

# **Joint declaration from the presidents of the five FORSA Nordic countries**

The aim of this declaration is to strengthen collaboration and common understanding between the five Nordic countries in the joint association of FORSA Nordic. The declaration will be evaluated and revised at The Annual FORSA Nordic meeting every two year in relation to the Nordic Conference.

## **Responsibilities regarding to the NSWR**

The responsibilities concerning subscribers are described in the contract from 2010 between Francis and Taylor and the joint association of FORSA Nordic.

The national FORSA organizations are responsibly regarding recruitment of Chief Editor, Co Editor as well as the Editorial Board. Each national organization has a contact person represented in the Editorial Board who is responsible for information flow and contact between the national FORSA boards and NSWR Editorial Board.

## **Responsibilities regarding The Nordic Conference**

The Nordic Conference takes place every second year in one of the five Nordic countries. The FORSA conference has in recent years been organized in collaboration with NOUSA, and we hope that this collaboration continues.

The country in question has the responsibility to organize and arrange the conference in collaboration with an educational institution or other bodies. It is the wish of the presidents that the conference is a meeting place where service users, teachers, social workers, researchers and Ph.d. students in social work meet. The theme of the conference needs to be broad enough to enclose the many different perspectives and knowledge in social work practice and research.

The responsibility of organizing and arranging the conference is as follows:

2020 : Iceland

2022 : Norway

2024 : Sweden

2026 : Denmark

2028 : Finland

The country hosting the conference should appoint a contact person for the organizer of the next conference.

## **Sharing information about activities within the Nordic region**

The presidents of the five national associations have decided to actively share information about national activities and hereby strengthen the knowledge about activities across nations e.g. national conferences, web site information, national journals, awards for bachelor, master and Ph.d. research projects and publications.

The presidents have started a FORSA Nordic Facebook profile for this purposes. The national FORSA web sites will link to each other.

### **FORSA Network on...**

At the conference in Helsinki 2018, FORSA Networks where established across the five nations.

The idea is, that these networks can strengthen the collaboration between the nations in between the Nordic Conferences and be a part of the conferences with different kind of activities.

The FORSA Networks established in 2018 was:

- FORSA Network on power and user involvement
- FORSA Network on critical social work
- FORSA Network on gender, vulnerability and social work
- FORSA Network on practice research

Each network has a contact person, who will distribute information about the networks to the chair of the national organization, who will then make sure, that the information is distributed the other Nordic chairs.

### **Coordination of the collaboration between the five Nordic countries**

The president of the national FORSA hosting The Nordic Conference has the responsibility for organizing meetings and further collaboration between the five countries until the next conference.

The president in question will be responsible for arranging the FORSA Nordic meeting at the conference as well as meetings in between conferences if needed.

The president in question will be the contact person for NOUSA and Editors of NSWR.

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