

Introduction

EUSE Denmark welcomes you to the Nordic Conference on Supported Employment. The conference is part of a number of Nordic conferences on the topic, which through the years have taken place to promote cooperation and experience exchange between the Nordic countries.

In the European forum, the Nordic countries often find themselves in an apparent mutual understanding when Supported Employment is discussed. We have relatively comparable social systems and cultural understanding, and it is therefore easy to transfer ideas, projects and experiences from one country to another.

Or is it?

We want to create a forum where thoughts and ideas meet, where there is opportunity to find inspiration for and from both the practical, administrative and theoretical level.

We wish to bring together committed people who want to take part in a constructive and forward looking discussion, who are willing to share visions and concerns. People who want to learn, reflect and contribute to the common goal which is to improve methods, conditions and outcomes in the work to create lasting work in the ordinary labor market for people with disabilities and other marginalized groups.

EUSE Denmark, in cooperation with other Nordic EUSE organizations, is involved in a joint Nordic development project, is supported by the Norwegian NAV (Arbeids og velferdsetaten in Norway) and led by Arbeidsforskningsinstituttet in Oslo. This project is in 2010 in its final phase and will at the conference present the preliminary results.

The conference will focus on similarities and differences in the way different countries practice and think "Supported Employment".

Conference objectives:

- To help promote and develop the Supported Employment in the Nordic region
- To provide a forum for exchange of experience and Nordic cooperation.
- To discuss methods, conditions and outcomes.
- To be inspired by best practices
- Putting SE on the employment policy agenda

Conference themes

- In no order of priority

- Quality of Supported Employment
- Partners within Supported Employment
- Methods and target groups within the Supported Employment

- Competence in Supported Employment.

Participants

The conference is open to all who have an interest in Supported Employment. We are aiming at a broad group of participants, and we are approaching both practitioners, user organizations, policy makers, administration, teachers and researchers.

Dates

The conference will take place in Copenhagen on Thursday 10 and Friday the 11th June 2010. The conference venue is the Copenhagen Marriott, a modern conference hotel with all amenities, situated next to Copenhagen's canal, within walking distance from Tivoli Gardens, Town Hall Square and Strøget.

For those arriving on Wednesday afternoon, we have arranged a dinner at the Brew Pub. Registration for this event you will find at conference registration form. Note that this event is not included in the price.

Language

Conference language is Scandinavian (Danish, Swedish, Norwegian) and English. Keynotes will be held in English. Speakers in parallel sessions and workshops are free to choose between English and Scandinavian.