

# 3 Months in Iceland with Norway Grant



# The Test

Life Long Learning?

No age, gender, race, nationality limits?

Scholarship program for 3-6 months?

Leaving my job (& family) for this amount of time?

Getting to be enlightened that - for now -

I became a "SENIOR EXPERT"?

**ALL NEW, LET'S TEST THEM!**



# The Norway and EEA Grants

- Contribution of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway
- Reducing economic and social disparities
- Strengthening bilateral relations with 16 EU countries in Central and Southern Europe.



# The IDEA

ECNAIS

Partner- and Friendship

Fitting to the Grant

Establishing the  
connection

➤ First emails

➤ Positive answer

Submitting the application





# Aims and Goals

- To gain insight into the operation of a civic organization of a country - at least in its size - like mine.
- To observe the life of the host organization from the viewpoint of the economic crisis: problems, methods, solutions for the member schools and for families.
- To learn – through close observation – the secret of their success.
- To adapt some (or all?) of their good practices and know how to strengthen my organization in Hungary.



# The 2 Organizations

**Hjallastefnan**

**Association of Hungarian  
Independent Schools**

*some* **SIMILARITIES**

**Operates in a small country**

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**Operates all over the country**

**Operates all over the country**

**INDEPENDENT educational  
institutions**

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**Has a chairperson and a board**

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**Fights for rights of independent  
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**Has got its own rules and quality  
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**Hjallastefnan**

**Association of Hungarian  
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*some* **DIFFERENCES**

**17 schools**

**110 schools**

**Basic curriculum for all:**

**Every school has its own  
curriculum**

**The Hjalli Model**

**Maintains all its member  
schools**

**No maintenance of the  
members, only  
representing the same  
interest**

**Very close and personnel  
connection**

**More of just an official  
connection**



# **At the observation during the 3 months of internship my points were:**

- **Keeping connection with members.**
- **How does they – as an organization – maintain themselves?**
- **Forms and methods of effectuate the advocacy work. Strategy and tactic of maintaining of interest.**
- **Conflict handling and problem solving within the organization.**
- **Method of taking warranty for legal and professional work of its members.**
- **Building of the organization, legitimacy of the work.**
- **How does the organization affect and influence its immediate and also wider environment through its members (schools and kindergartens)?**



# Modus Operandi

- Job shadowing
- Taking part in daily life
- When living in Iceland, live as the Icelanders:
  - find your way of learning
  - work hard the whole week
  - ask if you have questions
  - learn to organize yourself by the Icelandic way

# Being an Intern



- Be brave!
- Be open!
- Ask, and ask for help if needed!
- Learn as much as possible!
- Find jolly moments!
- Look and see!
- Change, if needed!



# Being a Host

- Answer the emails!
- There are no self evidences!
- Be as generous as possible!
- Keep the intern always posted!
- She/he came to learn: so teach!



# Home Again Thoughts

**Iceland mesmerized me.**

**3 months in another life mesmerized me too.**

**I got new goals, new perspectives with new tools at hand.**

**Make sure that all the above mentioned are needed at home, be prepared for fight against envy and jealousy.**

**Encourage your fellow colleagues to except the challenge.**



A photograph of the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) over a body of water with icebergs. The sky is dark with a dense field of stars, and the aurora displays vibrant green and yellow-green light patterns. The water below is dark, reflecting the light from the sky, and several large, white icebergs are scattered across the surface.

**6 Minutes of Entertainment**

**Frá Íslandi**

