

# **Perspective plan 2004 & 2005**

## **Danish forum for education in the area of alcohol and drugs**

# **RUF**

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## **Goal and aim of RUF**

RUF contribute to the development and implementation of an overall, visionary, nationwide strategy of education in the area of alcohol and drugs.

RUF is a professional forum for knowledge and debate with representatives of national authorities, treatment and prevention of alcohol and drug problems in Denmark, where strategic and developmental issues in the field of education are discussed .

RUF will continuously contribute to secure that the education and the in-service training that are established in relation to the alcohol and drug area are of professional quality based on knowledge and scientific evidence.

RUF will continuously debate and in a qualified way draw attention to existing and future needs of education in the area of alcohol and drugs. The goal of RUF is to become accepted as hearing organization, so that needs to initiate further investigations or specific educational projects can be pointed out to relevant authorities.

RUF will continuously contribute to the development of public, nationwide and innovative educations in the whole area of alcohol and drugs through permanent co-operation with the educational environments.

RUF will be at disposal as a professional partner for educational institutions.

RUF will be instrumental in pointing out that issues of drugs and alcohol problems should become permanent elements of the existing social, health and pedagogic educations.

RUF will, on its website, continuously inform about relevant educations.

## **Initiatives 2004/2005**

In order to reach the overall goals RUF will take the following initiative during 2004 and 2005 :

### **Issues to be upgraded**

Based on both RUF's survey of the needs of education in the area of alcohol and drugs and the social and structural development within the area, the following prioritised issues will be implemented:

#### **Basic and Bachelor educations**

RUF will see to it that alcohol and drug related issues are included in the announcements of the relevant basic social, health and pedagogic educations.

RUF will be at disposal for educational institutions in the development of the specific drug and alcohol related contents of the various modules and in the preparation of educational material for the educations.

With the aim of inspiring and assuring that relevant knowledge and experience are implemented in basic educations, RUF will arrange a nationwide conference and dialogue meetings with relevant educational institutions.

#### **Diploma Programme**

RUF has asked Centre for Higher Education to develop an independent drug and alcohol diploma education in 2004, where the fields of prevention, treatment and the perspective of care / harm reduction are weighted equally. RUF will be at disposal with professional resources and updated contents of the diploma education.

#### **Nordic therapist education on master level**

In of 2005 RUF will examine the possibilities of international co-operation for description of an independent drug and alcohol therapist education both covering the needs of the area of drugs and alcohol established as a Master-education of the existing professional bachelor educations.

#### **Supplementary education**

In co-operation with relevant educational establishments RUF will in 2005 take initiative in offering relevant short supplementary courses serving as in-service training and continuing training to employees and volunteers in the area of alcohol and drugs.

#### **Communication strategy**

From the end of 2004 RUF's website will be continuously updated with information on drug and alcohol relevant education, courses and conferences .

In 2005 RUF will gather relevant partners in order to develop a platform for presenting information on the development of the education and the competence of the alcohol and drug area.

# Organisation

## Reference group:

The reference group is RUF's main authority, making decisions on goals and priorities.

The reference group consists of relevant organisations and individuals with a view to carrying out RUF's overall goals and the specific tasks through debate, recommendations, professional advice and as hearing partner.

The reference group consists at any time of individuals representing the highest degree of competence, insight and knowledge of the competence development in the drug and alcohol area. Furthermore, the group can ad hoc invite relevant experts to participate in the meetings.

The reference group sets up specific groups whenever needed for example in the fields prevention, treatment and the perspective of care / harm reduction. The duties of the special groups are to encircle and define the professional contents within the specific areas with relevance to the various levels of the educational initiatives.

The reference group consists of representatives from

- ⑩ The volunteers' network against abuse
- ⑩ The Danish Minnesota Association
- ⑩ The public treatment - alcohol/drugs:
  - ⑩ The Association of centre directors
  - ⑩ Alcohol specialist forum
- ⑩ The public prevention - alcohol/drugs:
  - ⑩ Alcohol/Narcotic-Forum
- ⑩ The national association of centres for drug addicts and former drug addicts
- ⑩ General medical practices
- ⑩ The network of inspectors par. 94, 96 and 105 institutions
- ⑩ Centre for socially exposed / Topic: abuse
- ⑩ Centre for Drug Research
- ⑩ The National Institute of Public Health / Centre for Alcohol Research
- ⑩ The Trade Organization
- ⑩ The National Board of Health

Organizations with associated status:

- ⑩ The Crime Prevention Council
- ⑩ The Prison Service
- ⑩ The network of preventive hospitals
- ⑩ The council of socially exposed
- ⑩ The management of social service

## Executive Committee:

The reference group nominates among its members an executive committee, consisting of 6 members, including the chairman, who are all nominated by the reference group.

In addition representatives from the ministries of education, social affairs and health are invited to participate in the meetings of the executive committee in order to carry RUF's ideas and proposals to the respective ministries.

The executive committee has appointed **Alice Thaarup** as chairman.

## Co-ordination:

The co-ordinator is appointed by the executive committee and forms, together with the executive committee, RUF's daily management.

The executive committee has appointed **Hasse Schneidermann** as coordinator of RUF

