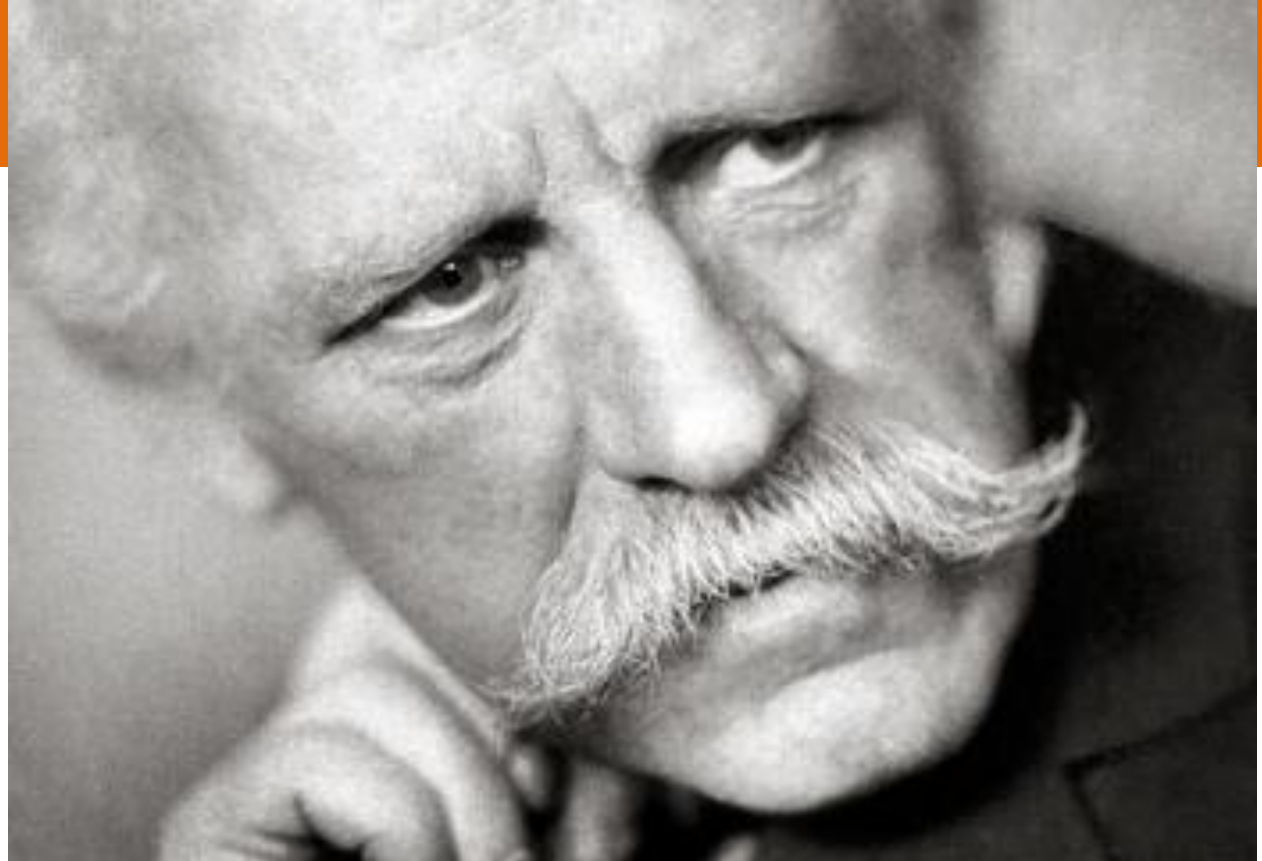




Promoting & Facilitating Dialogue in Support of Peace Building Processes since 1995





“No future can be built on despair, distrust, hatred and envy”.

“The difficult is what takes a little time; the impossible is what takes a little longer”.

Fridtjof Nansen (1861-1930), Nobel Peace Prize in 1922.

Fridtjof Nansen's Legacy

The legacy of the Norwegian 1922 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Fridtjof Nansen, is strongly present in the Nansen Dialogue Network philosophy and approach:

- Caring for human rights & human development
- Perseverance and endurance
- Patience
- Capacity of dialogue and negotiation
- Strategic thinking
- Effectiveness & efficiency



Reproduction of the "Nansen Passport" created by Fridtjof Nansen in 1922.

Nansen's efforts made possible that the passport was recognized by 52 countries. The Nansen Passport was the first travel document for refugees ever and contributed to save the lives of more than 450.000 stateless people and refugees



The Nansen Dialogue Network has a strong connection with Norway and the Olympic City of Lillehammer:

- NDN was founded in Lillehammer in 1995 with the political & financial support of city authorities, the local community, the academic world and the government of Norway.
- Many key training activities of the network took and take place in Lillehammer.
- NDN Coordination Centre is hosted by the Nansen Academy in Lillehammer.

