

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