

# NBK 2024

THE NORDIC CONGRESS ON CHILD WELFARE



Oslo  
Norway  
Sept 2 - 4  
2024

## Theme:

**The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in Policy and Practice  
- What can we learn from the other Nordic countries?**

## Call for abstracts

*The Nordic Committees on Child Welfare Organizations welcomes you to the next Nordic Congress on Child Welfare, NBK 2024 in Oslo, Norway, September 2-4, 2024. This is an opportunity to engage with people from all of the Nordic Countries and beyond who feel passionate about protecting children and supporting families.*

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) is the basis of all our work in the child welfare services and cover all aspect of a child's life and set out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights that children are entitled to. However, the Children's Human Rights are under threat (mental health challenges, access to health and social services, education), especially those who live in the most vulnerable situations, i.e. children in care, due to poverty and the economic crisis, the coronavirus, lack of a safe and healthy childhood and parental care, systemic racism (poverty, overrepresented in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems) and migration. The UNCRC is also emphasising that governments must work together to make sure all children can enjoy their rights. From here we have identified the following overarching theme of the NB 2024 is:

**'The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in Policy and Practice - What can we learn from the other Nordic countries?'**

Researchers, scholars, politicians, practitioners and students are invited to submit abstracts for oral presentations and/or poster presentations. More information about how to submit abstracts is provided on the next pages.

**The information is also available on [www.nbk2024.com](http://www.nbk2024.com)**

## NBK 2024

The Nordic Congress on Child Welfare, NBK 2024 is organized by:

Norway: Norsk Barnevernsamband  
Denmark: Børnesagens Fællesråd  
Færøylene: Barnaverndarstova Føroya

Finland: Centralförbundet för Barnskydd  
Iceland: Barna- og fjölskyldustofa  
Sweden: Stiftelsen Allmänna Barnhuset

## Oral paper presentation

The oral paper presentation may be authored by an individual or by a group. The abstract should be in line with the main theme of the conference and linked to the conference's sub-themes. The oral presentation will be grouped in parallel sessions based on the sub-themes. The abstract submitted should be 300 words or less. Each paper is allocated 20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for discussion. More information about the abstract is provided below.

## Poster presentation

The poster presentation may be created by an individual or by a group and is to be displayed on a portable wall. At times, the author(s) of the poster will accompany it, to answer questions that people may have. To apply for a poster presentation, the author(s) must submit an abstract of a maximum 300 words. More information about the abstract is provided below.

## Guidelines

The following guidelines for all kinds of presentations are advisory. If you think there are good reasons to amend them, please feel free to do so.

If your abstract is for a presentation based on one or more empirical research projects, it should include the following:

- Background and purpose: Description of the problem, study objectives, research questions and/or hypotheses
- Methods: Study design, including a description of participants and selection strategies, data collection procedures, measures, and analysis
- Findings: Specific results in summary form
- How the presentations address one or more of the conference's aims and themes
- Conclusions and implications: Description of the main outcome(s), of the study and implications for practice, policy or further research
- If your abstract is for a presentation which is not based on primary empirical research, it should include the following:
  - Background and purpose of the presentations
  - A summary of the main points of the presentation
  - How the presentations address one or more of the conference's aims and themes
  - Conclusions from and implication of the presentation for practice, policy or further research

## Submission instructions

All abstracts must be relevant to the central conference theme and subthemes. Preference will be given to abstracts that are strongly linked to the conference theme and subthemes, so we encourage authors to show this explicitly.

Authors are invited to submit abstracts to the conference. Abstracts should be submitted through the abstract submission form. All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by referees.

## Deadline

January 5, 2024

## Submission guidelines for papers

- Abstracts must be written in English.
- Title (max 25 words): The abstract title should be in the initial capital case and then lower case, not all capitals.
- Author(s): Authors' names should be supplied as abstract registration form.
- Affiliation: All affiliations should contain institution, city and country.
- Abstract text: Abstract text should not exceed more than 300 words. Table and figures in abstract are not allowed. The only presentation available is oral.

## Conference sub-themes

All the abstracts should have a Nordic perspective in a broad sense and/or be of an innovative character. The sub-themes are:

1. CRC 35 year later: Status of the child welfare services/child protection services
2. The Overall Ideology of Child Protection: From Support to the Family to Children at Risk
3. Municipal Child Protection Services: Historical development, changes in services and legal framework, challenges in meeting the need of children and young people with mental health problems, Children and families living in poverty, future role, need for reform and innovation, systemic discrimination, family and network interventions: Possibilities and challenges
4. Child Protection Statistics: Comparison between the Nordic countries
5. Children and young people in out-of-home, foster care, residential care and after care: New directions?
6. Children and Parents Participation – tokenism or reality?
7. Criminal Justice: Children as perpetrators or vulnerable victims, early intervention
8. Unaccompanied Young Refugees/asylum-seeking children: The responsibility child protection services?
9. Family and network interventions: Possibilities and challenges
10. Child protection and climate change?

If you have any questions you can also send queries to the e-mail address on the last page. For further information on the conference please check the website frequently. And we recommend that you follow the conference Facebook page.

We hope that your participation in selecting parallel sessions and posters will ensure we have a quality programme.

**Save the date Sept 2-4 2024!**

**Congress registration will open in the spring of 2024**

**More information available at [www.nbk2024.com](http://www.nbk2024.com)**

**We are looking forward to meeting you in Oslo in September 2024!**

# Practical information

## DATE, CITY AND COUNTRY

NBK 2024 will take place sept 2 - 4, 2024 in Oslo Norway.

## WHERE

Oslo Kongressenter is a conference facility in the city center of Oslo. The Oslo Kongressenter is located about 10 minutes' walk from the Central Station.

The address is Youngs gate 21, 0181 Oslo, Norway.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

On Monday September 2, 2024 there will be a possibility for those who wish to participate in different study visits in Oslo. These will be published during spring 2024.

The conference programme will start in the morning on Tuesday September 3 and end after lunch on Wednesday September 4, 2024.

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## REGISTRATION

Registration to the congress for both participants and exhibitors will open during spring 2024. More information will be published shortly.

## COVID-19

The organizer of the Nordic Congress on Child Welfare, NBK 2024 follows all the advice and recommendations of the Public Health Agency in Norway due to the covid-19 pandemic. We would therefore like to draw your attention to the fact that a valid covid passport or recent negative PCR test may be required to participate physically at the Nordic Congress on Child Welfare. If circumstances so require, you need to be prepared for it.

In the event that the Nordic Congress on Child Welfare 2024 may not be carried out as planned due to restrictions, the conference will be rescheduled to a later time of the year. We do not cancel, in which case we will change and rebook all registered participants, lecturers and exhibitors.

## CONTACT

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