

# **“Vem har rätt att bli mamma?” - Who has the right to become a mother?**

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## **Introduction**

### **A Master Thesis in Social Work as a Human Rights Profession.**

Between April and November 2017, I am working on my Master Thesis in Social work as a Human Rights Profession. What I am investigating is how managers for homes for people with intellectual disabilities (ID), think that the female service users should be approached when it comes to issues related to contraceptives, longing for children, abortion and motherhood. The data is based on qualitative interviews with six managers who all are responsible for homes that is situated in Stockholm, Sweden.

I have got the idea to the thesis from working several years at different homes for people with ID in Sweden. I have experienced that women with ID are given contraceptives without any further explanation. From reading research on the topic, I have understood that what I have experienced is not very unique. From the United Nation Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, article 23, I have understood that persons with disabilities has the same right as everyone else to retain their fertility. In the same article it is also said that persons with disabilities has the right to decide how many children they would like to have (United Nation, 2008).

### **A Human Rights blog**

Beside writing the thesis I have also made a Human Rights Project. My project has been the blog “Vem har rätt att bli mamma?” *Who has the right to become a mother?* (Brulin, 2017). The blog has a strong connection to my work with the thesis.

Before I started the blog I wrote down my ideas in a paper for the module Public Relations. In this report I am going to compare the thoughts and ideas I had before I started to work on the blog, with the outcome. I will write about who I hoped would find my blog and who in the end did it. Before I started to post on the blog, I had an idea about that I wanted to have three different types of posts. In this report I will reflect over whether that idea worked out or not. I will also reflect over if I met the two purposes that I had.