

EAPN Iceland – Annual report

18. APRÍL 2017- Sjálfbjargarhúsinu

Attendance:

Representatives from those member organisations/ institutions attended the meeting: Hjálparstarf kirkjunnar, Geðhjálp, Bót, Samhjálp, Félag einstæðra foreldra, Sjálfsbjörg, Kærleiksbjónusta kirkjunnar, Velferðarvakt Suðurnesja, Hjálpræðisherinn og Öryrkjabandalag Íslands.

Representatives from Hagsmunasamtökum heimilana did not have a representatives in the meeting.

All events and projects that were formally introduced in the reports of EAPN Iceland and PEP EAPN Iceland are listed together later in the report under the 4 pillars of EAPN Europe.

- Policy areas
- Projects Campaigns & Alliances Network
- Development & Capacity-Building
- Network Development & Capacity-Building

1. Election of chair of the meeting and minutes takers

- Chair: Vilborg Oddsdóttir
- Minutes: Magnea Sverrisdóttir
- Approved with appreciation.

2. Annual report.

- The annual report of EAPN Iceland for 2016 was introduced.
- Approved with appreciation.

3. Financial report from 2016

- EAPN Iceland financial report 2016 introduced.
- A mistake did happen and the board did miss a deadline to apply for a governmental fund in the second part of the year. The board takes responsibility and insured the meeting that that will not happen again.
- The financial report was accepted with appreciation.

4. Financial and project plan for 2017.

- Financial and project plan for 2017 introduced and approved with appreciation.

5. EAPN constitution

- The meeting did not receive any formal suggestion changes for the EAPN Iceland constitution. All members did receive offers to change the constitution in legal timeframe with Icelandic law.

6. Board

The board is full and nobody is term in the board is running out so the EAPN board will be the same for the year 2017 as in 2016. Opportunity was given to volunteer for the board on the meeting, nobody did so. EAPN Iceland board was approved with applause.

7. Election of two persons to prove the financial report for 2016.

They were elected by the meeting: Ragnheiður Sverrisdóttir and Þorbera Fjölvisdóttir with appreciation.

8. Decision a annual fee.

- The meeting approved unanimously 25.000.- kr. Annual fee for EAPN Iceland 2017.
- The annual fee will know be sent out to members right before the annual meeting.

9. Other issues

- Discussion about home page.
- It was discussed to make formal list of all EAPN Iceland events in 2017 formal and send to all members and have it visual on the homepage.

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Policy areas

- Des. Representatives from EAPN where called on a meeting with the human right board of the city of Reykjavik about poverty and media. Very good publicity in national media followed on the issue of poverty in Iceland.
- PEP representatives where invited 2 times formally to a board meeting of social affair in the City of Reykjavik.

- A representative from EAPN has a seat in social awareness committee founded by the government.
- EAPN representative has a seat in a committee of legal changes in social sector founded by the government.

- **Projects**

- Nov. Two representatives from PEP had a lecture in the University in Akureyri about poverty.
- PEP representative is active in a grass root group that has it aim to support single mother living on social benefits.
- Translation of the EAPN brochures.
- Planning of a social outreach in the form of a open house two times a month in the area of Breiðholt. The project is in cooperation with the church and social affair department of Reykjavik. The project was launched in spring 2017 with 20 volunteers.

Campaigns & Alliances

- Jan. Breakfast meeting – Theme – Nothing without us -about us. Good meeting and very well attended by the local and national politician's. Good discussions about the importance of having cooperation with people experiencing poverty in issues concerning official law concerning this group of people.
- Sept. PEP media group. Meeting of the people. Issue poverty angle of the media on issues concerning poverty. The meeting was well attended. It was highlighted that tendency of the media of skipping talking about the strength of people when they rise from poverty – put they want to have the focus on negative and „media friendly issues there is no way about of poverty“
- Nov. Annual day of poverty. A big breakfast meeting about food donations hosted by the ministry. Full house a very good official and NGO that have work in this field. A very good discussions and obviously a need for a venue for the needed discussion about this needed topic.
- Nov 17th – A formal visit of EAPN board the the residence of the president of Iceland. The president was given the winning picture of a competition that was made in some schools in Reykjavik with the topic – How does poverty in Iceland look like. The president accepted our gift and showed interest in EAPN and its work.

Network Development & Capacity-Building

- Open informal gatherings by PEP in Reykjavik.
- 2 barbeque family events – outside Reykjavik – very well attended
- Nov. EAPN board member went with 3 PEP people to a meeting in Brussels
- Representative went to a European meeting about food donation.
- EAPN Iceland have active representation in EAPN Europe EXCO committee and EU Inclusion Strategies Group in EAPN Europe.

Challenges

- Strengthen EAPN PEP work outside Reykjavik the focus will be on Akureyri and Keflavik.
- Get EAPN involved with SGD discussion on poverty on local and governmental level. EAPN Iceland wants to prepare a vision that could assist the authorities to develop a sustainable goals in the eliminate poverty in Iceland.
- Work toward sustainable financial foundation of EAPN Iceland.
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Vision for 2017

- It would be a great benefit for EAPN Iceland to have a permanent office and a part time employee that could be the central point of EAPN work and projects og EAPN.
- Make a PEP youth group.
- To participate in EMIN project in EAPN Europe
- Make a better homepage. A PEP member has been supported on a web course.
- National day of poverty
- Work a project on women and poverty and perhaps seek information from the other Nordic countries.
- Raise awareness on the issue on dental health of people living in poverty in Iceland.
- Make special working groups within the PEP about
 - Action group
 - Social media group
 - Web group.
 - Data base group – main goal to gather statistics about poverty in Iceland.

