

# Nordic Welfare Forum 2018

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Venue: Scandic Continental, Vasagatan 22, 111 20 Stockholm, Sweden

Time: 9.30-16.00

Moderator: Linus Wellander, MUCF, Sweden

**9.30 – 10.00**

Registration and morning coffee

## **10.00 – 12.30 Plenary session**

### **Welcome to the Nordic Welfare Forum 2018**

*Lena Hallengren, Minister for Children, the Elderly and Gender Equality, Sweden*

### **Strategic review of Nordic co-operation in the social sector**

*Árni Páll Árnason, Deputy Director of EEA and Norway Grants*

In 2017, the Nordic Council of Ministers for Health and Social Affairs commissioned former Icelandic Minister of Social Affairs, Árni Páll Árnason, to conduct a strategic review of Nordic co-operation in the social sector. The report: *Knowledge that Works in Practice: Strengthening Nordic Co-operation in the Social Field* contains 14 suggestions for improvements and renewal.

### **NOVI – indicators to compare Nordic Welfare**

*Åke Bergmark, Professor, Department of Social Work, Stockholm University, Sweden*

Nordic Welfare Indicators (NOVI) are produced to gather central and comparable indicators of welfare in the Nordic countries. With the help of NOVI, it is possible to gain a preliminary indication of a negative or positive trend in the welfare sector. NOVI is based on the Icelandic experience and its “Welfare Watch” – a type of early warning system established as a result of the country’s economic crisis in 2008.

## **Panel discussion on NOVI indicators**

*Håkan Nyman, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Sweden*

*Sigríður Jónsdóttir, Project Leader, Ministry of Welfare, Iceland*

## **The Nordic Model and its enemies**

*Joakim Palme, Professor, Department of Government, Uppsala University, Sweden*

During the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the Nordic model has been embraced by so many people that you might wonder if it has any enemies. The global financial crisis also showed its benefits. The universalism on which the model is based is demanding both economically and politically, and its construction is only as strong as its weakest link. Therefore there is an enemy lurking behind every policy area that cannot sustainably deliver social care, redistribution, insurance and, not least, investments in the future of citizens.

## **A better society is possible**

*Anders Ekholm, Deputy Director, Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm, Sweden*

The Third Way, which is associated internationally with the Nordic countries, has taken a new form. The old conflict between labour and capital no longer carries weight. Instead, the Information Society and the environment have become increasingly important and provide an additional dimension to the new world. The question is how can a welfare society be maintained and developed within it? The Nordic Welfare Model may have come to the end of the road and then the question would be what shall we continue to build on? Perhaps further development of the welfare model could provide a type of basic template for the rest of the world?

**12.30 – 13.30**

Lunch and networking

## **13.30 – 14.30 Three parallel seminars – examples of welfare solutions**

### **I. Welfare scenarios in the 21st century: civil society that builds bridges and regenerates or money for nothing?**

*Linda Lundgaard Andersen, Professor, Institute for People and Technology, Roskilde University, Denmark*

Linda Lundgaard Andersen gives a research-based overview of Nordic trends on the theme of: How can we outline the roles and significance of civil society in the Nordic countries from a welfare perspective? And how can we identify potential and resources but also hurdles and pitfalls? Discussion.

## II. Youth perspectives in welfare practice and policy – why?

*Louise Funch Nielsen – Headspace, Denmark, Adam Werner – Tilia, Sweden, Miranda Sulejmova - Ung Resurs, Norway, Fanny Björk Ingólfssdóttir – Young Minds, Iceland, Lyydia Pyöli – VAMOS, Finland*

Presentation of activities in five countries created to include the needs of young people and influence the design and implementation of support. User perspective and a focus on strengthening the mental health of young people are elements all of these initiatives have in common.

## III. Asker Welfare Lab – a practical example of resident-oriented welfare services

*Ingrid Blichfeldt, Project Manager, Asker Welfare Lab, Norway*

Asker Welfare Lab views welfare as an investment rather than a cost. Asker Welfare Lab is a new way of coordinating services to families and residents who need long-term coordinated services. All parties – public, voluntary and private – gather around the family and the family and residents are involved as co-investors.

**14.30 – 15.00**

Afternoon coffee

## 15.00 – 16.00 Plenary session

Short presentations from each parallel seminar

### Innovation in a fast-moving world – how do we succeed in creating sustainable changes to meet future needs?

*Niklas Huss, Head of Innovation, Länsförsäkringar, Stockholm, Sweden*

The digital revolution has completely changed our behaviour. What skills will we need in the future and how will digitisation revolutionise our welfare? No matter what industry you work in, these are questions you need to tackle – and digitisation waits for nobody.

In every industry, major changes occur when new business models and new technology gain ground. They create great opportunities for all businesses, lead to new ways of working and open up new leadership opportunities. How will this affect existing welfare models?

### 16.00 Thanks for today!

*Eva Franzén, Director, Nordic Welfare Centre*