

# Nordic Forum on Disability 2017

Human rights, disability and research



Date and time: 16 October (13.00 – 17.30), 17 October (9.00 – 15.00) and 18 October (9.00 – 15.00)

Venue: Scandic Alvik, Gustavslundsvägen 153, 167 51 Bromma / Stockholm, Sweden

Moderator: Ted Bergdahl

*The seminar is co-organized by the Nordic Welfare Centre, the Swedish Agency for Participation and Uppsala University.*

## DAY 1, October 16<sup>th</sup>

### 13.00 – 13.15

#### Opening of the meeting

*Malin Ekman Aldén, Director, General Agency for Participation*

*Ewa Persson Göransson, Director, Nordic Welfare Centre*

### 13.15 – 13.30

#### The role of the Nordic region in an international context of disability cooperation

*Ms Catalina Devandas, Special Rapporteur, UN (live from Geneva)*

### 13.30 – 14.00

#### International cooperation on disability and human rights. UNCRPD and the experience from Galway's summer school.

*Professor Gerard Quinn, University of Galway*

### 14.00 – 14.15

Coffee break

**14.15 – 14.30**

**Inclusive approach when implementing the convention**

*Honorary Doctor Kalle Könkkölä, Finnish Disability Federation*

**14.30 – 15.00**

**Cooperation on Disability Research and the implementation of the UNCRPD**

*Professor Rannveig Traustadóttir, University of Iceland*

**15.00 – 15.30**

Coffee break

**15.30 – 17.30**

**State of the art from the Nordic countries. What is the focus and the main challenges for the implementation of the Convention?**

**State reports from governments and disability organizations**

**17.30**

End of the day

**19.00**

Dinner

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## **DAY 2, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9.00 – 12.00**

**Theme: Equal recognition before the law GC no 1 on Article 12 UNCRPD**

**Introduction:** *Professor Gerard Quinn, University of Galway, Ireland*

- **Rule of Law and disability - barriers to access and equal treatment**, Professor *Patrick Kermit, NTNU, Trondheim, Norway*
- **Safe zones and cooperation with those affected**, *Founder Freyja Haraldsdóttir, Tabú, Iceland*
- **Decision making and self-determination**, *Associate professor Therese Fridström Montoya, University of Uppsala*

Workshops where groups formulate statements and answer questions such as: What methods for securing equality before the law has support in research? Are there any good examples? Are there gaps in knowledge? If so, where are these gaps? How can we cooperate, nationally and on Nordic level for the development of the field of knowledge?

**12.00 – 13.30**

Lunch

**13.30**

**Theme: Universal Design and accessibility GC no 2 on Article 9 UNCRPD**

**Introduction:** *Policy advisor Mia Ahlgren, Swedish Disability Rights Federation*

- **Universal design of cities**, (to be confirmed)
- **Digital-participation**, *Founder Stefan Johansson, Begripsam, Sweden*

Workshops where groups formulate statements and answer questions such as: What methods for participation through accessibility are effective and have support in research? Are there any good examples? Are there gaps in knowledge? If so, where are the gaps in knowledge? How can we cooperate, nationally and on Nordic level for the development of the field of knowledge?

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## **DAY 3, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

**9.00 – 12.00**

**Theme: Methods of communication and implementation of the UNCRPD related to the themes**

**Introduction:** *Disability expert Charlotte McClain-Nhlapo, World Bank Group*

We often talk about a human rights based approach, most commonly perhaps within development but also in other human rights contexts. Yet we often hear from government agencies, county councils and municipalities who doesn't know what it means and how to use it, especially with CRPD as a basis. Does the CRPD add something more to a human right based approach which we lack today? And how do we implement it in the Nordic countries where we for example have strong municipal sovereignty?

- **Implementation of the Convention of the rights of the child**, *Thomas Hammarberg (to be confirmed)*
- **Push for disability and HR-issues in the implementation of UN Agenda 2030**, *Expert Elisabeth Abiri, human rights expert*

Workshops where the group formulates statements and answer questions such as: What strategies for communicating the intentions of the convention are effective? What does research say? Are there any good examples? There are gaps in knowledge? If so, where are the gaps in knowledge? How can we cooperate, nationally and on Nordic level for the development of the field of knowledge?

Round up by moderator.

**12.00 – 13.00**

Lunch

**13.00 – 15.00**

Looking forward. Take-home messages for each theme from each target group?

Panels with different orientations.

**15.00**

End of the forum

Ad hoc discussion group on Article 19 in the afternoon.

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## Up for more? Stay one more day!

On the 19<sup>th</sup>, Nordic Welfare Center's conference on implementation of Articles 25 and 27 will follow (in Scandinavian languages). Best practice in focus. More information:

<http://nordicwelfare.org/sv/Events/Utbildning-och-arbete-pa-lika-villkor/>

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