

NORDIC NETWORK MEETING

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Nordic Foundation Network Meeting Copenhagen 2017

The Nordic welfare states form a unique context for the Nordic foundations. A context that distinguishes them not only from American, but also European foundations.

But are the Nordic welfare states in a process of phasing out, or development? Which challenges and opportunities will characterize the coming decade? What will be our response to global challenges – such as climate change, technology and refugees – as a source of pressure to the Nordic states? Also, which roles will the Nordic foundations be able to take in their relations to the state, the public sector, the private sector and civil society within this specific Nordic context? And, what is the role of arts and culture?

These questions are the focal points of this year's Nordic Foundation Network Meeting and will be discussed from internal as well as external perspectives.

Presentations by ...

- **Torben M. Andersen**, Professor in Economics.
- **Mogens Lykketoft**, Former Chairman of the UN's General Assembly and former Foreign Minister.
- **Göran Blomqvist**, Executive Director of the Riksbankens Jubileumsfond.
- Closing plenary by renowned artist **Olafur Eliasson**.
- Facilitators:
 - **Anker Brink Lund**, Professor at CBS.
 - **Jannica Fagerholm**, CEO at the Signe and Ane Gyllenberg Foundation.

WHAT: Two exciting days with focus on sharing knowledge of Nordic challenges, establishing network and collaboration on projects initiatives.

WHEN: Thursday, 26th October (12.00) to Friday, 27th October, 2017 (13.30)

WHERE: Admiral Hotel, Toldbodgade 24-28, Copenhagen.

Rooms are reserved (until 25th of August) at: www.admiralhotel.dk

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NETWORK DINNER: The Royal Danish Opera, Ekvipagemestervej 10, 1438 København K.

PRICE: Early bird rate: 2,500 DKK (Register before Friday 30th of June)
July 1st to August 17th: 3,000 DKK
August 18th to October 16th: 3,500 DKK

Participant fee covers conference facilities and evening dinner.

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Programme For The Two Days

Day 1: Thursday the 26th of October 2017

12.00-13.00: INFORMAL LUNCH

PLENARY SESSION: The role of the foundations and the future of the Nordic welfare states as seen from three perspectives: The Researcher - The Politician – The Foundation Director.

13.00-13.15: WELCOME by the planning committee.

13.15-13.30: PRESENTATION: Theme of the day and programme by the facilitators: Anker Brink Lund, Professor at CBS and Jannica Fagerholm, CEO at the Signe and Ane Gyllenberg Foundation.

13.30-14.30: THE RESEARCHER: Torben M. Andersen, Professor in Economics: The Nordic welfare model and the public finances in a shared Nordic perspective.
25 minute presentation followed by a panel of three debaters chosen from the audience.

14.30-15.00: NETWORKING.

15.00-16.00: THE POLITICIAN: Mogens Lykketoft, former Chairman of the UN's General Assembly and former Foreign Minister: How can Nordic foundations implement globally important goals in their states?
25 minute presentation followed by a panel of three debaters chosen from the audience.

16.00-16.30: NETWORKING.

16.30-16.50: THE FOUNDATION DIRECTOR: Executive Director Göran Blomqvist from Riksbankens Jubilæumsfond. Reflections from an experienced Foundation Director.

16.50-17.00: PRACTICAL INFORMATION about the evening programme by the facilitators.

17.00-17.45: DEPARTURE IN BOATS to The Royal Danish Opera with architectural tour of the Copenhagen Harbour.

18.00-19.00: WELCOME DRINK and PRESENTATION.

19.00-22.30: NETWORKING DINNER with conversation menus at each table and switching seats during the evening.

Day 2: Friday the 27th of October 2017

07.00-08.30: BREAKFAST

08.30-09.00: BRIEF PLENARY SESSION with a brush-up on the themes from yesterday and a brief presentation of the morning sessions.

09.00-11.00: WORKSHOPS (pick one) (read description on next page):

1. Roles of research foundations in the Nordic welfare states?
2. From mission to action. The role of foundations in cross-sectoral partnerships to combat loneliness.
3. Nordic foundation Network Arts and Culture.
4. Social impact.
5. More than grants? - a fresh look on increasing impact.

11.15-11.45: BRIEF BRUSH-UP and thank you to all the meeting participants.

11.45-12.30: CLOSING PLENARY by Olafur Eliasson.

12.30-13.30: LUNCH

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Workshops (pick one)

1. Roles of research foundations in the Nordic welfare states?

How does the Nordic foundations' research funding contribute to actual and future challenges of the Nordic welfare states? How do the Nordic research foundations perceive their positions and roles within the total research ecosystem supported by private and public funds? How do they perceive their relations to public research funding and other funding agencies, national as well as international? To what extent are dialogue and collaboration with public funding agencies, research councils, and research institutions part of their actual practice and strategic endeavors? What are the experienced or anticipated gains and challenges? These issues will be discussed on the basis of brief reflections presented by various Nordic research foundations.

Hosts: VELUX FONDEN og Riksbankens Jubilæumsfond

2. From mission to action. The role of foundations in cross-sectoral partnerships to combat loneliness

In 2016, Realdania launched a new strategic initiative to combat loneliness among the elderly through cross-sectoral partnerships with both the private sector and key actors of the public housing sector. The target is to push the market to build more co-housing for the elderly – because data tells us that this type of dwelling can have a positive effect on social relations and quality of life for the residents. However, supply does not currently meet demand, so new methods and innovative partnerships are needed.

During this workshop, we will share our experiences from managing a data-driven collaborative process. After an initial presentation, we invite you to take part in an in-depth discussion covering questions such as:

How can we use data to guide our efforts and measure their impact? How can we take on a proactive role as agents of change and drive strategic processes? How can we understand the interplay between the built environment and complex social and societal challenges?

Host: Realdania

3. Nordic foundation Network Arts and Culture

Art plays a fundamental role for us as individuals and for society - but how is the changing society in a Nordic welfare context effecting this? What might the role of art organizations and artists be - and what is their place in society? And how may we as Nordic foundations engage in initiatives for the development of the field? Join a Nordic Cultural Network Meeting and meet other Nordic foundations working within the field of art and culture. The agenda will be developed in an interaction with the foundations, which signs up for this work shop.

Host: Bikubefonden

4. Social impact

Why is it so important for the individuals and the society to have focus on the youngest children? The first 1,000 days of a child's life are the most important to their development - and sustainable success for our countries. Because of biological fact, hundreds of studies from many countries document the impact of quality early childhood development programs and services. It has impact on physical health, mental health and productivity. We are searching for the best practice. What can foundations do as an added value? TrygFonden will give an introduction.

Host: CULTIVA

5. More than grants? - a fresh look on increasing impact

Grants Plus is an expression used to describe the additional support for those who receive grants. That may include access to resources such as facilities and networks, or training, skills and communications support. However many times foundations' efforts to contribute 'beyond the money' have had only little beneficial impact on grantees.

How can we increase the likelihood of positive impact? Can new approaches such as cross foundation platforms or challenge prizes provide useful learnings. What kind of facilitation or interaction during the application process works best? We will share experiences and best practises in the light of a few cases.

Host: KAUTE Foundation