

An invitation to a Nordic conference

The effects of employment on the health and quality of life of the elderly

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Improvements in public health in the Nordic countries in recent decades have led to higher life expectancy, but the birth rate has also fallen, resulting in changes in the age profile of society. Therefore, it is foreseen that ever fewer individuals will contribute to the national product and the social welfare system in future. On the other hand, many senior citizens are fully prepared to go on playing an active role in society, and it has been demonstrated that being involved in employment has a beneficial effect on people's health and lifestyle.

The time is therefore ripe to examine policy in the Nordic countries towards the involvement of people in the older age groups in employment, both from the point of view of the individual and of the community. This will be the subject of a Nordic conference to be held at Hótel Nordica in Reykjavík in November, at which representatives from all the Nordic countries will meet and consider the effects that participation in the labour market has on elderly people. Attention will also be given to the attitude of the elderly towards employment, with a presentation of survey findings and examples.

The conference will be under the auspices of the Nordic Council of Ministers, which is chaired by Iceland this year. The Ministry of Social Affairs and Social Security will be organising the conference in collaboration with the Nordic Centre for Welfare and Social Issues, the Nordic School of Public Health, the Nordic Social Statistics Committee (NOSOSKO).

The language of the conference will be English, and details of the programme will be advertised later on the website: norden2009.is/arbejde-til-alle.

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