

UNACCOMPANIED MINORS IN THE NORDIC

(Social work in a changing society) Practical social work is a field that always needs to develop its actions and interventions in line with changes taking place in the society. In recent years a large number of unaccompanied minors' asylum seekers have come to the Nordic countries. The numbers have increased year by year, and Sweden has received the largest amount of these young people.

The Nordic countries have faced a lot of practical challenges which for some are completely new. There is a need for more knowledge about how the reception and care of these children and young people differs between countries, similarities, and what the countries can learn from each other. The Nordic Centre for Welfare and Social Issues have therefore started a project regarding this issue in 2016.

The needs and challenges can be different in each country but there can also exist areas of knowledge where the countries can benefit from each other's experiences. The project has examined which areas of knowledge that should be developed from a Nordic perspective. Can we learn from each other and are there examples of promising practices for creating integration and prevent marginalization?

In this seminar we will discuss knowledge from research on the prevention of marginalization and give examples of how different regions have managed the reception, care and integration of the unaccompanied minors.

Type of session: 60 min workshop