

## **Hidden voices, undocumented migrants' working conditions in Stockholm, experiences from some first interviews.**

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There is a large interest in the situation for undocumented migrants in Sweden as well as in other countries, but all the same we know very little about their working conditions. There is some knowledge within the Trade Union and voluntary organizations working with undocumented migrants, but since undocumented migrants leave few traces in official and private files, research must, alongside studies of legal documents, be based on interviews and field studies.

There is also a new approach in archival science, where archivists actively create and collect archival material. Archivists and archival institutions new role is to challenge power structures by making underrepresented groups visible and their history accessible in the archives. There are ever-growing issues related to work that does not leave any archival traces. When the informal sector is increasing in size, and in a larger extent consist of undocumented migrants, archives have a responsibly to make their voices heard.

Arbetarrörelsens arkiv och bibliotek (Labour movement's archive and library) has conducted a pilot study to practice and evaluate the institution's current strategy of gathering interviews, which will be used as a platform for a possible future larger infrastructure project consisting of undocumented migrants stories about their workplaces, work environment, job security, payment and possible trade union contact. I will share experiences from the entire process, namely the planning and conducting of, as well as the work itself with the interviews and the work that comes after they've been done.