The Nordic Conference on Integration

Active citizenship and negative social control in the Nordics

When: **Monday 16–Tuesday 17 November 2026**
Where: **Moltkes Palæ, Copenhagen**

Moderator: *Sanne Gram Fadel*, Denmark

Organisers: The conference is jointly organised by the Danish Ministry of Immigration and Integration, the Ministry of Trade and Industry in the Faroe Islands, the Nordic Council of Ministers and the Nordic Welfare Centre as a part of the 2026 Danish and Faroese presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers.

Programme

Monday 16 November

10:00 **Coffee and registration**

10:30 **Welcome and opening remarks**

Morning session: Combatting honour related conflicts and negative social control

Keynote: Freedom to Participate: Tackling Negative Social Control in Denmark

Stine Strohbach, Head of Department, National Centre countering Honour-based Conflicts (MÆRK), Denmark

Lived experiences: A life with negative social control
MÆRKs fortællerkorps (Lived experience speakers network, Denmark)

Comparing National Responses to Honour-Related Violence: Policy, Legislation and Organisation
Johan Rosquist, Senior Lecturer, Linnæus University, Sweden

National measures: Combatting negative social control
Sikkerhedskonsulenter (Security Consultants), MÆRK, Denmark
Mangfoldsrådgivere (Diversity Advisors), The Directorate of Integration and Diversity (IMDi), Norway

12:30 **Lunch**

13:30 **Afternoon session I: Pathways to active citizenship – Nordic perspectives**

Keynote: How being an active citizen in the Nordics is very different
Jonas Norgaard Mortensen, Director, Centre for Character Education, Denmark

Changing policy frameworks in the Nordics with focus on civic orientation courses
Hjördis Gudmundsdottir, Research Fellow, Nordregio

Active citizenship and the civic turn of integration in the Scandinavian welfare states
Karin Borevi, Professor, Södertörns högskola, Sweden

Belonging, Participation and Inclusion: Marriage Migrants in the Faroe Islands
Runa Preeti Ísfeld, Assistant lecturer and program director, University of the Faroe Islands

14:45 **Coffee**

15:15 **Afternoon session II: Active citizenship: Status and practical examples**

Nordic key trends and figures
Trine Skriver Høholt Andersen, Senior Adviser, Nordic Welfare Centre

Promoting active citizenship: Barriers and opportunities for active participation Advice for policymakers

Immigration office (Útlendingastovan), Faroe Islands
David Im and *Durita Kastalag,* Integration Coordinators

The Multicultural Council in Hafnarfjörður, Iceland

Stiftinga Grannehjelpa (Neighbourhood help), Kvam, Norway
Sarifa Moola-Nernæs , PhD, Project Manager

ETNO Advisory board, Finland
Peter Kariuki, Senior Specialist, Ministry of Justice

Samhällsorientering Malmö, Sweden
Linda Axmarker, rektor och ansvarig för samhällsorienteringen, Malmö stad
Mikael Stigendal, professor i Sociologi, Malmö universitet

Panel Discussion

16:45 **End of the first day**

18:00 **Conference dinner for all participants**

Tuesday 17 November

9:00 **Coffee and arrival**

9:30 **Morning session: Conflicting host country expectations and family norms**

Keynote: Shifting Norms — Extreme Nordic Values and Social Boundaries
Bi Puranen, Secretary General, World Values Survey, Sweden

Research on social control and honour-related violence

Parenting in a new country: Conflicting norms and social control
Ingrid Smette, research professor, NOVA, OsloMet, Norway

Re-Education Trips and Involuntary Stays Abroad: Findings from a New Danish Study
Anika Liversage, professor mso, VIVE, Denmark

Promising practice: Examples on how to prevent honour-related conflicts in civil society organisations

Ulla Bang Steno, Social worker, Red Centre, Denmark
Heikki Parviainen, Miessakit Ry, Finland

Bahra Saleh, Riksorganisationen Glöm Aldrig Pela och Fadime, Sweden

Concluding remarks

11:45 **Lunch**

12:30 **End of conference**