

Conference:

Press freedom in a Nordic modern media landscape

May 2, 2016, 10-16 • Finlandia Hall, Helsinki

The Nordic Council of Ministers has freedom of expression, press freedom and quality in journalism on top of the agenda reaffirming that the Nordic countries are entitled to deliver results as media freedom is a prerequisite for the development of our democracies.

Besides emphasizing a steadily improvement of press freedom inside the Nordics, it is a duty to contribute to media freedom globally. This conference links the two obligations.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

10.00 Opening of the conference

- Minister of Transport and Communications, Anne Berner (FIN)
- President of Nordic Federation of Journalists, Thomas Spence (N)

AM session: The current state of the Nordics

10.15 Nordic legislation concerning media

- An assessment of legislation on media and journalists in the Nordic countries, by the director of IPI, Scott Griffen (A)
- Access to information act, professor em. Oluf Jørgensen (DK)

10.50 Impact of legislation and civic society on media freedom, equality, and safety

- Moderator, president of the Finnish Union of Journalists, Hanne Aho (FIN)
- Journalist at Kringvarp Føroyar, Liljan Weihe (FO) about a libel case
- Executive director of the Modern Media Institute in Reykjavik, Guðjón Idir Guðnýjarson (IS) on new Icelandic Media legislation
- Journalist Brigitte Alfter (DK) on the challenges of digital media
- Senior researcher Aina Landsverk Hagen (N) on online threats against journalists
- Member of the Swedish Press Associations' Joint Ethics Committee, Ulrica Widsell (S) on self-censorship

12.00 New voices, new dimensions – refugee journalists in Nordic media

- Moderator, journalist at Information, Charlotte Aagaard
- Syrian refugee journalist Lilas Hatahet

- Syrian refugee journalist Ali Alabdallah
- Iranian refugee journalist Leila Saadati

13.00 Lunch break

PM session: Nordic contributions to the international development

14.00 PM session opening

- Dagfinn Høybråten (N)

14.15 Dunja Mijatovic, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, key note speaker on the development of media freedom

14.45 Media development organizations in the Nordic countries has increasingly contributed to media freedom globally. How should they continue?

- Moderator: Albana Shala (NL), president of the UNESCO's IPDC presents her view on how the Nordic countries could and should improve their global partnership.
- Director of International Media Support, Jesper Højberg (DK)
- International director, Fojo Media Institute, Johan Romare (S)
- Professor Kristin Skare Orgeret (N)
- Director of Vikes, Juha Rekola (FIN)

15.30 Open space debate

Meet of your choice the four Nordic experts (above). Discuss, propose ideas, and be a part of the development of the international support of media freedom. Proposals will be considered and added to the recommendations from the conference.

16.15 Plenum and Conclusions

Panelists present their results from the open space debate. The conference presents its conclusive statement including recommendations for future work and the continuation of elements from the conference.

16.45 Closing remarks

- Minister of Culture Bertel Haarder (DK)

Subject to changes.

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