

# Press Release

## **Polyteknisk Forening: We Fight for Student Welfare**

Universities Denmark and Danske Studerendes Fællesråd have today published a report on unwanted sexual behavior directed at students at the Danish universities. The report comes with several recommendations for the areas of action at the Danish universities. We are pleased to announce that through 2018, PF has already focused on the recommendations and is undertaking several concrete initiatives and will continue to work with the issue.

PF is fighting to get the Student Counselling Service to DTU with a permanent office. We do so because we do not believe that everything should be within in DTUs Study Guidance and Counselling Service. DTU is currently negotiating with Student Counselling Service, and we hope to see a result as soon as possible.

DTU and PF's Welfare Council are a new initiative aimed at increasing student welfare at DTU. The council consists of a number of external partners, who will help clarify what we can do to better the student's well-being in connection with studying at DTU. Therefore, we are also launching a campaign in December and January, with pop-up workshops around DTU

In spring, together with DTU, we have launched the campaign #TaOmDet, where the focus is on solving the problems by talking about personal boundaries. Together with this campaign we have also focused on where students can go if they have experienced unwanted sexual behavior. This has both been found at DTU Inside, as well as on our website. See the next page for the specific information on what is available. Another initiative is our collaboration on DTUs new gender equality policy for students, which is available on DTU's website.

In connection with the Study Environment Survey 2018, we have also focused on offending behavior. However, the Study Environment Committee has found that the questions about abusive behavior in the study environment study have not been clearly defined and why a new study should also be followed up.

By informing as many as possible about the guidelines, both students and employees can together build a culture where sexual harassment and bullying is not accepted not is practiced. Of course, we must not be afraid to talk to each other out of fear of misunderstanding. But it is important that everyone knows and respects the policy. It must be safe and fun to study at DTU.

For further comments, please contact



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### **Who to contact**

If you have experienced offensive behavior – whether it is sexual harassment, discrimination, or bullying – there is a lot of places you can get help. And it is important that you talk about it. Some of the places are listed here:

- Us at Polyteknisk Forening at [social@pf.dk](mailto:social@pf.dk) or on tel. +45 7242 4491
- The [Student Counselling Office](#) at Lyngby and Ballerup Campus
- [DTU's psychological counselling via email](#) at [psykologhjælp@dtu.dk](mailto:psykologhjælp@dtu.dk) or phone +45 4525 7373
- [The student chaplain](#) at [pastor@pf.dk](mailto:pastor@pf.dk) or on tel. +45 2442 5975
- The Student Counselling Service on tel. +45 7026 7500 or at [www.srg.dk](http://www.srg.dk)

Your request will always be handled confidentially at any time.

In Polyteknisk Forening we continually work to improve the study environment – both the physical and mental. It is important to us as student association that there is room for everyone at DTU.