

27.02.19 – Skype-møte i arbeidsgruppen

Tilstede		Forfall	
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Agenda:

19/1 Final conference: Planning before out meeting in Uppsala

- Target group: researchers, policymakers and teacher unions
- Anna Maria checks the web page for Nordic Ministry Council to see if they have a web page we can link a web page about the conference to, and checks with Bjørk if this is possible. If not, Tonje can make one under the web page we already have.
- Sissel checks with the Norwegian minister Jan Tore Sanner to see if the program can be presented at the next meeting in the Ministry
- Invite the Icelandic minister Lilja D. Alfredsdottir to open the conference
- Sissel and Tonje invites Jan Tore Sanner to the conference; Sissel by mail, Tonje in person.
- Sissel contacts the Swedish ministry to invite the Swedish minister
- Teacher Union leaders:
 - o Åse speaks with the Danish and Greenlands representatives
- Work group for practical details; Anna Maria, Tonje, Sissel
 - o Anna Maria has a new offer from the hotel, and will work on setting up a budget for the conferende

Everyone is asked to provide a suggestion for an international key note (Key note 2) at the next meeting in Uppsala.

19/2 Web page for the conference

- Use an event company to take care of all the practical information? Web page, applications, etc. Use the contributions from the Ministry (84 000 danske kroner) to do this?
- See point above (19/1)

19/3 Eventuelt

We need to find a date for the next Skype meeting after Uppsala. We are looking at dates in week 14 or 15. Please check your availability ☺

Minner om det nye navnet på nettverket:

- Nordisk: Nyutdannede lærere og Induction: Et nordisk tverrsektorielt nettverk

- English: Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs) and Induction: A Nordic Cross-sectoral Network

Referent:

Tonje Harbek Brokke, USN

The rough program for the final conference so far (27.02.19):

Week 46/19	Sunday 10.11.19	Monday 11.11.19	Tuesday 12.11.19	Wednesday 13.11.19
AM	Travel day	<p>09:30</p> <p>Welcome (two speeches: one on behalf of the conference organisers/network, the second by Lilja Dögg Alfreðsdóttir, Icelandic minister of Education, to formally open the conference)</p> <p>10:00</p> <p>The ministers: 5 - 7 minutes speeches from the ministers about the situation for NQT's in their respective Nordic countries</p> <p>11:00</p> <p>Key note 1: Rachel Shanks? (Scotland) Hannu Heikkinen? (Finland) Göran Fransson? (Sverige) Eva Bjerkholt? (Norge) Lisbeth L Fredriksen? (Danmark)</p> <p>12:00</p> <p>Arm chair discussion:</p>	<p>09:00</p> <p>Key note 2 (who?)</p> <p>10:00</p> <p>Break</p> <p>10:15</p> <p>Parallel sessions 2; presentations of experiences of good practices and research on mentoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Researchers - NQT's - Employers - Student organisations - Trade unions <p>The leaders from the trade unions:</p>	Travel day

	Induction and Mentoring of Newly Qualified Teachers in the Nordic countries (Estonia, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden): a comparative perspective. Moderator: Key note speaker nr.1?	
Lunch	13:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch
PM	<p>14:00</p> <p>Panel discussion based on the morning session and the current policy in the Nordic countries</p> <p>– policy makers, trade unions, employers unions, researchers, student’s unions, Nordic minister council</p> <p>14:45</p> <p>Coffee break</p> <p>15:00</p> <p>Parallel sessions 1</p> <p>Presentations of experiences of good practices and research on mentoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Researchers - NQT’s - Employers - Student organizations - Trade unions 	<p>13:00</p> <p>Workshops</p> <p>based on the three levels: Teachers in kindergartens, elementary/secondary schools and upper secondary schools</p> <p>15:00 Closing</p> <p>The road ahead?</p>
End	16:30	15:30
Evening	Joint dinner?	

Copy from the e-mail for Uppsala:

Questions that need addressing in Uppsala:

1. Web site?

- Many people ask if there is a web site of the conference, because they have prepare and make arrangements well before the conference (many of them need to plan their yearly conference program now). I have said that there will presumably be a website soon but I don't know when.

2. Possibility to present one's own research?

- I have said the only way they could travel is to have the opportunity to present their own research about mentoring. I have answered that, as far as I know, there are parallel sessions where you can present your studies.

3. Deadline of abstracts?

- I have answered that there are no abstracts but the presenters are invited to the conference. The next question has been: who will invite, and who are invited, and what criteria are used in inviting? I have said that I have to ask this and then reply.

4. Is this a conference or a seminar?

- The related question to the previous is that if invitation is not based on abstracts, this actually does not sound like a conference in the proper sense of the word, but a seminar. I have not been able to give a sincere answer.

Given the high interest, and the complicated questions my colleagues have asked, I have a couple of proposals:

1. We make this a real conference based on abstract review. There are ways to organise this; we have done this a number of times before.
2. There must be more space for parallel sessions in the program. We might shorten the panels, and I think we don't need a keynote from Scotland.
3. We should allocate more time for the Nordic models of mentoring. There is a lot of highly interesting material that is being prepared and presented in NERA in Uppsala in March, then in ECER in Hamburg in September, and finally there will be an article manuscript which encompasses everything. The first draft of the article must be there by the Iceland conference in November. So why don't we rely on the work we are doing, and give more time for it in the Reykjavik conference?

But these are just some ideas and suggestions. This way we might get much more international audience and visibility to the conference, and also make our own work more visible. I have sketched an alternative program draft below. But if you decide to retain the original program, I am happy with that solution, and I will inform my colleagues accordingly. Then we will lose tens of people who might be interested in joining us. Anyway there will be at least 15 participants from Finland who travel at their own cost. If there is space for representing our national mentoring network pilot projects on mentoring, also that delegation would be larger.

I am suggesting that the final decisions about the conference would be made in the meeting in Uppsala.

We need to address all these topics during our meeting in Uppsala. We have a Skype meeting next week where we can start the discussion, and our aim is that when we leave Uppsala, we will have settled all the questions raised above.

Practical details about the final conference in Iceland: Anna Maria has spoken to the Ministry of Education, and they want to schedule the conference into the program of the Nordic Council Ministers. They can contribute 84 000 DKR. They approve of the drafted program they have been presented with, and the dates are good. They will leave the planning to us, but are happy to contribute to advertising, addressing the conference, and other consultations. Anna Maria has therefore reserved two conference rooms at the Hilton Nordica – one takes 70 – 140 participants, the other 140 – 250, so we need to decide which one to settle for.

I look forward to meeting you all both on Skype and in real life very soon 😊