

The Nordic Council of Ministers invites you: **Nordic Paths to Sustainable Integration**

November 18th & 19th, 2019
Hotel Marina, Vedbæk, Denmark

DAY 1 – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

11:30-12:30

Arrival and lunch

12:30-12:50

Welcome and introduction to the conference program

The Nordic Council of Ministers' Secretary General *Paula Lehtomäki* will welcome participants on behalf of the Council, and the conference program and any practical information will be introduced.

12:50-13:45

Integration in Diverse Societies: How can we create good conditions for integration, and what do immigrants themselves think?

Bart Somers (Mayor, Mechelen, Belgium and World Mayor 2016), on his city's strategies for engaging refugees and immigrants in the local community. *Bi Puranen* (Institute for Futures Studies, Sweden) will present results from the recent World Values Survey from Sweden on immigrants' own opinions, values and views of integration.

13:45-14:00

Expectations and learning goals

COFFEE BREAK

14:20-15:20

The role of education and competence building in promoting sustainable integration into the labour market

Vilde Hernes (University of Oslo, Norway) will present findings on the Nordic competence-building models, and what we have learned about what works. *Jes Vissing Tiedemann* (Foreningen Nydansker, Denmark) will share experience from the initiative 'From Refugee to Skilled', and how different competence-building models in the Nordic countries work in practice.

15:20-16:40

Competence-building: Group discussions and dialogue

16:40-17:00

Shared summary and reflection

DINNER

20:30-21:15

Evening performance – C:NTACT

The theatre arts group C:NTACT promotes positive change and intercultural understanding through narratives. Group members with different social, ethnic and religious backgrounds will tell personal stories using theatrical techniques in close range with the audience. Following the performances, the audience will engage in dialogue with the performers about their stories and the covered themes.

The performance will be held in Danish



DAY 2 – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

07:00-8:30

Breakfast

08:45-9:00

Reflection on insights from Day 1

09:00-10:15

Co-creation with civil society and minorities in the integration effort

Guro Ødegård (Institute of Welfare Studies NOVA, OsloMet) will present knowledge on how civil society and immigrants' engagement in it can promote integration.

Niels Svankjær Christiansen (Danish Red Cross) will share experience and results from the project 'Friends Lead the Way'/ 'Venner viser vej'.

Ludvig Sandberg (FORUM, The National Forum for Voluntary Organizations, Sweden) will present on the Swedish model for cooperation between the public and volunteer sectors (IOP), and how it contributes to integration, and the association *Hej främling!* ('Hi stranger!') will share about their work and experiences with the IOP model.

COFFEE BREAK

10:35-11:45

Civil society and co-creation: Group discussions and dialogue

LUNCH

12:45-14:15 Workshops

The conference workshops give participants the opportunity to hear knowledge- and practice-based presentations and to discuss together how to use effective models in their own fields of work.

Marginalised neighborhoods: Knowledge and inspiration about effective models for housing-related social initiatives in Sweden, Norway and Denmark. Presentations by *the Delegation against Segregation* (Sweden) on Sweden's efforts against segregation and the 'Rinkeby Model', and researcher *Susanne Søholt* (OsloMet, Norway) presents on the countries' different strategies and effects against segregation.

Prevention of negative social control: What are the largest challenges relating to negative social control, and how can we work to prevent it? We will hear from researcher *Jon Horgen Friberg* (Fafo, Norway) on family dynamics and social control among immigrant groups in Norway, from a representative from Norway on their initiatives and from *TRIS* (tbc, Sweden) on approaches to preventing and responding to negative social control. English translation of this workshop will be available.

Women's paths to the labour market: What challenges confront refugee and immigrant women outside the labour market, and how can we best support their entry into it? Representatives from the Danish Agency for International Recruitment and Integration (SIRI) will share Danish experiences with labour market integration of women, *Safaa Mohamed Ali* from *Væksthuset* (Denmark) will present perspectives from a study among Somali women, and *Björn Hansen* of the German federal Family Ministry will share insights from work with competence building programs adjusted to different women's situations.

This work-shop will be held in English.

14:15-14:55

Identity, bridge-building and integration

With input from bridge-building associations, we will reflect on how to work constructively to build shared communities in the Nordic societies.

14:55-15:00

Conclusion (The Nordic Council of Ministers)

Translation from the Scandinavian languages to English will be available throughout the conference.

For updates to the program, see:

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