

Verdensrommet invites you to participate in the Immigration Clinic for Creative Professionals on 28 April, 2022 at Kulturhuset, Oslo.

The Immigration Clinic for Creative Professionals will take place on 28-29th April, 2022 in Oslo. The 2-day seminar and workshop will be the first step towards identifying the gaps between the immigration regulations for self employment and the working conditions in the creative and cultural sector, addressing the concerns of the international (non-EU/EEA) creative professionals in Norway. The workshop also aims to propose concrete suggestions, in the form of policy changes to ensure a sustainable livelihood for creative entrepreneurs to continue to stay and contribute to Norwegian society, especially in a time where culture has been recognised as an irreplaceable pillar in the making of a greener and more just society.

About the hosts:

Verdensrommet is a self-organised mutual support network by and for (170+) creative professionals of non-EU/EEA citizenship based in Norway. We advocate for fair immigration policies, better living and working conditions, and encourage new imaginations for the future of cultural work.

Confirmed participants:

Vidar Hegge, Senior advisor/ Department coordinator, Skilled Worker visa permits, the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI)
Ruben Steinum, President, Norske Billedkunstnere (NBK)
Christine Thomassen, Vice President, Creo
Espen Andreas Eldøy, Assistant lawyer, Creo
Lisa Digernes, senior partner, Bull & Co
Kjetil Larsen, Professor of Law, University of Oslo
Diego Praino, Associate Professor of Public Law, Oslo MET

Day 1: 28. April 2022 | Kulturhuset (open to the public)

Co-chairs: Kjetil Larsen & Diego Praino

Notetakers: 2 law students (TBD)

10:00–10:20

Reception, registration and coffee/tea

10.20-10.50

Introduction by Verdensrommet Working Group (Sarah Kazmi & Perna Bishnoi)

10:50-11:30

Immigration Regulations for Skilled Worker Visa with Company in Norway (Self-employment permit) by Vidar Hegge

11:30-12:00

5' chair response + 25' Q&A with Vidar Hegge

12:00-12:30

Lunch

12:30–13:00

Working Conditions of Creative Professionals by Ruben Steinum (NBK)

13:00–13:15

5' chair response + Q&A with Ruben Steinum

13:20–13:50

Social Rights of Self-Employed, Freelancers and Employees: A comparison by Espen Andreas Eldøy (Creo)

13:50–14:00

5' chair response + Q&A with Espen Andreas Eldøy

14:00–14:15

Break

14:15–14:30

Summary by Verdensrommet

14:30–15:30

Panel discussion with politicians (TBD), Ruben Steinum (NBK), Christine Thomassen (Creo), Kulturradet (TBD)

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Day 2: 29. April 2022 | Christian Kroghs gate 2 (closed working session)

Create a work product to be presented to politicians, concrete steps towards policy change with lawyers and unions

PARTICIPANTS: Verdensrommet working group, Kjetil Larsen, Diego Praino, Ruben Steinum, Steffen Håndlykken, Christine Thomassen, Lisa Digernes, Espen Andreas Eldøy, and few law students.

10:30 - Roundtable discussion begins

11:00 - Summary by the law students of the first day, discussion around what we learnt from the presentations and panel discussions

11:30 - What are the possible political strategies to deploy towards a policy change? Who are the actors involved in these next few steps and what role can they play? What are the concrete next steps and a rough timeline?

1300 - Lunch and drinks

Conclude the day