



Universell

Norway

Case study overview

Universell in Norway is the National Coordinator of Accessibility of Higher Education. Universell supports students with disabilities by contributing to an improved accessibility to higher education by:

- Offering information and knowledge about universal design as an academic and strategic term in higher education.
- Implementing universal design as a theme in appropriate curriculums.
- Supporting the Learning Environment Committees at the higher education institutions in Norway.

The National Coordinator of Accessibility of Higher Education (now Universell) was founded by the Norwegian Ministry of Education in 2003. Universell is organisationally associated with the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU).

From 2007 Universell has had a special responsibility for providing information on universal design in higher education. From 2009 Universell was given the responsibility to coordinate the learning environment committees at higher education institutions.



As an example of the activities of Universell, an international conference was held organised in Stockholm (13th – 15th May 2014) entitled “Building Bridges- between yesterday and tomorrow”. The conference was organized by Universell, Stockholm University and Karolinska Institutet in collaboration with the European network LINK with a theme of including learning environments in higher education.

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