



The Nordic Association of Schools Social Work

NASSW material to EASSW for joint report to IASSW Board Meeting, Seoul 25–26 June 2016

NASSW Executive Committee had its meeting in Reykjavik 18–19 October 2016.

The main work of NASSW during the past six months is as follows:

1 Preparations for the next general meeting 7 November 2016

Next general meeting of NASSW will be held 7 November 2016, in the connection of the Nordic conference. A new chair and three new working committee members will be elected in this general meeting. According to the rotation, the new chair is supposed to be elected from Sweden. Preparations for the general meeting have been started. The committee has prepared the strategic plan 2016–2018 to be discussed in the general meeting. The committee will implement survey on the current situation and trends in Nordic social work education among the member schools in the connection of preparing biannual reports on social work education in each country for the general meeting.

2. Preparations for the joint Nordic conference of NASSW and Nordic FORSA

Next joint conference of NASSW and Nordic social work research associations (FORSA) will be held in Copenhagen 8.-9.11.2016. The theme is *Decisions, outcomes and changes in social work*. NASSW board will organize three workshops in the conference.

- a. Social work education and refugee situation
 - i. How do we educate social work students in ethnic and cultural diversity
 - ii. How to create educational paths to asylum seekers with social worker background
 - iii. How does the refugee crisis affect social work education
- b. Community work
- c. User involvement in social work education and co-production

The book *Global Social Work. Crossing Borders, Blurring Boundaries* will be on sale in the conference.

3 Promoting IASSW membership among Nordic social work schools

The executive committee members in each country promote the IASSW membership of social work schools besides the EASSW membership. NASSW committee supports the idea of the change of the fee structure in IASSW and regional associations to enhance collaboration and prevent competition. Only one fee including the sub regional association fee would be the best alternative for a fee structure.

4 Keeping NASSW active in social media

The committee decided to let the structure of NASSW website be changed in order to make the updating easier. Materials from NASSW meetings and discussions have been published on NASSW facebook site and in twitter, and documents and informations have been published on the website. A newsletter will be sent to the contact persons in member schools after each executive committee meeting.

5 Refugee issue and Nordic social work educations

Invited by EASSW, the chair participated and had a speech in the World Social Work Day seminar in Brussels 14 March 2016. The executive committee discussed in Reykjavik meeting the impact of the refugee crisis on social work education in each Nordic country. The discussion will continue in the Nordic conference workshop in November. NASSW encourages colleagues in the member schools to participate in the European Solidarity for refugees days 4–6 June, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by

Anna Metteri

24 May 2016