

ICDP REPORT FROM FINLAND

2016 was a busy and exciting year for ICDP Finland!

We have teamed up with our Nordic colleagues by founding the organization ICDP Norden. The objectives of this organization are to support collaboration between the Nordic countries, to secure the quality of ICDP, to further the status of the programme and to stimulate research and programme development. The first Nordic meeting was held in Oslo on 23.11, with representatives from Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland.

On a national level ICDP has also been brought forth in discussions around the forming of the Finnish government's project LAPE, an effort to streamline and support municipal and state services to families and children in the country.

ICDP in Finland has now reached the impressive numbers of 17 educators, 130 facilitators and about 350 professionals, who have received the basic 4-day ICDP-training.

Many ICDP educators and facilitators around the country conducted trainings and groups within their own work place in the course of the year. In addition, the ICDP Finland Association trained 7 facilitators involved in the *Joy of Parenthood*-project in Porvoo as well as provided an in service training for facilitators within the Kårkulla samkommun (a service and care provider for people with disabilities in the Swedish speaking part of Finland) to help the previously trained facilitators keep up the good work by focusing on implementation issues within the organization.

A Guide for parents to youth aged 13-18 was translated and published in Finnish. To further support spreading the program to the Finnish speaking parts of Finland, a great effort has been put into publishing a Finnish ICDP training book, the manuscript is now translated from Swedish and we are currently looking for financing to publish it.

On April 8th, several Finnish presenters and participants traveled to the first ICDP Nordic research seminar in Stockholm, where 12 different presentations were made on ICDP in all sorts of different arenas and contexts. We were inspired by all the encouraging evidence (among other issues on its parental guidance potential in reducing violence) that is being gathered on the programme within and outside of the Nordic countries

On 29-30.9 a total of 14 ICDP educators from all over Finland gathered in Turku for the first Finnish ICDP-educator days. The days were filled with sharing from the by now quite extensive experience gathered from different trainings. We listened to lectures by educators on recent research on the three dialogues and true to the ICDP spirit, everyone present shared a favorite "golden exercise" that had worked especially well in their training!

The ICDP Finland website is a work in progress, please come visit us at icdp.fi or find us through the new Nordic webpage <http://icdp-norden.org/> Our Facebook page also has a steady stream of followers and likers, and the most popular posts have reached hundreds of people.