and presented at a seminar during Almedalsveckan in Visby, Sweden in July.

Conditions

The essay should help to increase understanding of the role of civil society in the Swedish welfare system. It may have been submitted in 2010 or is due to be submitted in 2011 at Bachelor's or Master's level. It can be written in Swedish or English.

Each essay will be assessed on its content, practicality and the quality of its analysis. A panel of experts from academia and civil society will decide which essay should receive the award.

Submissions

The essay should be sent in PDF format to info@sektor3.se no later than 13th June 2011 at 12.00pm.

Please include the author's name, email address, phone number, postal address, university and department.