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

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17 schools
Basic curriculum for all:
The Hjalli Model
Maintains all its member schools
Very close and personnel connection

some DIFFERENCES

Association of Hungarian Independent Schools

110 schools
Every school has its own curriculum
No maintenance of the members, only representing the same interest
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.
6 Minutes of Entertainment

Frá Íslandi
6 Minutes from Iceland-Hjallastefnan