



International conference

## Response to Children and Youth Delinquency: Efficient Approaches to Navigate High Risk Behaviours

25-26 April, 2024 | Radisson Hotel Kaunas, K. Donelaičio St. 27, Kaunas

# PROGRAM

25<sup>th</sup> of April, Thursday

**11:00 – 11:55** Registration, welcoming coffee/tea and snacks

## OPENING

**12:00 – 12:20**

Helén Nilsson, Director of Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Lithuania  
Edita Žiobienė, Ombudsperson for Children's Rights in Lithuania

**12:20 – 12:50** Keynote speech (online) and Q&A

*Evidence-based interventions for preventing juvenile delinquency within social care – a scoping review of governmental reports in the Nordic countries.* **Ulana Hellberg**, Project manager, SBU, Swedish Agency for Health Technology Assessment and Assessment of Social Services, Sweden.

**12:50 – 13:30** Lunch buffet

## 1<sup>st</sup> SESSION

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**13:30 – 14:50**

*Tendencies in response to children and youth delinquency: general overview, legislation, national initiatives.* Moderator: **Kristina Stepanova**, Head of Family and Child Rights Protection Group, Ministry of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania

(Introduction before the session)

### Presentations

A presentation by **Elina Pekkarinen**, Ombudsperson for Children in Finland

*Do juvenile offenders in Norway have their rights fulfilled according to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child?* **Thov Midtsund Nordbø**, Senior advisor, Office of Ombudsperson in Norway

*Empowering marginalized neighborhoods: Community work programs in Denmark.* **Ulrik Lerbech Vinther**, Consultant, Centre for Urban Regeneration and Community Development, Denmark

*Tendencies in prevention of juvenile delinquency in Latvia.*

**Natālija Laveniece-Straupmane**, Senior Lawyer, Ministry of Justice, Latvia

**14:50 – 15:20** Coffee and networking

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SESSION

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**15:20 – 16:50**

*Addressing children and youth delinquency through institutional services and correctional treatment.* Moderator: **Virginija Klimukienė**, researcher and lecturer at Vilnius University, senior specialist at Resocialization coordination unit, Lithuanian prison service, Lithuania

(Introduction before the session)

### Presentations

*How does Norway organize/facilitate the execution of sentences for minors and young people?*

**Kristin Tandberg**, Senior adviser in the Norwegian Directorate for Correctional Services, Prisons and Probation, Norway

*Compulsory care of youth in Sweden. An overview of needs, challenges and progress.*

**Sara Lövenhag**, Head of the Research Unit, the Swedish National Board of Institutional Care, SiS, Sweden

*No child should be in prison - Estonian example of youth friendly legal system.*

**Taimi Nilson** Social Insurance Board, Closed Institution Services for Children, Estonia

*The functioning and change of children's socialisation centres in Lithuania.*

**Ignas Gaižiūnas** (Adviser, Ministry of Education, Science and Sports, Lithuania)

9:00 – 9:30 Coffee and networking

## 3<sup>rd</sup> SESSION

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9:30 – 11:00

*Models of community- based services in addressing delinquent behaviour*

Moderator: **Sigita Šimkienė**, President of Association of Cross-sectoral Cooperation Coordinators for the Support to Families and Children, Adviser at Kaunas City Municipality Administration, Lithuania

(Introduction before the session)

### Presentations:

*Versatile work of Icehearts: Purpose and effectiveness of preventive, long-term and comprehensive child welfare work.* **Miika Niemalla**, Managing director of Icehearts, Finland

*Investing in the Future through Passion: A Case Study of Fryshuset, a Swedish Youth Center.*

**Björn Berglund**, Manager, Fryshuset , Sweden

*Preventive efforts in working with children and young people at risk of crime.*

**Marie Hedengran Linnet**, Idrætsprojektet / Community Centre for Children and Young People & Centre for Vulnerable and Crime Exposed Young People, Denmark

*TFCO, secure care for antisocial youth without placement in Secure Care facilitates-how is it done and why?* **Lotta Höjman**, Deputy manager of institution at that same Secure Youth Home, SiS Ungdomshem Hässleholm, Sweden

### Discussion Q&A

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee and networking

## 4<sup>th</sup> SESSION

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11:30 – 12:50

*High Quality sustainable services in municipalities to address delinquent behaviour*

Moderator: **Monika Stankevičiūtė**, Director of Social Integration Institute, Lithuania

(Introduction before the session)

### Presentations

*Impact-oriented transfer of public services - Innovation Agency Lithuania example.*

**Simona Uvarovaitė**, Innovation Agency, Lithuania

*We Chose to listen and understand. An example from Šiauliai district municipality.*

**Loreta Matolienė**, Cross-sectoral cooperation coordinator of Šiauliai region municipality, Lithuania (presentation in Lithuanian)

*A long-term support for vulnerable children – results from the icehearts longitudinal study.*  
**Marjatta Kekkonen**, Senior Researcher, Public Health and Welfare Department , Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland

Nordic presentation (tbc.)

**12:50 – 13:00** Closing remarks

**13:00 – 14:00** Lunch

**Closing of the conference**

## PARTNERS



Ministry of Social Security  
and Labour of the Republic  
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