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– et liv med lige muligheder



An Ordinary Life with Physical Impairment 75 Year Anniversary Conference for Nordic Collaboration Nordic Disability Forum (NHF)

11/11 2021 from 10:00-16:00 (Danish time)

Digital Participation: <https://zoom.us/j/93606959931>

Handicaporganisationernes Hus
Blekinge Boulevard 2, DK-2630 Høje-Taastrup

Program (English Language Spoken):

Moderator:

Jeppe Kerckhoffs, Chief of Policy, Dansk Handicap Forbund, Denmark

10:00-10:10:

Welcome

Susanne Olsen, Chairperson, Dansk Handicap Forbund, Denmark

10:10-10:30:

Looking Back:

How and to what extent do claims from and actions by civil society minority groups have an effect on European Welfare Policy and which political or organizational strategies should be chosen by civil society organizations in order to achieve their political objectives - seen from the perspective of organizations of and persons with disabilities in particular?

Kjeld Høgsbro, Professor Emeritus, University of Aalborg, Denmark

10:30-11:00:

Daily Life Challenges:

Within the last decades, Danish questionnaires have systematically been questioning persons with disabilities their perception of the possibility of living a life on equal terms, compared to other people. Through knowledge of social barriers, one can choose strategies and actions to eliminate societal barriers.

Anna Amilon, Project Manager, VIVE, Denmark

11:15-12:30:

Universal Design and Accessibility:

For persons with disabilities, accessibility has always been the major societal barrier which prevents living a life on “ordinary terms”. Accessibility has always been at the center of the Nordic

Disability Policy. The questions are, what strategies and actions can societal organizations choose to eliminate accessibility barriers? Is it through Universal Design? Is it through “traditional” accessibility claims? Is it a combination? Which actions looks most promising?

Inger Marie Lid, Professor, PhD, Health Studies, VID Specialized University, Norway (20 minutes)

Haraldur Thorleifsson, Ramping up Reykjavik, Iceland (10 minutes)

Pauli Rautiainen, Associate Professor, University of Eastern Finland, Finland (20 minutes)

Q&A

12:30-13:15:

Lunch Break

13:15-14:30:

Employment and Barriers:

Historically persons with disabilities have been experiencing a higher unemployment rate relating to the ordinary labour market compared to others. How is it possible for persons with disabilities to become included on the open labour market? Through implementation of which strategies and removal of which societal barriers is it then possible to increase the employment rate of persons with disabilities on the ordinary labour market in particular?

Mona Larsen, Project Manager, VIVE, Denmark (20 minutes)

Kurt Holm Nielsen, Network Director, Dansk Handicap Forbund, Denmark (10 minutes)

Anni Kyröläinen, Office of the Non-Discrimination Ombudsman, Finland (20 minutes)

Q&A

14:13-14:45:

Coffee Break

14:45-15:55:

Hate Speech and Other Forms of Discrimination:

“Hate Speech” on the ground of disability is usually not recognized as a form of discrimination. How do persons with disabilities experience “Hate Speech”, and can occurrences of “Hate Speech” be eliminated? How is it possible to eliminate “Hate Speech?”

Nikolaj Nielsen, Department Director, Danish Institute for Human Rights, Denmark (20 minutes)

Kristian Hegaard, former MEP, Denmark (10 minutes)

Henrik Gustafsson, Lawyer, Invalidiliitto, Finland (20 minutes)

Q&A

15:55-16:00:

Closing Remarks

Riitta Jolanki, Chairperson of NHF