



UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND

EQUALITY FOR ALL

PHOTO ESSAY

Gísli Björnsson Project Manager with Hrafnhildur Jóhannesdóttir

Ragnar Smáráson Project Manager

Introduction by Kristín Björnsdóttir Associate Professor

WHERE ARE THE MEN?



OUR COLLABORATION



UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND



VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

BELONGING

PRACTICUM

FRIENDSHIP

KNOWLEDGE

SKILLS

COURAGE



EQUALITY

FREEDOM

GUERRILLA ART PROJECT IN REYKJAVÍK



GUERRILLA ART



GAY PRIDE

TALK TALK TALK TALK



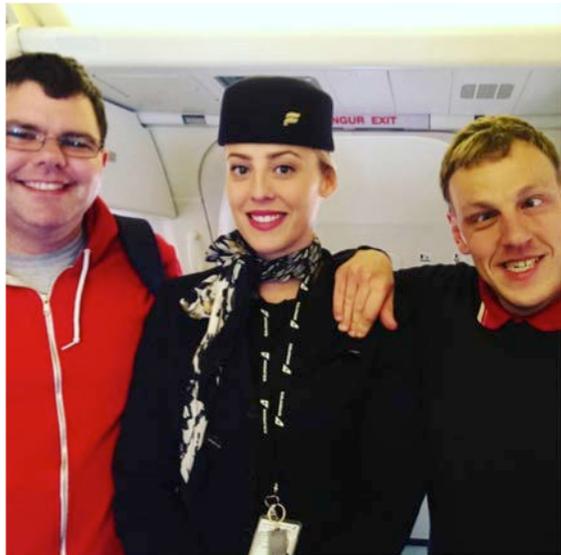
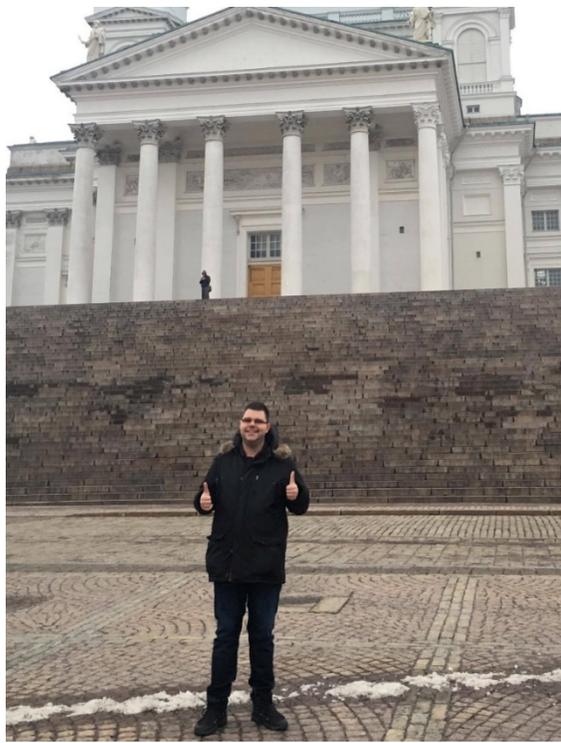
INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL CONFERENCES

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DISABILITY STUDIES CONFERENCE IN LANCASTER 2016



**INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCES
PROVIDE
OPPORTUNITIES
TO TRAVEL**



MEETING INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS AND ACTIVISTS



GÍSLI, LYDIA X Z BROWN AND RAGNAR



JUST ANOTHER MONDAY WITH THE PRESIDENT OF ICELAND GUDNI TH



OFFICE WORK

**WE READ
AND SEND
EMAIL**

**GÍSLI
DRINKS A
LOT OF
COFFEE**

**WRITE
ARTICLES**

**TALK ON
THE PHONE**

**READ
ARTICLES**

**GO TO
MEETINGS**

**WORK ON
SOCIAL MEDIA**

**PREPARE
PRESENTATIONS**



THE UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND ANNUAL BALL VS. HUMAN RIGHTS



