

Updated list of members

13 members with 19 Ngos total

[Aleneforeldreforeningen](#)

[Bibi Amka](#)

[Convivencia](#)

Din Fremtid Forening

[Frelsesarmeen](#)

[FSA – Forening for Sosialt Arbeid/ICSW Norway](#)

[Hjertelyst](#)

[IHSG - Internasjonal helse- og sosialgruppe](#)

[Kirkens Bymisjon](#)

Mental Helse (Mental Health) Bamble www.mentalhelse.no

[Team Five](#), Volda

[Telemark innvandrerråd \(TIR\)](#) – Network of 7 NGO`s

1. Afrikansk kulturforening i Telemark
2. Palestinske kulturforening
3. Bamble og Omegn Internasjonale Forening, (BOIF)
4. Somaliske kulturforening i Telemark
5. Bamble somaliske forening

[Total Rehab](#)

Exco members 2016

President: Johanna Engen, Bibi Amka (Until GA March 2017)

Political deputy: Maurice Mokulu, Team Five

organizational deputy chairman: Ana Isabel Taylor Lopez; Telemark Innvandrerråd

Member: Reidun Berger, IHSG

Member: Liv Airin Fragaat Total Rehab

Member: Ann Beate Methi, - Single parents association Aleneforeldreforeningen

Employee Representative: Eva Oddveig Karlsen

- Activities each month of the year is described in the report at page 4 to 10 written in Norwegian.
- Influencing National Governments for Better Policies: Advocacy, Lobbying and Policy-Making linked to European Level developments

EAPN is lobbying during most of the year. Approximately 4 times a year we have 2 hours meetings with the minister and we meet parliament representatives regularly. We [we submit written submissions to](#) hearings and are following up with lobbying either to invite politicians to our arrangements or meet them in the parliament. Adequate income and right based approach for social assistance has been one of the matters which have been highlighted most. Other arrangements have been

- Participation of People Experiencing Poverty and Social Exclusion in Internal and External Workings of the National Network
EAPN Norway is a network where 90% of the members are self-organized. We have therefore a broad representation and participation of PEP.
- Development and Growth of the Network (including growth and training and capacity building actions)
2016 was a year with challenges in parts of the year were a few persons started a power struggle in the Exco. During the year 6 Ngos left the network including one who had to stop their activity because of lack of funding. 1 new became member in 2016. New NGOs become members in 2017 but that will be mentioned in our next report in 2018. We have arranged different training and capacity building seminars for or together with members.
- Governance and Internal Democracy (including internal governance, respect of statutory requirements, management in the network and funding).

Because that we are a democratic network of users of services we give people possibility to show their talent. We also have internal training where respect for statues and other organizational matters of relevance are conducted.

We have been focusing on increasing communication and cooperation skills to strengthen the unity, the board and the secretariat as well as in the network, to create spaces for mutual respect and equality.

Otherwise, we are working well with the main focus on:

1. Visible presence that provides a basis for security in cooperation.
2. Better and more effective communication.
3. Cooperation willingness to achieve a higher degree of achievement.
4. Real and positive change in our organizational culture
5. Rooms for visibility of our needs without evaluation and judgment
6. Creative and efficient utilization of all resources in our member organizations.

The Communication work carried under the different pillars should be included as well, either under each section or under a separate heading.

We get lot of response through social media and are sending press releases alone or together with other NGOs outside the network. We have arranged external meetings and conferences throughout the year. Especially at Arendalsuka <https://arendalsuka.no/1219>

in August each year we meet thousands of people each year through our stand or arrangements.

One of the arrangements at Arendalsuka with our members was two lectures with lecturers from Telemark Immigration Council and Team Five Auditorium at Arendal Library on Inclusion and Immigration.