Young refugees in Nordic countries - health, education and employment in an equity perspective

Date and time: 3 December 2020 at 13.00 – 16.00 (CET)

Introduction

13.00 Welcome to the online conference and introduction to the Nordic cooperation on integration
Welcoming words by the moderator Paula Wolters and Senior Adviser Kristin Marklund, Nordic Welfare Centre

Swedish experiences from working with newly arrived immigrant children in the school system
Erik Nilsson, State Secretary to the Minister for Education, Anna Ekström

Introduction to the CAGE project
Professor Allan Krasnik, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Plenum session

13.20 Integration of refugees: the interactive dynamics of health, education and employment
Associate Professor Signe Smith Jervelund, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

13.25 Educational outcomes and education trajectories among young refugees in the Nordic region: quantitative, qualitative and policy perspectives
Postdoc Andrea Dunlavy, Stockholm University/Karolinska Institutet, Sweden
Research Professor Lutine de Wal Pastoor, Copenhagen University, Denmark
Professor Ketil Eide, University of South-Eastern Norway, Norway

Comments by:
Project Leader Lucie Cerna, OECD, France
Project Manager Edda Ölfasdóttir, City of Reykjavik, Iceland
13.50  Labour market outcomes and employers and young refugees’ experiences
Postdoc Karl Gauflin, Stockholm University, Sweden
Research Director Elli Heikkilä, Migration Institute of Finland, Finland

Comment on employment experiences:
Practical Nurse Student Nasteha Mahamud Mahamed, City of Turku, Finland

14.10  Health and health reception of young refugees
Professor Anders Hjern, Stockholm University/Karolinska Institutet, Sweden

Comment by:
Head of Development Ann-Jolin Grüne, Luckan – the Finland-Swedish Information and Cultural Centre

14.35  Break

14.40  Cross-cutting perspectives – with moderator Paula Wolters
Introduction: Professor Ravi Kohli, University of Bedfordshire, United Kingdom

Panel discussion:
- Integration Officer Karolis Žibas, UNHCR Representation for the Nordic and Baltic Countries
- Associate Professor Signe Smith Jervelund, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Professor Anders Hjern, Stockholm University/Karolinska Institutet, Sweden
- Professor Ravi Kohli, University of Bedfordshire, UK
- Danish Government representative (to be confirmed)
Interactive Breakout rooms

15.10 Four Interactive Breakout Rooms chaired and introduced by CAGE researchers and speakers.

Each workshop will start with a short presentation, followed by discussion questions based on the CAGE results to stimulate a discussion among the audience. There will also be opportunity to ask questions and discuss more general issues related to the topic.

1) Education: Andrea Dunlavy, Lutine Pastoor and Lucie Cerna

In this workshop we will use findings from the CAGE education studies (i.e. quantitative, qualitative and policy analysis studies) as a framework for a joint discussion of what can be done to improve educational outcomes among young refugees in the Nordic region. All participants of the workshop are invited to contribute to the discussion by means of reflections, opinions, comments, and questions.

2) Labour Market: Elli Heikkilä and Karl Gauffin

The workshop will discuss key questions based on the CAGE results: in what ways is integration of young refugees related to labour market participation, and how has this changed in the past 30 years? How can we understand labour market participation of young refugees in the Nordic countries as a result of interacting pre- and post-migration factors? What are the barriers and key factors determining the recruitment of refugees? How could we promote recruitment of refugees to the labour markets now and in the future in the Nordic countries?
3) **Unaccompanied Refugee Minors: Ketil Eide, Henry Ascher and Ravi Kohli**
The workshop highlights findings from the CAGE-project related to health and wellbeing of unaccompanied refugee minors in Sweden and Norway. We invite all participants to discuss and reflect on how to understand these young refugees’ vulnerability and social inequality, and how to improve their educational achievement, labor market participation and mental health.

4) **Health: Anders Hjern and Allan Krasnik**
The workshop will focus on the health reception of refugees, and the barriers for accessing psychiatric care for young refugees - what actions are needed? We shall also discuss the importance of gender for health in young refugees and the possible learnings from the Nordic cross-country differences in refugee health.

16.00 **End of the online conference – thank you for participating**