

**10th European Meeting of  
People Experiencing  
Poverty**

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# THE YOUTH

- ◉ 44% of students in Norway do not complete secondary education at the prescribed age (before the age of 21 years).
- ◉ 8000 young people under 29 are disabled insured.



- Youth who have been out of work or school for many years, find it difficult to get into working life.

If they had been placed in occupations they are interested in, it would have been easier for them to resume/ start their work life.



# NON WESTERN IMMIGRANTS (NWI)

- ◉ There is discrimination against NWI in the Norwegian labor market.
- ◉ 70% of vacancies in Norway are met through social networks.
- ◉ Highly educated Non-Western immigrants are **excluded** from the labour market because of their weak social capital **(network)/age**.

- ◉ They are overrepresented in the primary occupations and underrepresented in professional occupations.



She is engineer



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- ▶ Employed immigrants work part time, and in temporary jobs.
- ▶ Africans always have the lowest employment rate and are the most discriminated against.



# DENTAL HEALTH

- People with missing front tooth/teeth, are socially **excluded** in the Norwegian community, including the **job seeking** arena.



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- ◉ Disadvantaged people cannot afford to visit the dentist, and could not participate as useful workforce.
- ◉ The Norwegian authorities do not consider this situation and some people fall into the poverty trap because of dental health.



# HOMELESS PEOPLE

- ◉ The homeless have no time for job seeking, because they use their time to find a place to sleep.



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- To get help with housing, homeless must have a confirmed extra problem that only a special health services office can provide; it takes 6-12 months to get it.



# SINGLE PARENTS

- ⦿ There are limited employment opportunities for single parents.
- ⦿ The labour market does not consider the situation of single parents.



- ◉ Single parents have to work a little less in order to have time for domestic work.



When could I have a full job?

