

PROGRAM

The second Nordic expert seminar on employment and disability

Wednesday the 19th of April, Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, Oslo, Norway

Room: P48-P173

Moderator: Ted Bergdahl

Ted is a skilled moderator, with experience from PR, Swedish politics and media. Read more about Ted here: www.tedbergdahl.se

8:30 Registration

09:00 Opening of the seminar

- **Welcome: Why this expert seminar?**
- *Kai Koivumäki*, senior advisor, Nordic Council of Ministers: **Short introduction to the official Nordic cooperation on disability issues**
- *Stine Bjertnæs*, senior advisor, Norwegian Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs & *Cecilie Bekker Zober*, project officer, Nordic Council of Ministers: **Short introduction to the official Nordic cooperation on employment**

Session 1: Intersectoral cooperation

09:30 Best practice in the Nordic region I

- *Anne Hodnefeld*, director, Centre for Work Inclusion (Norway): **Cooperation between researchers and labor market authorities**
- *Vigdís Jónsdóttir*, manager, VIRK (Iceland): **Intersectoral cooperation based on collaboration between unions and employers**
- *Päivi Mattila-Wiro*, program director, The Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (Finland): **Government key project on career opportunities for persons with partial work ability**
- Q&A in English and Scandinavian

10:45 *Coffee break*

11:15 Round table discussions in English and Scandinavian

12:15 Presentation of round table results

12:45 *Lunch*

Session 2: The employer as a change agent

13:30 Best practice in the Nordic region II

- *Siri Koch-Larsen*, project manager, City of Oslo (Norway): **A municipal trainee programme for people with disabilities**
- *Britta Bak and Morten Wulf*, director and project manager, "Klar til start" (Denmark): **Improving the working skills of youth with autism by practice in Fakta grocery stores**
- *Ingrid Ihme*, director, Telenor Open Mind (Norway): **Norway's largest work training programme integrating people with work disabilities in regular working life**

- *Ellen Landberg*, leadership developer, Ledarna – Sweden’s organisation for managers (Sweden): **The manager as an agent of change**
 - Q&A in English and Scandinavian
- 15:00 *Coffee break*
- 15:30 **Examples from the Baltic region and the International Labour Organization**
- *Lita Hofmane*, head of human resources division, National Library of Latvia (Latvia): **Experiences of employing persons with disabilities**
 - *Jürgen Menze*, associate expert in disability inclusion, International Labour Organization (ILO) (The UN/Switzerland): **The ILO Global Business and Disability Network**
 - Q&A in English and Scandinavian
- 16:10 *Short break*
- 16:15 **Round table discussions in English and Scandinavian**
- 17:00 **Presentation of round table results
Seminar feedback and evaluation
What’s next?**
- 17:30 *End of program*
- 18:30 **Network dinner at Thon Hotel Opera (restaurant Scala)**

Organizers:

Kompetansesenter for arbeidsinkludering (Centre for Work Inclusion):

www.inkluderingskompetanse.no

Nordic welfare centre (Nordens välfärdscenter): www.nordicwelfare.org