



Home and School – National Parent Association in Iceland

Current projects and affairs

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- Lýsa – The Rock Festival of Conversation in Akureyri (similar to the Almedalen Week in Sweden, Folkemødet in Denmark and Suomi-Areena in Finland)
- Collaboration with the Faculty of Education at the University of Iceland, teaching university students and preparing educational events for parents
- Next week we'll be launching new videos for parents in collaboration with other NGO's, Reykjavík municipality, and the Icelandic Center for Social Research and Analysis
- Preparing a magazine with Vodafone for parents and carers about children and technology
- Updating our membership system
- Just started a campaign with a sexologist called Sigga Dögg – Who am I? Tackling self-image, making healthy boundaries, sex, porn and sexting and staying safe online – various online issues influencing young people's self-image
- Kids with kids, a collaborative project against bullying and building prevention in that respect using methods of peer to peer education and experiential learning
- Planning visits with our chairman around the country and introducing the Parental Consensus for class representatives
- Taking over the day against bullying (8.November) from the Directorate of Education
- NIKK Nordic collaboration on sexual harassment in schools and bullying (#metoo moving forward)
- Educational material and lessons, committees and collaboration



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Various projects







Smarttalk

- Many students have a class chat on social media
- Class Consensus on what is allowed and what not in the class chat on social media
- Posters and teaching module
- They make there own criteria

Politics

- New OECD report with emphasis on education in Iceland. Well-being economy Governments
- Continued emphasis on reading
- Efforts to increase the number of teacher students seem to be working, 200 more applications between years and more male students
- New quality standards for after-school programs
- Efforts to promote vocational training, increased contributions
- One teaching licence instead of two in the beginning of 2020
- Preparation of educational policy till 2030
- Review of primary school curricula and assessment of its implementation
- Inclusive education for all, how to make it work? Reduce fences in the system, early intervention, professionals in schools – project across ministries
- School refusal/avoidance, call to measures (relates to mental health and welfare)

Stress is an issue

- A societal call for shortening the work week
- Long working hours for children as well
- Stress and time constraints are taking their toll on parenting, most parents feel stressed and out of balance
- Need for more parenting education
- Absence of parents directly influences behavior
- The role of schools is changing and they need to support parents in their parenting
- Redefine the relationship between homes and schools
- Always new parents that need to hear the same things as others before