



Experiences and Hopes after Oslo Seminar with neighbors and friends.

Fredsministerium, the Danish Ministry of Peace, is an umbrella organization or network of a number of Danish peace organizations and peace activists.

Our leading wish since 2012 have been the establishment of a Ministry of Peace for Denmark as an integral part of the national government. Being the Danish branch of the Global Alliance for Ministries & Infrastructures for Peace, GAMIP, we are day by day trying to persuade the public and members of the Danish Parliament of the need of such a ministry, and for international infrastructures for Peace.

We argue that a Peace Minister should be the cornerstone in changing Danish security policy from a policy of war to a policy of peace. It should be a ministry of peace which encompasses all negotiations and all peaceful conflict resolution. Peace issues should have a parliamentary ministry just like defense and the environment.

We believe that the Peace organizations still should rally, protest and campaign, whenever our government chooses to go to war or decides to spend billions on armament and buying offensive weapons, such as new combat aircrafts! But most of all we believe, that during the long period of Danish warfare, the military systems, have gained lots of competences while our country has lost its former peace capacity: Nonmilitary conflict resolution, peacebuilding negotiation skills, diplomacy and mediation.

We think that peace researchers, peace organizations and peace activists should naturally be consulted on relevant issues, be initiators and a popular base for parliamentary peace initiatives and activities

We will participate in this by increasing the peace movements own capacity of peace by means of a yet closer corporation with peace-researchers and to use this capacity to build stronger bridges between the movement, the population and the politicians. In the future we hope to be able to attract more organizations, and to become more offensive by establishing of a "shadow cabinet", that will enable us to advocate even stronger about realistic alternatives to the policy of war.

In our own annual and continual events; a small stand and pop-up events at the Folkemøde on the island of Bornholm in June and on our conferences, dialogue-meetings or concerts on the UN Peace Day in September we gather peace researchers –organizations, –activist and -artist.

Over the years we have strived for an alternative, comprehensive Danish and Nordic security policy and specific Baltic co-operation to keep the Baltic Sea as a Sea of Peace on both occasions.

However, as linguist and writer, Noam Chomsky points out, there are two menaces for our species survival: One is a nuclear war which on one hand requires active action but also could be launched by mistakes and the other is the global environmental catastrophe which is defined by willful *inaction* to response to the human-induced climate change.

As we agree we have recently focused on the greenhouse gas emission, radiation and pollution that the military power provides and argued that efficient climate policy is an important part of security policy, and that money spend on meeting the 17 UN Social Development Goals provides more global security than building up armaments.

To raise awareness on these matters we have a fairly new, but splendid corporation with a number of Danish climate organizations i.e. by planning a joint Easter Climate & Peace March in April and again this year establishing a joint stand at the June Folkemøde.

From April to October we plan to launch a Citizen Proposal to the Danish Parliament and to drive a six months information campaign to persuade the Danish Government to sign the UN treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

We already had conversations with a few Nordic peace organizations on the ban issue, and after the Oslo Seminar we hope to be able to even better coordinate our national effort with more Nordic and Russian friends

On the UN Peace Day 21st of September we plan to organize an inspirational conference at the Danish Parliament in Copenhagen to put the Ministry of Peace for Denmark on the political agenda in our country.

We already had some few, but important Nordic partners to maybe join this project and was overwhelmed by the interest that the issue of peace ministries and departments had amongst many of You at the Oslo Seminar.

We now hope that the Conference in Copenhagen could be seen as only one of the cornerstones in a joint and coordinated campaign to put the question on the political agenda in all Nordic countries.

Both when it comes to cornerstone conference in September, the joint and coordinated campaigns on the issue of Peace Ministries and the UN treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, we are more than willing to put some efforts and energy into that, hoping that some of you, who attended the Oslo seminar, will be willing to do likewise.