# Fifth Nordic Conference on Adult Learning



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# Welcome

#### **Dear colleague**

Welcome to Iceland, welcome to the University of Iceland; School of Education, and welcome to the Fifth Nordic Conference on Adult Learning.

During the last seven years I have been fortunate to participate in various Nordic conversations on Adult Learning. This has been a most enjoyable and fascinating learning experience and a time for personal growth.

It is therefore I feel honoured and happy to welcome you to this event.

In the Nordic countries we often say we have a culture of discussion, and I am sure many of us agree that we have often participated in inspiring discussions with colleagues from our neighbouring countries.

It seems to me that the reasons these Nordic conversations are so useful is partly that we are so much alike, that we understand each other (obviously as we all spoke Icelandic a few centuries ago) and partly that we are different enough to be able to learn from each other.

Of course Nordic connections historically reach further than to the five Nordic countries.

We have deep, but very poorly documented connections to the northern and western parts of the British Isles, and early connections to Newfoundland. Therefore it is even more encouraging to have colleagues from these parts of the north participating in this conference.

During the last conference we were encouraged to stimulate discussions and get practitioners to participate in this conference, which has usually been dominated by academics. I am happy to see that about half the participants are so called "practitioners"

We are sure that by acknowledging this suggestion we have managed to create a forum for interesting discussions, inspiring conversations and a useful exchange of ideas and practices.

There is a suitable number of interesting papers to discuss and ample time to converse each theme. I am sure that we will all have an opportunity to contribute and will return home much richer than we came.

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# Program

<b>4TH MARCH</b> MONDAY EVENING	18:00-19:00	Registration and informal get together in Venue: The Faculty of Education
5TH MARCH	8:30	Registration for people who arrived late
TUESDAY	9.00	Welcome and practical information (in H207)
	9:20	Keynote 1: Andreas Fejes: The role of theory in research on the education and learning of adults
	10:10	Coffee break
	10:30	Parallel Session 1 (Session A in H001 & Session B in H206)
	12:00	Lunch
	13:00	Parallel Session 2 (Session C in H001 & Session D in H206)
	14:30	Coffee
	15:00 -16:30	NVL Symposium (In H207)
	16:30	End of working day
	18:00	City walk with professional guide to Conference Dinner. Meeting point in Reykjavik Harbour (place to be announced)
	19:00	Conference Dinner (Iðnó)
6TH MARCH	9:00	Interview and discussions
WEDNESDAY	9:20	Keynote 2 (in H207): Ingibjörg Elsa Guðmundsdóttir How can research and theory support the practice of adult educa- tion? (Working Title)
	10:10	Coffee break
	10:30	Parallel Session 4 (Session E in H001 & Session F in H206)
	12:00	Lunch
	13:00	Parallel Session 5 (Session G in H001 and Session H in H206)
	14:30	Coffee
	15:00	Fishbowl discussion, summing up of conference (in H207). Bjarne Wahlgren will sum up and lead the fishbowl discussion
	16:30	Conference closing

# Meeting points of theory and practice

## Parallel Session 1 Tuesday 10.30 - 12.00

Session A in H-001	<b>Blended learning in vocational training</b> Henriette Duch (HEDU), Lene Mark, Hanne Wacher Kjaergaard
	Problem based learning as a cultural tool for health and safety learning in a multi-national company
	Søren Henrik Adam, Eva Petersson Brooks
	<b>Intersubjectivity in entrepreneurial education</b> Timo Nevalainen
Session B in H-206	<b>Erosion of theory and practice in adult education?</b> Anja Heikkinen
	Cogenerative learning and research – heterogeneity and reflective leadership

Robert Skaresund

### Parallel Session 2 Tuesday 13.00 - 14.30

Session C in H-001	How can dialogue enhance the learning experience of older adults (45+) in higher education? Chris McAllister, Grace Poulter
	<b>Learning in later life and the U3A movement in Norway</b> Sigvart Tøsse
Session D in H-206	How can active citizenship be learned? Annika Turunen
	<b>The next step?</b> Bruce Spencer & Jennifer Kelly
	Why LLL should be moved to the central stage of the system of education Jón Torfi Jónasson

