



# Gentle Teaching International Conference 2025

## The Many Colours

Monday, 15 September 2025

- From 16.00:  Welcome committee greeting
- 17.00:  Welcome drinks and speech with Jesper Cetnie Rasmussen - Area Manager, Sødisebakke and movie at Comwell Hvide Hus (buy ticket for entry)

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, Sødisebakke & Jesper Cetnie Rasmussen - Area Manager, Sødisebakke
- 09.15-10.15:  Keynote Speaker, Niels Bonnerup - Special Education Consultant, Sødisebakke (DK)  
*Gentle Teaching Nordic*
- 10.15-10.30:  "The Feel-Good-Way", dance method by Center for Activity & Social Interaction, Sødisebakke
- 10.30-10.50:  Break
- 10.50-11.50:  **Workshops**  
A1) Anne Koch-Mikkelsen – Music Therapist, Sødisebakke (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) Darcy Van Loon & Nolan Rystorm – Educator and Mentor, SAI (CA)  
*How To Build A Culture Of Gentleness*  
  
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**  
A1) Emil B. Olesen – Leader of Department for Autism Spectrum Disorder, Sødisebakke (DK)  
*From Institution to home (30 mins.)*  
  
A2) Aleksia Bertelsen - Head of Department for Complex Developmental Disorders, Sødisebakke (DK): *Different voices - One Shared Message (30 mins.)*  
  
B) Dr. Margaret Kress – Adjunct Professor, Mi'kmaq-Wolastoqey Center (CA)  
*How Nehiyaw Land-Knowledge and Tradition Fosters a Culture of Gentleness*  
  
C) Floris van de Kamer – Master Mentor in GT & Simone Schipper - EMDR Europe Practitioner, Prinsensichting (NL): *Double Dutch: GT Pathways in the Netherlands*
- 14.10-14.30:  Break
- 14.30-14.50:  Interactive segment by Center for Activity & Social Interaction (CASI), Sødisebakke:  
*"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, Sødisebakke  
Afternoon Guided cultural activities (more information will be sent to you later)
-  Meet "The Clown" from the CASI, Sødisebakke, 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) <i>The Polyvagal Theory</i>
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:	🎨	<b>Workshops</b> A1) Pancho Azevedo - Bookbinding Workshop Creator, ASSOL (P) <i>A More Colorful Community (30 mins.)</i>  A2) Ulrik Mørch Rasmussen – Housing Unit Manager, Landsbyen Sølund (DK) <i>Gentle Teaching in 2035? (30 mins.)</i>  B) Brendan Maguire – Founder of Learning Together (UK) <i>Introduction to Applied Video Analysis (AVA)</i>  C) Tim Jones – Chief Learning officer & Katelyn MacVicar, Hearthstone Community (CA) <i>Resident Care: Gentle Teaching Mentorship in Canada</i>  D) Kristen Mathews – Chief Operations Officer, Eiros Group (US) <i>Gentle Teaching and Building Meaningful Connections</i>
11.40-12.50:	🍴	Lunch
12.50-13.50:	🎨	<b>Workshops</b> A) Melanie Loroff – ED & Heather Foster - AED, Saskatchewan Alternative Initiatives (CA) <i>Kaleidoscope of Change</i>  B) Monika Niewiarowska-Zych - Psychologist, Magdalena Grabowska - Special Educator Katarzyna Raabe – Brainologist & Aleksandra Świerczek – Psychologist (PL), People-to-People Association, Chelmino: <i>The many colours of GT Family Camps</i>  C) Joann Douziech – Independent Consultant, Ikigai Consulting Inc. (CA) <i>The Ikigai Framework: A Life of Meaning and Purpose</i>  D) Helle Jørgensen - Social Educator & Josephine Larsen, Landsbyen Sølund (DK) <i>From Anxiety and Isolation to Security and Festival</i>
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) <i>Deepening Our Understanding of Gentle Teaching with Intention</i>
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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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:	🎨	<b>Workshops</b> A1) Anna von Moll & Rene Seedorf – Youth Care Workers, Schar Treatment Center (NL) <i>Youth Delinquency and Gentle Teaching (30 mins.)</i>  A2) Michiel Snippe – Care Entrepreneur, Thomashuis Coevorden (NL) <i>The Impact of GT on Our Lives and Community (30 mins.)</i>  B) Ronja Frida Johnsen – Social Educator, Landsbyen Sølund (DK) <i>Fun and Playfulness</i>  C) Marge Brown – Clinical Trainer, Merakey (US) <i>Using Gentle Teaching to prepare people with disabilities</i>
11.40-13.00:	🍴	Lunch
13.00-14.00:	🎨	<b>Workshops</b> A1) Marlene Theager – Special Education Consultant, Sødisebakke (DK) <i>Gentle hands – perspectives on a Gentle Teaching tool (30 mins.)</i>  A2) 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 (30 mins.)</i>  B) Vivi Storm – Educator and leader, Landsbyen Sølund (DK) <i>The essence of Gentle Teaching</i>  C) Deidre Mercer – Director of Training, Community Living Services (US) <i>Sharing the Key Elements of Gentle Teaching with Others</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

We reserve the right to make changes to the program