



LIGHT ON LIFE

**Nordic  
Safe Cities**

# **Become a Nordic Safe City**

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**Nordic Council  
of Ministers**

## **Your city – a Nordic Safe City**

Democracy is deeply rooted in the Nordic countries. We respect fundamental human rights and freedom, and we see ourselves as open-minded, trustful and tolerant. These are Nordic values shared by all Nordic countries and values worth protecting. We need to cast light on the positive values and uphold them through ensuring safe societies where we do not have to fear fellow citizens.

In recent years these values has been challenged by actions and belief that sometimes result in violent actions. Motives are different across individuals, groups, national borders, religious, political, and socio-economic factors and circumstances.

Whatever the reasoning, radical and violence-promoting behaviour directly threaten our cities' safety and ability to be tolerant. These threats against our communities' cohesion and social contracts have sparked a growing interest in mitigating solutions and efforts on all levels. The problem is complex, but we need to act.

Nordic Safe Cities is a city network working to ensure safe, trustful and tolerant cities for all and actively prevent radicalization and violent extremism.

## **Part of a network - Light on life & safety in the Nordic Cities**

By agreeing to the Nordic Safe Cities Charter, your city will become a member of the Nordic Safe Cities network and commit to work to create a safer city and to build communities with trust, tolerance and resilience. This is an opportunity for your city to work close together with politicians, practitioners and experts in the Nordic cities and international organizations and network to create a safe city.

By agreeing to the Nordic Safe Cities Charter you will get the opportunity to let practitioners from your City, NGOs, youth groups and companies take part in the Nordic Safe Cities program activities in the Nordic Region and engage in local activities. All program activities will strive to boost and aid your cities local initiatives and give you more knowledge, tools and guidelines for ensuring a safe and inclusive city. In the coming years you will get the chance to showcase your city's work in the Nordic Region and internationally.

The Nordic Safe Cities Network is for engagement of policy-makers and practitioners. The network has been initiated by the Nordic Council of Ministers.

*Membership is free of charge.*

# Nordic Safe Cities Charter

## LIGHT ON LIFE

We agree to bring light on life and build safe communities with trust, tolerance and resilience.

We will work actively to safeguard all citizens and prevent radicalization and violent extremism.

We will strive to ensure that our city and communities have:

### **Safe Urban Spaces**

Create a city open for everyone everywhere

### **Safe Online Sphere**

Promote an online sphere with an e-safety culture and safe online communities

### **Strong Families**

Act with families to safeguard children

### **Safe Public Institutions**

Strengthen public institutions to safeguard through inclusive policies and initiatives

### **Strong Youth Engagement**

Empower the voices of youth

### **Safe Communities**

Create safe & resilient local communities and foster friendships between people in the local neighborhood

## What you get as a member

- Co-ordination of activities and knowledge-sharing with members of the Nordic Safe Cities Network
- Participation at events with inputs from professional experts to give you stronger
- strategies and action plans
- Joint communications with other cities. As a member your city will be influencing the Nordic Safe Cities' vision and will contribute to the networks positive narrative
- Opportunities for publicizing your city as a Nordic Safe City. PR for local, national and Nordic media about your city's role in developing Nordic Safe Cities

## Activities you can be part of in 2017

- Participate at the Nordic Safe Cities Launch in March 2017
- Opportunity to engage in local events and initiatives to strengthen your city's engagement with the local community
- Participate at two Nordic Safe Cities practitioners camps in 2017 to share knowledge, inputs from experts and sparring on best cases and initiatives
- Opportunity to participate at international events to showcase the Nordic cities activities and engagement in ensuring a safe city

Membership and participation at the Nordic Safe Cities practitioner camps are free of charge. As a member city you are not obliged to participate at the events or engage further in the network. Travel expenses and accommodation at events is not included.