



# NASSW

The Nordic Association  
of Schools of Social Work

## REPORT TO THE IASSW BOARD MEETING HELD IN DUBLIN, IRELAND JULY 2018

During the first half of 2018 the board held two meetings, one online and one in Reykjavik, Iceland. Most of the work during the year has been focused on the upcoming FORSA/NASSW conference in November. The president of NASSW attended the board meeting in Zagreb in January and also at the IASSW Symposia “Social Work Education and Practice – Dance on Wire“, Zagreb, 29th January 2018. We follow the action plan and the strategic plan for 2016–2018. These will be revised before our next conference in Helsinki in November 2018.

During 2018 we will put some effort into recruiting a new social work programme (that have just started in Sweden) as a new member to NASSW. We are also working on a joint paper on power and social work education in the Nordic countries. We have had a Skype meeting in March and a meeting in May in Reykjavik, Iceland where have prepared for the conference and on our joint paper.

Our next biannual meeting will be held in Finland in 22–23 of November 2018. The theme will be *Power in Social Work*. We co-organize the Nordic conference together with the organization Nordic FORSA. This collaboration has proven to be fruitful since the two organizations in many ways share the same members. FORSA has individual members and NASSW has institutional members. We have decided to fund travel costs and expenses for six PhD-students from the five Nordic countries to participate at the conference and present a paper on the theme Power and Social Work. The idea is to promote international collaboration between the countries and support young researchers in this endeavour. We will host two workshops. One on *Power and social work education* and a *PhD workshop on Power and Social Work*. We welcome everyone to our conference and since most of the workshops will be held in English it would be great to see many international participants.

<https://www.helsinki.fi/en/conferences/nordic-social-work-conference>

<https://www.facebook.com/nordicsocialwork2018/>

A General Assembly will be held on the 21th of November 2018 in connection with the joint Nordic FORSA/NASSW conference. At the assembly, we will elect new board members to the Executive Committee. The president of NASSW, Marcus Knutagård, will stay on for another two years until 2020.

We have organized both local events at our own universities, but also promoted schools of social work to organize events during the World Social Work Day. In Lund the theme was on sustainable social work, with a specific focus on creating a sustainable professional working environment for social workers. Our homepage is continuously updated, and we use Facebook frequently for dissemination and knowledge sharing.

<http://www.nassw.socwork.org/en/>

<https://www.facebook.com/theNASSW/>

We will continue to promote our members to participate at both the European and international conferences. We will also continue to ask our members to become members in IASSW and EASSW. We look forward to our future cooperation with IASSW and EASSW and hope for many inspiring conferences and meetings that will contribute to the global development of social work education. Our goal is that all member schools in NASSW will also be members of IASSW and EASSW.

Warm regards,

Marcus Knutagård

President, NASSW

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