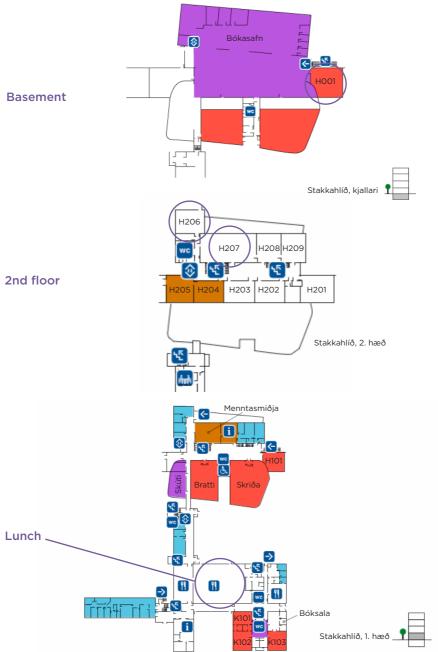
## Parallel Session 3 Wednesday 10.30 - 12.00

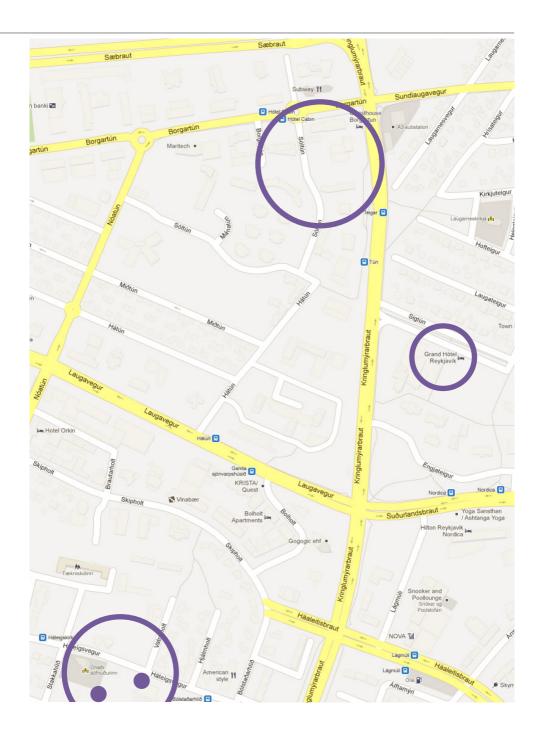
Session E in H-001	<b>Managing learning in management</b> Christian Tang Lystbæk
	Producing subjects in beauty school advertisement – a question of gendered knowledge and consumerism
	Eleonor Bredlöv
	Finnish teachers' experiences of internal and external evaluation as a tool for development Päivi Atjonen
Session F in H-206	<b>Teaching judging and judging teaching in teacher education</b> Birthe Lund & Lars Lindhart,
	<b>Changes in teaching habits reported by folk high school teachers after having the opportunity to watch themselves teach on video</b> Eva-Marie Harlin
	How and why teachers try to make students think Jonna Lappalainen

## Parallel Session 4 Wednesday 13.00 - 14.30

Session G in H-001	From working life into higher education Per Andersson
	Job training and developing further competences for workers in elementary schools other than teachers
	Hidur Betty Kristjánsdóttir & Valgeir B. Magnússon
Session H in H-206	<b>Can distance education support rural development</b> Hróbjartur Árnason
	Adult education and social capital in local communities Palle Damkjær Rasmussen
	<b>Educating for decolonization: Interculturality in the Andes</b> Robert Aman







## Informal get together Monday 18-19

#### **RESTAURANTS CLOSE TO VENUE:**



- **1** Potturinn og pannan Good Icelandic ingredience, buffet
- 2 American Style Hamburger
- **3** Pítan Pita with meat, fish or falaffel
- 4 Vox in Hotel Hilton Nordica
- 5 on Suðurlandsbraut: East of Hotel Hilton, many Asian restaurants

Many more interesting restaurants downtown. e.g.

Fishmarket rather expensive

- Grillmarket rather expensive
- Icelandic Fish and Chips reasonable price
- Sægreifinn reasonable price
- Marina newest hip and cool bar and hang out

## Social program Tuesday evening





#### Culture and history walk Reykjavík downtown

Meet at "Mýrin" in the harbor and take a short walk through old downtown Reykjavík with a guide – interesting stories and sights -. The tour ends at the Iðnó Restaurant for the conference dinner.



#### Conference dinner Restaurant Iðnó

For those who have not registered yet please let us know if you will be attending the dinner.

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