

# **THE NORDIC PEACE CONFERENCE 14. - 15. JULY 2023**

## **INTERNATIONAL PEOPLE'S COLLEGE**

### **MONTEBELLO ALLÈ 1, 3000 HELSINGØR, DENMARK**

**FRIDAY 14. JULY**

**11.00 – 12.30: Arrival, Registration and Light Lunch in Arrival Hall.**

**12.30 -13.30: Opening session in the Big Hall**

**Welcome, by organizing committee**, Ida Harsløf & Hasse Schneidermann, Denmark  
**Welcome by Principal of International People's College**, Søren Launbjerg  
**Greetings to the Conference** from Municipality of Helsingør  
**Opening Song**: "Til ungdommen" by Nordahl Grieg (1936)

**The state of the world and the role of the peace movement**  
By Ingeborg Breines, Norway

**13.30 -15.30: Seminar in the Big Hall**

**Peace as a precondition for welfare and sustainable development**

The purpose of this seminar is to develop cooperation between Nordic decision-makers and peace organizations from civil society on the development of Nordic peace policy - as a prerequisite for welfare and sustainable development.

**Welcome and introduction** by moderator, Hasse Schneidermann

**Introduction of Nordic Peace - "Norden – en kraft for fred!"**

Presentation, basis, experiences and challenges

By representative from the Icelandic Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers

**Introduction of sustainable peace and security policy**

Approaches to a sustainable security policy – a necessary consideration

By Steen Folke "Nej til oprustning – Ja til bæredygtig sikkerhed"

**Short break**

**Dialogue between presenters and audience on Nordic Peace**

**Closing of Seminar**

**15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break**

**16.00 -18.00: Seminar in the Big Hall**

**The Nordic countries and NATO**

**– a challenge facing the peace movement**

In this seminar, we intend to share analyses of the present situation in our four Nordic countries, with respect especially to our different relations to NATO, in order to develop our cooperation. What views and ideas unite us in the peace movement? What issues are difficult for us and perhaps divisive? Which are the promising paths to a sustainable peace in the Nordic area as well as the globe? What would you expect from our Peace Alliance? In what way can we benefit from cooperation in the Nordic countries? Specifically, we will include considerations on the issues of nuclear weapons, foreign bases and "special zones" as well as paths towards reclaiming the Nordic region as a nuclear free, neutral zone.

**Welcome and introduction** by moderator Thomas Wallgren, Finland

**The present situation in the Nordic countries**

Panel with representatives from peace organisations in Denmark (Tove Jensen), Finland (Gashew "Kaisa" Bibani), Norway (Kristine Mollø-Christensen) and Sweden (Eva Jonson)

**The Baltic Sea and demilitarisation**

By Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark, The Åland Islands Peace Institute

**Dialogue between presenters and audience**

**Closing of Seminar**

**18.00 – 19.30 Dinner with a program in Dining Room**

**19.30 – 21.00 Optional: Evening Café: The Danish song treasure**

Our favorite songs and mini-concert with Principal Søren Launbjerg

**19.30 Nice get together in the Common Room**

## **SATURDAY 15. JULY**

**08.00 - 09.00: Breakfast**

**09.00 -11.00: Seminar in the Big Hall**

### **Alternatives to war: If you want peace, prepare for peace**

The purpose of this seminar is to specify and examine some of the elements that constitutes the bases for peace. Elements that concerns our individual thoughts and ideas as well as national and international structures.

**Welcome and introduction: How do we prepare for peace?**

Moderator Liss Schanke, Norway

**Alternatives to conflict and war**

Ingeborg Breines, Norway

**A theory of peace: from deterrence to common security**

Karin Utas Carlsson, Sweden

**Short break**

**Peace Education now**

Hanna Niittymaki, Finland

**The role of a Ministry of Peace**

Hasse Schneidermann, Denmark

**Dialogue between presenters and audience**

**Closing of seminar**

**11.00 – 11.15: Coffee break**

## **11.15-12.45: Seminar in the Big Hall Building Bridges between the Peace and Climate Movements - Strategies and Actions**

Over the past decade, the intersectionality between peace and climate work has become ever more apparent globally. Organizations all over Nordic – and the world – have taken different approaches in tackling the marriage of these topics.

This seminar will showcase some of these different approaches and strategies so that we can learn from each other, and more importantly: inspire each other to build new movements and take brave approaches to solve the world's big problems.

Tim Liebenhoff, Norwegian Peace Association, will moderate the seminar and will give space to different organizations from across the Nordic region to share their experiences, strategies and approaches.

### **12.45 – 13.30 Lunch**

## **13.30 – 15.30 Seminar in the Big Hall The war in Ukraine. Experience, alternatives and solutions**

How can we work together to stop the war, via ceasefire and negotiation and in the longer term develop a Nordic sustainable peace and security policy.

**Welcome and introduction** by moderator, Ida Harsløf

**The mutual escalation and the danger of nuclear war**

By Tarja Cronberg, Finnish Peace Union and SIPRI

**The consequences of prolonged war and options for conflict resolution.**

By Jørn Boye Nielsen, RIKO (Rådet for International konfliktløsning), Danmark

**After the war – the peace and the common security policy**

By representative from the Olof Palme International Center, Sweden

**Short Break**

**Dialogue between presenters and audience**

**Adoption of a joint statement** to the Nordic Council and Nordic Council of Ministers

**Closing of seminar**

### **15.30 – 16.00: Coffee Break**

### **16.00 – 16.30: Summing up and next steps**

By Liss Schanke, Norway

### **16.30 End of Conference**

### **18.00 – 19.30: Party-Dinner with program, songs and speeches**

### **19.30: Nice get together in the Common Room**