

The Nordic Prostitution Network Conference

Copenhagen, October 27-28 2014

This conference in The Nordic Prostitution Network is arranged by the Danish National Board of Social Services.

On the conference we will exchange knowledge and discuss the concept of evidence-based social work on prostitution. We will debate the potential advantages and disadvantages of using evidence-based methods in social work on prostitution.

The Nordic Prostitution Network consists of different non-governmental organizations (NGOs), Community based organizations (CBOs), governmental institutions, interest groups, researches and professionals connected to the field of prostitution.

Program

Day 1, Monday // October 27, 2014 // 09:00 – 17:15

09.00-09.30 Registration and coffee

09.30-09.45 Conference opening and welcome

- by Henriette Zeeberg, Head of Department, the Danish National Board of Social Services

09.45-10.30 What is an evidence-based practice? Introduction to the concept of evidence-based methods and discussion

- by Steffen Bohni, Head of Division, the Danish National Board of Social Services

10.30-10.45 Coffee break

10.45–12.00 Presentation and discussion of a Social Impact Assessment project initiated and implemented by Pro-tukipiste

- by Essi Thesslund, Development Coordinator & Vaula Tuomaala, Communications Officer, Pro-tukipiste, Finland

12.00–13.00 Lunch

13.00–14.15 Presentation and discussion of Project Exit Prostitution –an Evidence-based social program used in Denmark

- by Henriette Andersen, Coordinator, Project Exit Prostitution in Aarhus & Saniye Vibe-Petersen, Social Worker, Project Exit Prostitution in Copenhagen & Theresa Dyrvig, Researcher, the Danish National Centre for Social Research (SFI)

14.15–14.30 Coffee break

14.30–15.45 Discussion: Possibilities and limitations in evidence-based Social work on prostitution

-plenary debate

15.45–17.15 This spring the National Danish broadcasting Network (DR) focused on prostitution for a week. What aspects did they focus on? What distinguishes prostitution from other fields from a journalistic point of view? And what was the response from the Danish public?

-by Troels Kingo Larsen, Journalist, Danmarks Radio.

17.15-17.30 Closing day 1

-by the Danish National Board of Social Services

18.00 Nordic Network Dinner at Madklubben Vesterbro

Day 2, Tuesday// October 28, October 2014 // 09:00 -14:45

09.00-09.15 Opening day 2 and summarizing day 1

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09.15-10.30 Workshop: Exchanging experiences across borders.

-group session 1

The following themes will be discussed in groups:

- **Internet Prostitution**
- **Men who buy sex**
- **Men who sell sex**
- **New knowledge on prostitution**
- **Changes in prostitution arenas**
- **Pros and cons of being in prostitution in the Nordic countries 2014**

10.30-10.45 Coffee Break

10.45-12.00 Workshop: Exchanging experiences across borders.

-group session 2

12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00-13.45 Presentation of the Social work concerning the Norwegian Youth who exchange and sell sexual services. Assault, Prostitution, Experimentation or Survival?

- by Ulla Bjørndahl, Sociologist and Special Consultant, Pro Sentret Oslo, Norway and Anne Grytbakk, Lecturer, Sør-Trøndelag University College, Norway

13.45-14.15 Discussion in The Nordic Prostitution Network: How should we work with under-aged people who sell sex or sexual handouts?

-plenary discussion

14.15 -14.45 Evaluation and thank you for this year's conference

-by the Danish National Board of Social Services