The National Center for Career Guidance and Student Counselling in the Faroe Islands

Maiken Skarðenni - Career Counsellor
Shed light on the process leading up to the creation of VLS

Explain the purpose of the institution and how we work today
2007 Report with the aim of revising the organisation of careers and student counselling.

(Ministry of Education and Culture)

Recommendations:

Provide adequate foundation for choosing education and career

Provide professional and coherent counselling on education career choices regardless of what stage in life the person seeking counselling is in

Aim for smoothness in transitions between educations, and from studies to work life

Education for counsellors (60 ECTS)
2013-2017 **MA in Career Counselling**

University of the Faroe Islands

30 Students from all educational sectors, the preschool sector and the hospital system

- Some 20 Diploma in Career Counselling (60 ECTS)
- Approx half Master in Career Counselling (120 ECTS)

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2018 Report Adult Education and Labour Market Centre

(Ministry of Education and Culture)

Recommendations:

Guidance and counselling accessible for all citizens regardless of employment status, social status, gender, origin or residence

People with no connection to educational institutions should also have access to guidance and counselling

Mentions lifelong learning and lifelong guidance as a prerequisite for the growth and development of both people and country

Emphasizes the necessity of professionalism in the counselling profession
July 2019 Vegleidingsarstovan opens

- Initially a pilot project
- 18 months later a permanent offer
- From one counsellor to three employees
- Education counsellor,
  Career counsellor and
  Co-ordinator for validation
Who are we
Vegleiðingarstovan

Turid Christophersen
Education counsellor

Maiken Skarðenni
Career counsellor

John Dalsgarð
Co-ordinator for validation
Networks and outreach

From the beginning Vegleiðingarstovan linked together with a formal network of counsellors working in educational institutions around the country.

Informal networks with other agents in the areas and working on creating an additional network.

The objective: Share knowledge and experience.
Vegleidingsgarstovan’s mandate

- To offer and provide accessible lifelong guidance
- Create cross-sectoral cooperation
- Coordinate guidance across education systems

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