



The Nordic Association of Schools Social Work

## **NASSW material to EASSW for joint report to IASSW Board Meeting, Shanghai 14.-15.1.2016**

NASSW Executive Committee had its meeting in Oslo 19-20 October 2015.

The main work of NASSW during the past six months has been:

1. Preparations for the next joint Nordic conference of NASSW and Nordic FORSA (social work research associations)
2. Working with the strategic plan together with the member schools.
3. Promoting IASSW membership among Nordic social work schools
4. Keeping NASSW active in social media and maintaining contact with and support to social work schools
5. Discussing curricula and pedagogy in Nordic social work educations

### ***1 Preparations for the next 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. Next general meeting of NASSW will be held in connection of this Nordic conference and correspondingly a new chair and working committee will be elected in this general meeting. Joint preparations for the general meeting and for the conference have started.

### ***2 Preparing the strategic plan together with the member schools***

NASSW executive committee has continued working with the strategic plan and will complete the plan in the executive committee meeting in Reykjavik 18.-19.4.2016. The plan will be presented for discussion and acceptance in the NASSW annual meeting in Copenhagen in November 2016.

### ***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. The role of IASSW has been actively discussed for example in the connection of executive committee meetings, through Social Dialogue

advertisements, in discussions on Research statement and in separate membership promotion emails.

#### ***4. Contacts with and support to Nordic social work schools***

The executive committee will maintain and develop contacts with and support to social work schools in the Nordic countries e.g. via newsletters and president's emails to contact persons and via the facebook and website activities. 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 Discussing curricula and pedagogy in Nordic social work educations***

A review of social work curricula and pedagogical applications in relation to the topics such as interprofessional work and global issues (including human rights) in the Nordic social work schools was carried out and discussed in the last executive committee meeting.

The executive committee decided to make a follow up for Reykjavik meeting on the issue "What impact does the refugee crisis have on social work education?" We collect examples from each country about the activities and about what happens, also students' responses to the question, what kind of qualifications the education gives to handle the issue in practice.

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