

Shaping the Future

**Trends and Developments in Social Services
The Value of Integration – New Times –New Perspectives
Conference at Nordica Hotel
29. – 30. March 2007**

Programme

Thursday, 29th March

08:30-9:05: Distribution of conference material. Musical interlude.

09:05-14:00: Lectures in the main conference hall (simultaneous translation into Norwegian).
Conference Director: Ms. Ragnhildur Arnljótsdóttir, Permanent Undersecretary, Ministry of Social Affairs.

09:05-9:20: Formal opening of conference.
Mr. Magnús Stefánsson, Minister of Social Affairs.

09:20-09:35: Integration of Social Services.
Mr. Halldór Halldórsson, President of the Association of Icelandic Municipalities.

09:35-10:00: Welfare that works.
Ms. Sigrún Júlíusdóttir, Professor, School of Social Work, University of Iceland.

10:00-10:25: Coffee break

10:25-10:50: Is the integration of social services a realistic option?
Ms. Sigríður Jónsdóttir, Head of Dept., Reykjavik Social Welfare Services.

10:50-11:20: Family, youth and criminal behavior.
Mr. Bill Whyte, Director, Criminal Justice Social Work Development Center in Scotland.

11:20-11:45: Development in Social Services – results mensuration.
Mr. Flemming Nielsen, Director of Project Planning, Copenhagen Social Welfare Services.

11:45-12:00: Implementation of plans to improve services to people with long-term psychiatric disorders 2006-2010.
Ms. Dagný Jónsdóttir, Member of Parliament and Chairman of Project plan committee.

12:00-13:00: Lunch break

13:00-13:20: The role of interest organizations (NGOs) in the light of future development.
Ms. Gerður A. Árnadóttir, Chairman, The National Federation for the Aid of the Disabled.

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Mr. Sigursteinn Másson, Chairman, The Icelandic Federation of the Disabled.

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Ms. Margrét Margeirsdóttir, Chairman, Association of Senior Citizens in Reykjavik.

13.00-16:55: Five concurrent lectures and discussions.

No. 3: The Nordic Perspective (Language: Danish and Norwegian with simultaneous translation into Icelandic).

13:00-13:30: Introduction to Nordic projects concerning disabled children, adults and their families.

Ms. Marianne Smedegaard, Project Manager, NSH, Nordic Cooperation on Disability.

The NSH is under the auspices of the Nordic Council of Ministers and has responsibility for a variety of projects for disabled people, as well as for policy-making in a Nordic context.

13:30-14:00: Design for all – the Norwegian government’s new action policy aimed at providing better access to society for those having a disability, and changes in legislation aiming at eliminating discrimination.

Mr. Knut B. Christophersen, Head of Dept., Arbeids- og inkluderingsdepartementet in Norway.

14:00-14.05: Short break

14:05-14:30: Introduction to the National Centre (NST) for telemedicine in Tromsø.

Ms. Kirsten Eriksen, Director, Educational Dept. of Online Services, NST.

NST is a research and information centre focusing on the electronic dissemination of information on health and social services using IT.

14:30-15:00: Coffee break

15:00-15:35: Introduction to NOPUS (The Nordic Educational Program for Social Services) – and an introduction video.

Ms. Kathrine Telcs, Director, NOPUS.

Nopus operates under the auspices of the Nordic Council of Ministers and is a forum for development and education of managers and key personnel in the health and social services sectors.

15:45-16.05: A cultural intermission

16:05-16:30: Democracy for all – including the disabled.

Ms. Kristin Bille, Consultant, Dept. of Education and Employment, Deltasenteret, Oslo.

Deltasenteret is a consultancy centre on behalf of the Norwegian Social- og helsedirektoratet that focuses on issues relating to those having disabilities.

16:30-16:55: The development and experience of the new employment and welfare programme in Norway, including first, second and third stage welfare services.

Mr. Olav Roger, Section Director, The Centre for Technical Aid for the disabled in Oslo.