

Norway

“Implementation of school health promotion and the use of SHE materials in the time of COVID-19”.

In June 2020 Norway had the pleasure of hosting a country visit from the SHE secretariate and Ulla Pedersen. We had big plans for the visit, however and due to the circumstances around the corona situation we were forced to carry out the visit digitally.

Nevertheless, we had good and informative conversations around all sorts of Health promoting schools (HPS) matters. As part of the country visit, we invited representatives from a very active and successful regional network of Health promoting schools in the eastern parts of Norway, county Viken, to participate. The aim of this part of the visit was the introduction of the SHE materials, and in particular the new Danish translation of the SHE school manual, to the regional coordinator in county Viken. Danish and Norwegian languages are very closely related, and a translation of material into Danish can easily be picked up and used by Norwegians.

The county Viken planned a kick-off conference with new schools and teachers in their HPS regional network in fall 2020. The Norwegian national coordinator was invited to the conference to present SHE material in general and the Danish translation of the SHE school manual in particular. Sadly, the kick-off had to be postponed due to the corona situation. A new try will be carried in January 2021, and hopefully will become a successful introduction to HPS and a fruitful kick-off for new Health promoting schools in county Viken.

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