

SEMINAR | MCM

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**'Nordic' light on freedom
and independency:
the non-public schools in the
Northern part of Europe**

The independent schools in Europe are more or less based on the fact that their right of existence is founded on the acknowledgement of parents to build and run a school with values – e.g. values defined by a minority – defined by themselves and the community around the school. (The variety of values makes it possible that in ECNAIS we talk about “diversity” as strength.)

Values do make a difference. However, it's important to know that values have a practical meaning: respect for the human being, the world, the nature and the environment; respect for different opinions and religions and for self-discipline. These values are defined and worked within clear frames, expectations and, most important, in professional teaching. If an independent school would be a person, the values would be the persons' basic characteristics.

Values are of great importance to all working and acting in school. The heads of the schools see values as “the red line” and they base their role and legitimation upon them. For parents values are important when choosing a specific school for their children. For the teachers and pupils the values seem to be more unspecific: to them it's more like “living the school in everyday life”.

In the seminar we will, among others, especially raise the following questions:

- What does it mean to be an independent school in the northern/north European countries?
- Are there similarities - political or pedagogical - or are there big differences concerning the conditions and settings between independent schools in the northern/north European countries and the rest of Europe?



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Professionalism in the context of creativity and collaboration**

Thursday 17 th November	
NORDIC EMBASSY	
8:45	WELCOME & REGISTRATION
9:15	<p>OPENING OF THE SEMINAR – SECTION I</p> <p>Simon Steen ECNAIS Chairman</p> <p>DCICIS representative Danish Council for International Cooperation for Independent Schools</p> <p>A representative of the Nordic Embassy on the possibilities of the community</p> <p>A Danish politician On a closer examination of the balance between the sovereign institutions, the public and the state. He will elaborate on the freedom of schools versus their responsibility for the community (state and society)</p>
10:30	COFFEE-BREAK
11:00	<p>Brian Degn Mårtensson Danish pedagogical philosopher and author</p> <p>A lecture on the confluence of pedagogy and politics. Pedagogy forms the society and by definition is always normative. Yet, upbringing and education are meaningless terms if their aims are not discussed. His speech will be “spiced” with examples from the latest Nordic debate on the subject. Dialogue included</p>
13:00	LUNCH
14:00	<p>Part one of the afternoon session Representatives from five Nordic countries will each refer to a specific aspect of the theme of the seminar. They will show how their schools act in relation to the requirements and purposes in their national situation Dialogue included</p>
15:30	COFFEE-BREAK
16:00	Part two of the afternoon session
17:30	CLOSURE
19:30	DINNER Plaza Hotel restaurant

Friday 18 th November	
FILM HOTEL	
9:00	School visit
12:30	LUNCH
14:15	<p>THE SEMINAR – SECTION II</p> <p>Eric Bloemkolk SOCIRES, The Netherlands</p> <p>A talk about inclusion in society and how it offers a framework for reflection on inclusion in education. Dialogue included</p>
15:30	COFFEE-BREAK
16:00	<p>Pavla Katzová SSŠČMS, Czech Republic Association of Private Schools of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia</p> <p>About inclusion in education as a step up to next year’s seminar in Prague on this theme. Dialogue included</p>
17:15	CLOSURE OF THE SEMINAR
19:15	DINNER Restaurant Belmondo

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Saturday 19 th November	
PLAZA HOTEL	
9:00	Management Committee Meeting
12:00	Lunch will NOT be served after the meeting

