



Working in networks to implement universal design in Norway

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Norway implementing universal design by 2025

- In May 2009, the Norwegian government put forward a plan that aimed for Norway to fully implement universal design by 2025.
- The current government proposed a new action plan for universal design in February 2016, but the goal of Norway fully implementing universal design by 2025 was not included here.
- But the goal of Norway implementing universal design by 2025 created great enthusiasm and interest in Norwegian municipalities and county authorities, and many people work hard to create municipalities and counties that include universal design in their buildings and outside spaces.

Municipal network as a method

- In many Norwegian municipalities and county authorities it is very popular to work in networks with other municipalities and county authorities.
- It is important to understand that participating in a municipal network is different to participating at a conference or seminar! In municipal networks, participants must prepare for the gatherings, work while they are there, and they also get homework!
- Municipal networks are for municipalities and county authorities.



KS' STARTING POINT:

“Pick low-hanging fruit!”

- The main focus should be on existing buildings and outside spaces
- Simple measures should be implemented
- Work in networks currently ongoing until the end of 2019

Municipal network for universal design

- The aim of the project is to focus on strategies to increase the accessibility of existing buildings and outside spaces.
- In this project, participants will share good examples and contribute to developing new and simple strategies/tools/methods for increasing the accessibility of existing buildings and outside spaces.
- The project will have a particular focus on simple, important and cheap measures that can increase accessibility.
- There is a need to present results and show what we can achieve.

Work in a network is demanding

- Challenging to create exciting arenas where participants can share their experiences.
- Network participants are highly competent and it is important to make use of this.
- External speakers contra internal processes.
- Use of learning networks/municipal networks is demanding – much easier to arrange a seminar.

What do the municipalities/county authorities that participate get out of it?

- Network
- Competence
- Sharing of experiences across sectors
- Some financial support from KS
- The opportunity to apply for additional funds

Important to share good examples



There are many good examples of universal design all around the country. Here from Vistehåla in Randaberg - one of Norway's most famous stone age settlement sites. A wheelchair is no longer a barrier. Photo: Fredrik Naumann/ Felix media

Film about Midgardsormen



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The Norwegian Association of Disabled (NAD)

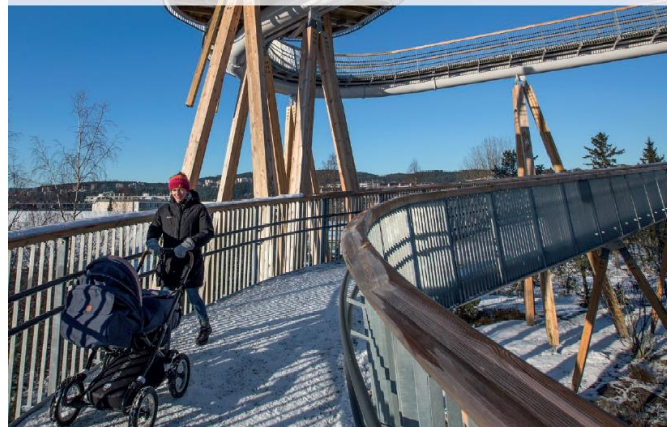
We're at Midgardsormen, between the municipalities of Time and Klepp. A great recreational area available to all,

Booklet in English on some good examples of universal design from Norwegian municipalities and county authorities



Necessary for some, good for everyone

Best practices of universal design in Norwegian municipalities and counties



Film about the Stovner Tower in Oslo



Film about Lade Park in Trondheim

Universal design was a main principle for the Lade Park from the start, when the whole structure was decided.

SOLVEIG DALE

Rådgiver UU Trondheim kommune

Film about universal design of historical buildings in Oslo

The main challenge with listed buildings is that they are protected and all original parts are of great value.

CATHRINE REUSCH

Byantikvaren i Oslo

Oslo Municipality Cultural Heritage Management Office

Film about universal design of boats in Stavanger



Gåsa Park in Trondheim



Accessible bathing area in Kristiansand



Accessible playground in Kristiansand



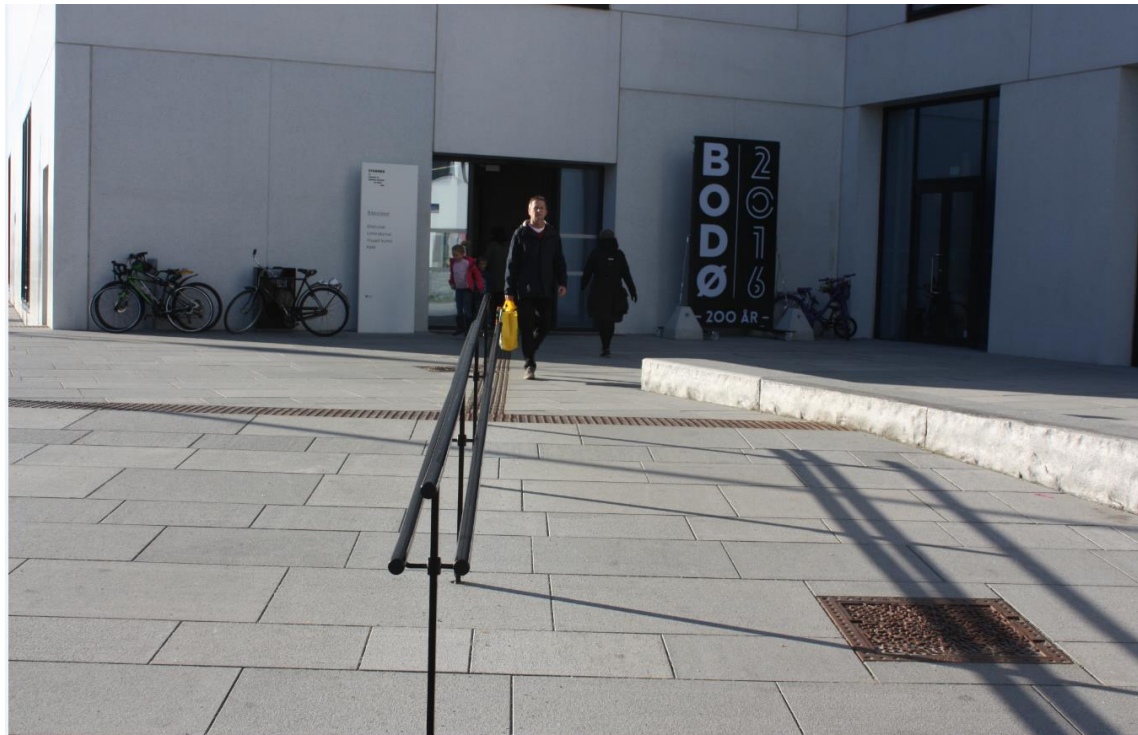
Initiative for universal design of outside spaces in Bodø



New concert hall in Bodø



New library in Bodø





“It’s about making each other better”