**Lillehammer,
a city supporting dialogue and peace.**

Nowadays the city is hosting:

- The Nansen Academy
- The Nansen Centre for Peace & Dialogue
- The Nansen Dialogue Network



Nansen Academy Headquarters
& Nansen Dialogue Network Coordination Centre
in Lillehammer, Norway

Our vision, our mission

NDN **vision** is of a world in which:

- Societies are peaceful, inclusive and functional
- Diversity is an asset
- Every person respects and enjoys human rights
- Integration is a core value
- Conflicts are transformed into opportunities through dialogue

In pursuit of this vision, our **mission** is:

To support actively and effectively intercultural and interethnic dialogue processes at local, national and regional levels with the aim of contributing to conflict prevention, reconciliation and peace building.



Target Groups and Activities

NDN is working with people of all ethnicities, cultures, religions, age and gender who are influential in their societies and/or are potential leaders for building a plural, fair and well functioning society:

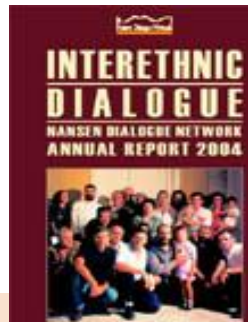
- Community leaders and local politicians
- Civil society leaders and activists
- Opinion leaders
- Diaspora groups
- Educational authorities, teachers, parents and students

Activities

- ☑ Local community reconciliation projects.
- ☑ Establishment of and support to Dialogue Centers.
- ☑ Projects & policy advice on school/educational issues.
- ☑ Design of multicultural school curricula.
- ☑ Projects supporting inter-ethnic municipality cooperation for the improvement of citizens' lives.
- ☑ Training and knowledge/experience sharing initiatives (courses, seminars, workshops, etc.).
- ☑ Development of training materials.
- ☑ Information and sensitization actions targeting public opinion, civil society, local and national authorities and international community.
- ☑ Research.
- ☑ Publications.



Integrated Bilingual School F. Nansen in Jegunovce, Macedonia



Milestones and Achievements

- Adviser to UN & European Centre for Conflict Prevention (Intern. Conference on Peace , NY 1995).
- Organising return of IDPs and refugees (Kosovo 1999 onwards)
- Amalie Laksov Prize for the Protection of Human Rights (1999).
- Establishment of School of Democratic Leadership in Montenegro in collaboration with the Council of Europe (2002 onwards).
- Bridge-builder Prize (2004).
- Intercultural curricula for children “Cultural & Spiritual Heritage of the Region” (Croatia, 2007 onwards).
- Policy advice missions and pilot dialogue activities in/for Somalia, Middle East, Afghanistan, Iraq and the Caucasus (2008-2010).
- NDN nominated for Nobel Peace Prize (2009).
- Community centre and multi-lingual library in Northern Mitrovica (Mitrovica, Kosovo, 2009-2010).
- International Conference “Politics of peace education, building of networks & methodologies of peace education”, (Montenegro 2009).
- Creation of the Dialogue Centre in Srebrenica/Bratunac (Bosnia & Herzegovina, 2009).
- Production & making of the documentary “Untold Stories” (2009).
- Opening of the Integrated Bilingual School “F. Nansen” (Jegunovce, Macedonia, 2010).
- Livia Foundation Award (Denmark, 2010).

1995 – 2010: some figures

- 150 dialogue facilitators support activities in the field.
- More than 1.000 dialogue workshops have been run in post-conflict areas.
- 25.000 people have participated in the workshops.
- 1.500 people have been trained in NDN premises in Lillehammer, Norway.

Opening of the NDN Dialogue Centre in Srebrenica



Main donors and partners

- Government of Norway
- City of Lillehammer and FAFO (Trade Unions Foundation) - Norway
- United Nations (UNDP & UNHCR)
- European Union, Council of Europe and High Commissioner for Ethnic Minorities in Europe/OSCE
- USAID & USIP - USA
- European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)
- Global Partnership for Prevention of Armed Conflicts - GPPAC
- International NGOs (International Alert, Saferworld, InterPeace)
- Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education - UK
- Folke Bernadotte Academy - Sweden
- ICMP International Commission on Missing Persons
- Ministries, Regional and Local Authorities of the countries in which NDN is operating



NDN in the World



NDN Coordination Unit

→ Lillehammer, **Norway**.

Nansen Dialogue Centers (NDC) and branch offices

- Sarajevo, Prijedor, Mostar, **Bosnia & Herzegovina**.
- Osijek, **Croatia**.
- Pristina & Mitrovica, **Kosovo**.
- Skopje, **Macedonia**.
- Podgorica, **Montenegro**.
- Belgrade & Bujanovac, **Serbia**.



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