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Press release from Stockholm Socialdemocrats: Young people are pushed aside on the housing market in Stockholm

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The Stockholm Socialdemocrats is releasing the report 'Stockholm needs Emma' - about being young on the Stockholm housing market.

The report follows in the trails of Emma, a young person seeking housing in Stockholm. Emma faces a reality which is far from bidding her welcome.

The Socialdemocrats would like to see a more offensive housing policy which would enable Emma to stay in Stockholm.

The majority of young people in Stockholm do not have housing of their own.

The number of rental flats in Stockholm has decreased by 38 percent in the past 30 years. The ownership market is not an alternative for most young people, as they often work part-time or have appointments on a temporary basis. Thousands of young people leave Stockholm every year, as they have to seek housing elsewhere.

- We must build more rentals in Stockholm, says opposition party commissioner Karin Wangård (S). In particular Stockholm needs smaller flats, affordable to young people. It is a problem for the financial growth and development of Stockholm when young people are leaving the city.

Socialdemocrats in Stockholm would like to;

- have that at least half of all new constructed flats in Stockholm should be smaller flats.
- introduce a municipal guarantor for young people, which would enable those without a steady job, to sign a lease,
- convert empty premises, like schools and offices, to student flats and small regular rental flats,
- introduce a municipal housing queue for subletting, which would facilitate subletting and make it more safe.
- Reintroduce state subsidies for small rental flats.

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Link to the report below, in Swedish only;

<http://www.pirab.se/FTP/Kund12363/KundOrder1063276/Stockholm%20behöver%20Emma%20En%20rapport%20om%20unga%20stockholmares%20bostadsmarknad.pdf>

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