



Gentle Teaching International Conference 2025

The Many Colours

Monday, 15 September 2025

- From 16.00:  Welcome committee greeting with performance by employee band - SødísBand
- 17.00:  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:  Wrapping up the day with host Jacob Vendelbo - Special Education Consultant, Sødísbakke
Afternoon 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 "SødisBand"
- 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 (buy ticket for entry)
w. entertainment by Dunkelfolket and The Mumes (band of people with disabilities)
-  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) <i>The impact of Gentle Teaching in reshaping organizational culture</i>
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) <i>The Impact of GT on Our Lives and Community</i> B) Ronja Frida Johnsen – Social Educator, Landsbyen Sølund (DK) <i>Fun and Playfulness</i> C) Marlene Theager – Special Education Consultant, Sødisebakke (DK) <i>Gentle hands – perspectives on a Gentle Teaching tool</i>
11.40-13.00:	🍽	Lunch
13.00-14.00:	🎨	Workshops A) Nathan Murdoch - Manager of Shared Living, H.O.M.E Society (CA): <i>Harm reduction</i> B) Vivi Storm – Educator and leader, Landsbyen Sølund (DK) <i>The essence of Gentle Teaching</i> C) Kirsten Hansen – Social and Health Care Assistant & Kirsten Ritz - Social Educator, Landsbyen Sølund (DK): <i>They used to want you – now WE want you even more</i>
14.00-14.30:	☕	Break
14.30-15.30:	🎤	Keynote Speaker, Bo Hejlskov - Clinical psychologist, Lägaeffektiva network (S) <i>About the world's oldest pedagogical debate - about human perspectives and how the way we think influences our choice of methods.</i>
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