**Poster proposal**

The topic of the poster is *partnerships* between libraries and adult learning based on the Scandinavian project *Rom for dannelse – Rum för bildning*, which is financed by the *Nordplus* programme of the Nordic Council of Ministers. The project includes partners involved in *folkeopplysning/folkbildning*. The Nordic term *folkeopplysning* (Danish/Norwegian) or the Swedish synonym *folkbildning* is close to *liberal education and learning, popular learning, popular education* and *community learning* but has also its special characteristics.

The topic relates to both the conference theme of *partnerships* and to the theme of *democracy*.

*Folkeopplysning/folkbildning* has a long and strong tradition in Scandinavia. The project (2010-2012) aims to strengthen *folkeopplysning/folkbildning* across the sectors of libraries and adult learning and thus contribute to the goal of equal access to knowledge. The project idea is to exchange experience from five national projects (ongoing and new) with a *folkeopplysning/folkbildning* profile and to share the experience at the Scandinavian level through an inventory of good practices and a conference.

Planned content for the project:

* Exchange ideas and experiences on cooperation between libraries and adult education bodies to improve adult basic skills
* On this basis, try to identify success factors for cooperative models
* Discuss a Nordic model for the development of adult basic skills, based on collaboration between libraries and organizations in adult education
* Produce a joint Nordic inventory of good practice and arrange a final conference

The main target groups in project are on the one hand adults who lack basic skills (digital literacy, numeracy, reading and writing, oral communication), for example groups of elderly, disabled or immigrants, and one the other hand staff in libraries and adult learning.

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