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