



Integration Practices in Klaksvíkar Kommuna

Discussion Forum in Klaksvík 01 June 2017

The aim of the discussion forum is to allow for experts from the Intercultural Cities Programme to meet and listen to key stakeholders in the public and private sector about their area of work and experiences related to integration. The focus of the discussion is not only for stakeholders to presenting their work but also an open conversation expressing challenges, reactions to the changes, and/ or thoughts about the matter. From the discussion forum, the experts will have gathered detailed information and insight about Klaksvíkar Kommuna and will prepare and present a review as well as assessment and assistance tailored to our local context. (Information about the experts attached at the end of the document.)

The discussion forum also serves to build a network for stakeholders to connect, share and build knowledge with each other, dialogue on different aspects of each stakeholders' work, and to support each other.

Venue: Býráðshøllin, Klaksvíkar Kommuna.

Languages: Faroese and English.

Event Format: Presentation and a discussion for the first half of the day and thematic plenary sessions for the second half.

Event Organizers:

On behalf of Klaksvíkar Kommuna and Intercultural Cities Program

Phil Wood, *principal advisor*, and Irena Guidikova, *Head of Division*, Intercultural Cities, Council of Europe & David Im, *integration coordinator*, Immigration Office, the Faroe Islands.

Programme:

Thursday 1st June	
09.00-09.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Opening Speech by the Mayor • Speech by Member of City Council or from administration • Integration Committee representative's introduction and presentation • Concluding and Transition presentation by Integration Coordinator
10.00-11.00	ICC and index results presentation
11.15-12.00	Open Discussion
12.00-13.00	Lunch and Interaction
	Thematic Discussions <i>(Each theme will use last 10-15 minutes for questions, comments, or feedback)</i>
13.05-14.15	<p>Language The Faroe Islands does not have an integration law or a compulsory requirement for newcomers to learn Faroese. Municipalities are responsible in providing Faroese lessons with financial support from the Ministry of Education. Individuals responsible and involved will share their work, teaching approach, and experiences from both teaching and interactions in the classroom with students.</p>
14.15-15.25	<p>Labor Market Integration Similar to other countries, having an occupation hand-in-hand with the one's qualification or education for immigrants is still a rarity in the Faroes. In this discussion, invited employers will share their experiences and the impacts hiring immigrants, a researcher from the Faroese university's thoughts on the missing gap between immigrants and labor market, and lastly, what the unemployment scheme is doing in this area.</p>
15.30-16.30	<p>Services and organizations in the city Representatives from services and organizations will share about their work and their integration approach along with their thoughts and/ or challenges. The healthcare service to families, religious organizations, and the city library will be represented in this thematic discussion.</p>
End of the first day	
Friday 2nd June	
10:00-12:00	Meeting with the mayor, municipal director, development director, and other city officers.
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00 -16:00	On-spot visits to the Entrepreneurhouse, language learning, and library