

Thematic Network of Social Work, University fo the Arctic



Situation according to indicators, jan. 2010.

- Number of institutions engaged: **6 in a working group supporting the coordinator, 27 registered institutions**
- Number of joint international publications produced: **0**
- Number of educational programs developed (for Undergraduate and Graduate strategic areas) **2**
- Number of exchanges (students and teachers) **0**
- Resources available for the work of Thematic Networks: **Approx. 24.500 Euros and 200 hours workload (which in real life has turned out to be much more) and the approx. five days each of the working group members spend.**
- Number of joint projects between Thematic Networks and other Arctic research, development, and governmental organizations: **0**
- Number of joint international research projects conducted: **There are applied for two projects.**
- Number of international and national conferences, symposia, and workshops organized: **0**

Goals and work plan for 2010

- **Number of joint international publications produced:**
Members of the working group are working on an article titled: "What is social work in the high north?"
Expected to be published autumn 2010.
- **Number of educational programs developed (for Undergraduate and Graduate strategic areas)**
Our UA masterprogram in social work starts by sept. 2010. This includes our 10 cr. Master course: "Social Policies in the High North".
We are also developing a 10 cr. course on bachelor level on the same topic. That will be netbased, and launched early 2011.
If the application turns out right, some institutions in our network are cooperating on development of phd. Courses I North West Russia, that also will be available for others.
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- **Number of joint international research projects conducted:**
We hope to start one project on social work for elderly, and we also see the project on phd. courses as important for research.
- **Number of international and national conferences, symposia, and workshops organized:**
We are working on a conference titled Supporting healthy communities through social work that we hope to run I cooperation with NHSK in 2011 in Reykjavik.

List of issues on what UArctic could do to make the TN visible driver of the Northern issues AND what your TN needs from UArctic administration

■ **Funding**

It is difficult to find money for capacity to coordinator, programs, conferences and research.

■ **UA has tools.**

We must learn how to use them! (And have time for that)

■ **Develop contact with other organisations**

This is mainly a TN task. But for our field Nordic and, European and global bodies are important, such as the Nordic organisation for soc.work educations. We must develop a way of sharing tasks with these.

■ **Continue organising meetings and training for coordinators and network organisers.**