

# Lars Arrhenius

## Curriculum Vitae

### Professional Experience

Equality Ombudsman, Equality Ombudsman of Sweden	2020-
Secretary General, Läkarmissionen	2018-2020
Inquiry chair to the Swedish Government Inquiry - religious aspects in the education system	2018-2020
Inquiry chair to the Swedish Government Inquiry - a modern parental benefit	2016-2017
Secretary General, Friends Foundation	2012-2017
Ombudsman for Children and Students	2006-2012
Judge of Svea Court of Appeal	2003
Founder and Partner, Försvarsadvokaterna	1999-2006
Law Firm Bengt H Nilsson	1991-1999
Law Firm Ingemar Sahlström	1991
Law Firm Hans-Göran Franck	1990-1991

### Education

Leadership training, Forum Novare Leadership Academy	2006
Master of Laws - specialised in human rights law	1985-1990

## Other Experiences

Chair, St:Lukas Förbundet	2020-2021
Board Member, St:Lukas Förbundet	2017-2019
Deputy chair, UNICEF Sweden Board	2017-2018
Nomination Committee, ECPAT	2016-2018
Chair, ECPAT	2010-2014
Nomination Committee, UNICEF Sweden	2004-2011
Board member, UNICEF Sweden Board	2000-2003

## Publications

Interdisciplinary anthology of children's law, Stockholms University, 2014

Help, my child is being bullied, Gothia Förlag, 2013

**RENEWAL OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF EQUINET – EUROPEAN NETWORK OF EQUALITY BODIES**

**MANDATE 2021 – 2023**

**CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM**

Please return this form to:

**Anne Gaspard**  
Executive Director  
Equinet Secretariat

By email: [Anne.Gaspard@equineteurope.org](mailto:Anne.Gaspard@equineteurope.org)

**Deadline for nominations: 23 October 2021**

<b>Name of the Equality Body and country</b>	The Equality Ombudsman of Sweden
<b>Name of Candidate:</b> <i>(First name Family Name)</i>	<b>Lars Arrhenius</b>
<b>Position in the Member organisation:</b>	Ombudsman (head of the Equality Ombudsman)
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Please note that a nomination form will only be considered valid if it includes pages 1 and 2 fully completed and accompanied by a Resume/profile of the candidate in English.

The form also needs to be hand-sign and dated by the nominated candidate and the Head of the Member Organisation (if different).

The Secretariat will also need to receive a picture of the candidate (see page 4 of Elections guide).

**1. My motivation for becoming a member of the Equinet Executive Board:**

*(please explain why you would like to sit on the Equinet Executive Board)*

I took up the position as the head of the Equality Ombudsman of Sweden last year. Throughout my professional life I have focused on fundamental rights issues and experienced the critical importance of non-discrimination and equality.

Increased cooperation is crucial in order to tackle the complexity of discrimination and equality issues. This is why I have taken steps nationally to increase cooperation with various national actors. By becoming a member of the Equinet Executive Board I hope to engage in and contribute to the important work Equinet is doing in coordinating and facilitating exchange of experiences and expertise among its members and other actors at the European level. The Equality Ombudsman of Sweden has actively taken part in the various activities arranged by Equinet throughout the years.


Another important part is the work Equinet is doing to inform the policy and legal discussions on equality and non-discrimination issues at the European level. The coming years will be important, in particular in light of the increased ambition from the EU Commission in this field. In view also of the upcoming Swedish presidency, the policy and legal discussion at the European level will be a priority area in my work. Several initiatives will be in focus, not least the drafting of binding standards for equality bodies. The perspective and expertise that Equinet brings into these processes is critical, and I look forward to engage in and support Equinet's efforts in this area.

**2. Additional note or other relevant information relating to your application (if any):**

*(any information about yourself and your achievement that you think is important for people who will have to consider the quality of your candidacy)*

I have several years of experience working with fundamental rights issues, which includes being appointed as the first Ombudsman for Children and Students by the Government in 2006 as well as being the Inquiry chair to the Swedish Government established inquiry tasked with analysing the rules governing religious aspects in the education system. I have also several years of experience as chair and member of boards in various organisations, including the UNICEF Sweden Board.

*Feel free to expand text boxes as you see fit.*

<p><b>Date:</b> 4/10-21</p>	<p><b>Signature of the candidate:</b>  <b>Signature of the Head of the Organisation (if different)</b></p>
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**Please note that your candidacy information will be communicated to all Equinet  
Members prior to the AGM**