

# FORSA Nyhedsbrev december 2025

## Velkommen til FORSA-nyt

Julen nærmer sig, og det går godt i FORSA.

Vi har afholdt en succesfuld uge 34 og en velbesøgt efterårskonference i november.

I dette nummer kan du læse om følgende:

Vores store arbejde med at planlægge den store fællesnordiske konference i Aarhus til juni 2026. Der er deadline for abstracts d. 15. december. Vi håber at se mange af jer til konferencen.

NSWR har kontakte os for at sprede budskabet om, at der søges en associate editor. Vi vil opfordre interesserede til at søge - se link længere nede. NSWR er venner med FORSA, da tidsskriftet for et par årtier siden blev oprettet gennem det nordiske FORSA-samarbejde. I dag er det et veldrevet og anerkendt tidsskrift i socialt arbejde.

Vi ses i foreningen.

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## NSWR søger associate editor:

Der er deadline for ansøgninger d. 7/12. Læs mere i linket:

Link: [Associate editor oplysninger](#)

## FORSA/NASSW-konference d. 15.-17. juni 2026 i Aarhus

**Deadline for abstract: 15. December 2025**

### Tema:

### **Changes in the Nordic Welfare States and Consequences for Social Work**

The Nordic welfare States are frequently highlighted in international welfare debates as exemplary models of success. However, welfare states are dynamic entities that undergo continuous transformation. These transformations inevitably impact social work, often exerting pressure and presenting challenges to the profession. This conference seeks to examine the evolving landscape of social work and its interplay with changes in the welfare state.

Several political trends have notably influenced social work, including workfare policies and supply-side economic reforms characterized by ongoing adjustments in benefits and interventions. As a result, the Nordic countries no longer distinguish themselves by low inequality and low relative poverty, though welfare states still differ. The changing global structures, political climate, and prevailing ideologies are also evident in the Nordic context. Political debates and shifts concerning the scope and extent of the welfare state's social responsibilities are prominent, particularly in areas such as employment, care, child protection and integration. These developments necessitate a focus on service users and expanding areas of vulnerability.

In the area of governance, New Public Management has been predominant for several years. However, there is growing criticism of this approach and experimentation with alternative governance models, such as New Public

Governance, which emphasizes trust, inclusion, and partnerships. Organizational reforms and interprofessional collaboration are also pivotal, alongside an increasing recognition of civil society's essential role. Regarding citizens, the emphasis is on rights and fostering meaningful engagement, where service users are regarded as equal participants. However, professionals often experience dilemmas and cross pressure in practice.

The evolving perspective on knowledge also shapes development. The emphasis on evidence and evidence-based practice has been significant for several years, and more recently, the potential for data driven steering has gained attention. At the same time, the profession advocates for the inclusion of holistic, relational and reflective practice.

This conference aims to illuminate social work within the context of the Nordic welfare states' evolution over recent decades, exploring the implications for practitioners, citizens, education, and the profession.

The conference poses the following questions, among others:

- What new forms of participation characterize the development, and how do power and powerlessness appear for professionals and service users in contemporary social work?
- What do new political reforms mean for the handling of social problems and social efforts in a dichotomy between rupture and continuity?
- What do new governance measures mean for the practice of social work, the scope of action for social workers, and the situation of service users?
- How does the profession attempt to influence development towards professional ideals?
- How do educational institutions handle the changing situation?

#### **Topics for the conference Aarhus:**

Aging and care  
Families and child welfare  
Youth and social work  
Disability, Habilitation and rehabilitation  
Housing and homelessness  
Community work  
Mental health  
Migration and social work  
Crime and social work  
Substance use  
Gender, identity, sexuality and diversity  
Social Welfare and Poverty  
Activation and social work  
Interventions and implementation in social work  
Digital technology and social work  
Knowledge and social work  
Reflexive and therapeutic perspectives in social work  
Participation and social rights  
Civic society and social work  
Professionalization and organizational perspectives in social work  
Social work education

#### **Kommende webinarer**

6./1. kl. 15-16: Fleksjob og arbejdsmarkedet

v/ Finn Amby, Lena Kjeldsen og Edda Luth.

17./3. kl. 15-16: Mindstesats og arbejdspligt

v/Mathias Herup Nielsen

#### **Vil du være reviewer for Nordic Social Work Research (NSWR)?**

Orientering fra redaktører på NSWR:

“Our journal editors are continually looking for possible reviewers for articles.

You will find more information here:

[Nordic Social Work Research: Recruiting for Reviewers - Campaign Page Builder \(taylorandfrancis.com\)](https://www.taylorandfrancis.com)

## Ønsker du at abonnere på NSWR?

I forhold til det nordiske samarbejde er vi ved at komme på plads med vores fremtidige samarbejde omkring Nordic Social Work Research. Det er stadig sådan, at medlemmer af FORSA kan abonnere på tidsskriftet til en særlig årlig favørpris på 36 Euro. Det gør man ved at kontakte forlaget på [subscriptions@tandf.co.uk](mailto:subscriptions@tandf.co.uk) med ønske om abonnement som FORSA-medlem.

## Konferencer i socialt arbejde

16.03-17.03: ICOS

<https://icos2026.sciencesconf.org>

08.04-10.04: OBHC

<https://www.sbs.ox.ac.uk/events/organisational-behaviour-health-care-obhc-conference-2026>

15.04-17.04: ESWRA

<https://www.ecswr2026.org>

25.06-26.06: DARE

<https://www.zhaw.ch/en/sozialearbeit/weiterbildung/fachveranstaltungen/decisions-assessment-risk-and-evidence-in-social-work-dare>

01.06-03.06: FISS

<https://www.fissocialsecurity.org/conferences/upcoming/>

02.06-04.06: SLB

<https://www.cubb.aau.dk/slb-2026>

15.06-17.06: FORSA / NASSW

<https://forsa-nassw.via.dk>

31.08-02/09: TISSA

[Next Conference - Tissa](#)

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