



Nordic Welfare Forum 2023

The vitality of the Nordic welfare model

Date and time: 2 June, start at 9.30 am and end at 16.30 pm (UTC+0, Icelandic time)

Starting time in Sweden, Norway and Denmark: UTC+2, 11.30

Starting time in Finland: UTC+3, 12.30

Place: Grand Hotel, Reykjavik and live streaming

Moderator: Thóra Arnórsdóttir

Programme

9.00 Registration starts

9.30 Welcome to the Nordic Welfare Forum 2023

Bjarni Sigurðsson, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Health, Iceland

Eva Franzén, Director, Nordic Welfare Centre

9.40 The Nordic welfare model and today's challenges

Welfare within the planet's boundaries

Anders Wijkman, Honorary Chairman of the of the Global Think Tank Club of Rome, Sweden

The Nordic welfare state challenged

Karl Ove Moene, Professor, University of Oslo, Norway

10.30–10.45 Break

Welfare states and crisis management

Stefán Ólafsson, Professor, University of Iceland, Iceland

Commentator: Eva Svedling, CEO, Global Challenges, Sweden

Discussion: Anders Wijkman, Karl Ove Moene, Stefán Ólafsson, Eva Svedling



11.45 Break

13.00 Greetings from the Icelandic Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers

Willum Þór Þórsson, Minister of Health, Iceland

13.10 The rising cost of living and distributional effects

The cost of living in a crisis – Results from hypothetical households

Michael Feldballe, Senior Advisor, NOSOSCO
Hjördís Harðardóttir, Ph.D., Statistics Iceland, Iceland

Moderator: Kristoffer Lundberg, Deputy Director, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Sweden

14.00 Living conditions for the most vulnerable

Childpoverty and the Nordic welfare state

Tone Fløtten, Managing Director, Fafo - Institute for Labour and Social Research, Norway

The welfare state's survival and the pressure on the most vulnerable

Jacob Arendt, Research Professor, The Rockwool Foundation, Denmark

Effects of economic turbulence on citizens and wellbeing economy in Finland

Anni Marttinen, Chief Economist, Soste - Finnish Federation for Social Affairs and Health, Finland

15.00–15.30 Coffee break

15.30 Wellbeing returns on social investments in turbulent times

Anton Hemerijck, Professor, European University Institute, Florence, Italy

16.00 A socially sustainable society – Closing words

Anders Ekholm, Vice President, Institute for Future Studies, Sweden

16.20 Greetings from the Swedish Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers

Jacob Forssmed, Minister for Health and Social Affairs of Sweden (video) (TBA)

16.30 End of the Nordic Welfare Forum 2023

