

Gentle Teaching International Conference 2025

The Many Colours

Monday, 15 September 2025

From 17.00:



Welcome committee greeting with performance by employee band - SødísBand



Welcome drinks and speech with Jesper Cetnie Rasmussen - Area Manager, Sødísbakke and movie at Comwell Hvide Hus (entrance with purchased ticket)

Tuesday, 16 September 2025

07.00-09.00:



Check In / Registration

09.00-09.15:



Welcome to the conference with host Jacob Vendelbo - Special Education Consultant, Sødísbakke & Jesper Cetnie Rasmussen - Area Manager, Sødísbakke

09.15-10.15:



Keynote Speaker, Niels Bonnerup - Special Education Consultant, Sødísbakke (DK)
Gentle Teaching Nordic

10.15-10.30:



"The Feel-Good-Way", dance method by Center for Activity & Social Interaction, Sødísbakke

10.30-10.50:



Break

10.50-11.50:



Workshops

A1) Anne Koch-Mikkelsen – Music Therapist, Sødísbakke (DK)
GT in daily pedagogical practice (30 mins.)

A2) Martin Bryde Poulsen – GT mentor, Landsbyen Sølund (DK)
How gentle teaching can transform mindsets (30 mins.)

B) Kristen Mathews – Chief Operations Officer, Eiros Group (US)
Gentle Teaching and Building Meaningful Connections

C) Alex Kimmel – Trainer and Presenter, The SelfDeterminator & Dr. Anthony McCrowitz - Clinical Psychologist, Quality of Life Institute, Inc. (US): *Turning the Kaleidoscope*

11.50-13.10:



Lunch

13.10-14.10:



Workshops

A) Emil B. Olesen – Leader of Department for Autism Spectrum Disorder, Sødísbakke (DK):
From Institution to home

B) Floris van de Kamer – Master Mentor in GT & Simone Schipper - EMDR Europe Practitioner, Prinsentichting (NL): *Double Dutch: GT Pathways in the Netherlands*

C) Aleksia Bertelsen - Head of Department for Complex Developmental Disorders, Sødísbakke (DK): *Different voices - One Shared Message*

14.10-14.30:



Break

14.30-14.50



Interactive segment by Center for Activity & Social Interaction (CASI), Sødísbakke:
"Bamse & Kylling" (Teddy Bear & Chicken)

14.50-15.50:



Keynote Speaker, Marie Louise Stochholm - Consultant at SOPRA (DK): *LA2U*

15.50-16.00:
Afternoon



Wrapping up the day with host Jacob Vendelbo - Special Education Consultant, Sødísbakke
Guided cultural activities (more information will be sent to you later)



Meet "The Clown" from the CASI, Sødísbakke, throughout the day

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Wednesday, 17 September 2025

- 08.00-09.00  Check in / Registration - Day tickets
- 09.00-09.05:  Introduction for the day with host Jacob Vendelbo - Special Education Consultant
- 09.05-10.05:  Keynote Speaker, Ingelis Arnsbjerg - Occupational Therapist, Sans & Samling (DK)
The Polyvagal Theory
- 10.05-10.20:  Country music at the stage by Center for Activity & Social Interaction (CASI), Sødisebakke
- 10.20-10.40:  Break
- 10.40-11.40:  **Workshops**
A1) Pancho Azevedo - Bookbinding Workshop Creator, ASSOL (P)
A More Colorful Community (30 mins.)

A2) Ulrik Mørch Rasmussen – Housing Unit Manager, Landsbyen Sølund (DK)
Gentle Teaching in 2035? (30 mins.)

B) Tim Jones – Chief Learning officer & Katelyn MacVicar, Hearthstone Community (CA)
Resident Care: Gentle Teaching Mentorship in Canada

C) Brendan Maguire – Founder of Learning Together (UK)
Introduction to Applied Video Analysis (AVA)
- 11.40-12.50:  Lunch
- 12.50-13.50:  **Workshops**
A) Melanie Loroff – ED & Heather Foster - AED, Saskatchewan Alternative Initiatives (CA)
Kaleidoscope of Change

B) Monika Niewiarowska-Zych - Psychologist, Magdalena Grabowska - Special Educator
Katarzyna Raabe – Brainologist & Aleksandra Świerczek – Psychologist (PL),
People-to-People Association, Chelmino: *The many colours of GT Family Camps*

C) Helle Jørgensen - Social Educator & Josephine Larsen, Landsbyen Sølund (DK)
From Anxiety and Isolation to Security and Festival
- 13.50-14.30:  Grab your coffee and listen to the performance of employee-band "SødiseBand"
- 14.30-15.30:  Keynote Speaker, Michael Lavis - CEO of Creative Options Regina (CA)
Deepening Our Understanding of Gentle Teaching with Intention
- 15.30-15.40:  Wrapping up the day with host Jacob Vendelbo - Special Education Consultant, Sødisebakke
- 17:30:  Evening Dinner at Comwell Hvide Hus (entrance with purchased ticket)
w. entertainment by Dunkelfolket and Det Sorte Får.
-  Meet "The Blue Lady" from the CASI, Sødisebakke, throughout the day

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Thursday, 18 September 2025

- 08.00-09.00:  Check in / Registration - Day tickets
- 09.00-09.05:  Introduction for the day with host Jacob Vendelbo - Special Education Consultant
- 09.05-10.05:  **Keynote Speaker, Kristinn Már Torfason - Director at Akureyrarbær (IS)**
The impact of Gentle Teaching in reshaping organizational culture
- 10.05-10.20:  Gentle Teaching song by Center for Activity & Social Interaction (CASI), Sødisebakke
- 10.20-10.40:  Break
- 10.40-11.40:  **Workshops**
A) Michiel Snippe – Care Entrepreneur, Thomashuis Coevorden (NL)
The Impact of GT on Our Lives and Community

B) Ronja Frida Johnsen – Social Educator, Landsbyen Sølund (DK)
Fun and Playfulness

C) Marlene Theager – Special Education Consultant, Sødisebakke (DK)
Gentle hands – perspectives on a Gentle Teaching tool
- 11.40-13.00:  Lunch
- 13.00-14.00:  **Workshops**
A) Nathan Murdoch - Manager of Shared Living, H.O.M.E Society (CA): *Harm reduction*

B) Vivi Storm – Educator and leader, Landsbyen Sølund (DK)
The essence of Gentle Teaching

C) Kirsten Hansen – Social and Health Care Assistant & Kirsten Ritz - Social Educator, Landsbyen Sølund (DK): *They used to want you – now WE want you even more*
- 14.00-14.30:  Break
- 14.30-15.30:  **Keynote Speaker, Bo Hejlskov - Clinical psychologist, Lägaeffektiva network (S)**
About the world's oldest pedagogical debate - about human perspectives and how the way we think influences our choice of methods.
- 15.30-15.45:  Presentation of Gentle Teaching International Conference 2026
- 15.45-16.00:  Conference closing with host Jacob Vendelbo - Special Education Consultant, Sødisebakke & Jesper Cetnie Rasmussen - Area Manager, Sødisebakke
-  Meet "The Witch" from the CASI, Sødisebakke, throughout the day