



🔔 Welcome to the Nordic Network Days 2025

🌐 For early childhood educators and leaders from our Nordic sister cities.

📍 Ålesund, Norway

📅 Dates: September 25–26, 2025

Strong foundation for the next generation – teachers and children

We are delighted to invite our Nordic colleagues to beautiful Ålesund for two inspiring and meaningful days of networking.

Together, we are building strong foundations for future generations – through knowledge, community, and shared Nordic values.

The theme of this year's network days is:

“Strong foundation for the next generation – teachers and children.”

◆ **Two keynote speakers** will share insights on the power of play and the role of educators in a changing world:

Gerd Sylvi Steinnes

The Role of the Preschool Teacher and Leadership

Gerd Sylvi is a professor of education at Volda University College. She is a trained preschool teacher, holds a master's degree in education from the University of Oslo, and a PhD in professional theory from OsloMet.

She has written several books highlighting both challenges and opportunities in early childhood educators' professional learning. She has also served on various expert panels on preschool teacher roles in Norway and internationally.

Read more about Gerd Sylvi [here](#)

Charlotte Lunde

Play for Life – How Does Play Spark Joy and Development?

Charlotte is a physician and journalist, specializing in child and adolescent psychiatry. She has experience in play therapy, was a TV host for NRK children's television, and has co-authored the book ["Play and Learning from a Neuro Perspective – How Good Intentions Can Harm Children's Desire to Learn"](#) with Per Brodal.

Read more about Charlotte [here](#)

You will also enjoy a **mini-lesson** with **Anne-Hilde Lystad** [Livet og sånn](#)

◆ **Shareshops**

Get hands-on with practice-based themes, share experiences, and build new networks.

Ålesund:

- Shared experiences in nature build resilient children.
- Supporting Norwegian language development for children with minority backgrounds.

Lahti:

- Job development in early childhood education.
- Kid dialogue – Interaction and communication with children.

Randers:

- All children have the right to a high-quality and positive day in childcare.
- Early intervention in a neuro-pedagogical perspective - based on NPRP og NPU.

Västerås:

- What becomes important in the mission of preschool?
- Children in the present.
- Small steps today – big strides tomorrow!

Akureyri:

- Philosophy with children.
- Life skills education.

◆ **Kindergarten Visits**

As part of the program, participants are invited to visit kindergartens in Ålesund. See the attached document for details about the kindergartens.

◆ Cultural Experiences

Discover Ålesund's unique coastal culture, architecture, and nature through a visit to the Jugendstilsenteret (Art Nouveau Center) and the short film "The Year in Ålesund."

There will also be a festive dinner with entertainment.

The conference will be held at The Quality Hotel Ålesund

Sorenskriver Bullsgate 7, 6002 Ålesund

- Single room incl. breakfast: NOK 1,195
- Double room incl. breakfast: NOK 1,395

Use the booking code 'nettverksdager' when reserving your room.

Link for individual booking: <https://shorturl.at/UidRw>

For group bookings: reservations.q.alesund@strawberry.no

Why attend?

- Be inspired by expert speakers and colleagues from across the Nordic region.
- Gain new knowledge and practical ideas for your daily work.
- Be part of a professional community across languages and borders.
- Experience Ålesund – the harbor city in the heart of fjord Norway.

Conference fee: NOK 3,000 – to be paid by June 19, 2025.

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Register here by June 13, 2025.

We look forward to welcoming you to a conference filled with insights, collaboration, and Nordic unity!

Cecilie Johansen

Haldis Gundersen

Ålesund kommune