**SOCIALIZING
AFTER WORK**



**SOCIALIZING
AT WORK**

OPPORTUNITIES

WORK

EDUCATION

FRIENDSHIP

INDEPENDENCE

EQUALITY

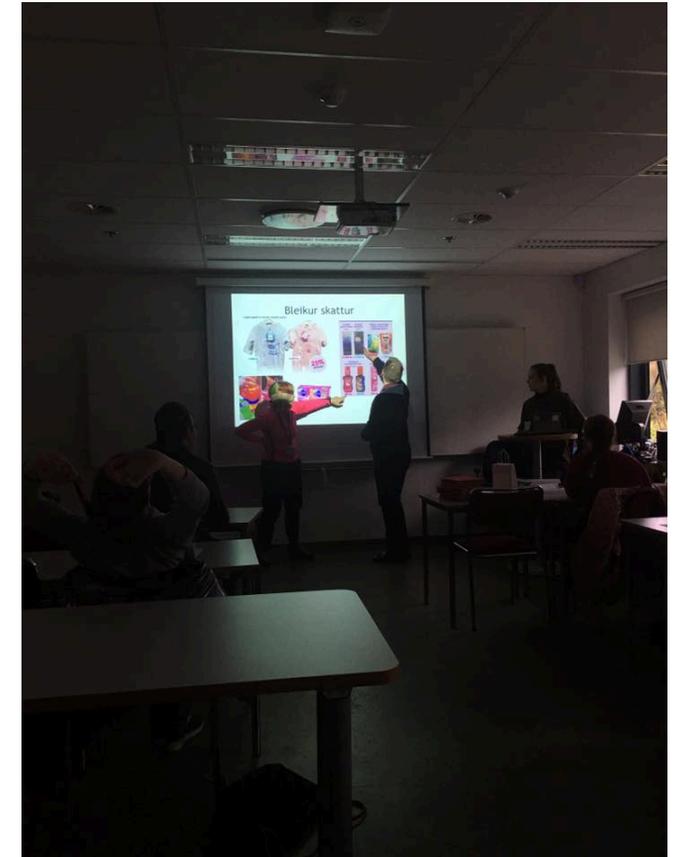
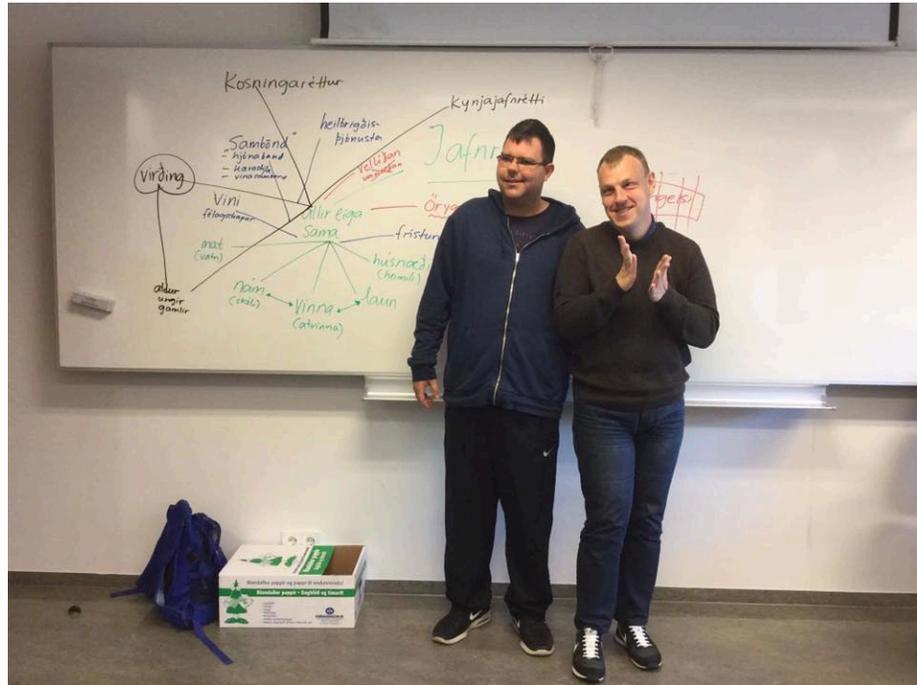


INTERVIEWING DISABLED PEOPLE ABOUT THEIR LIVES AND EXPERIENCES



INTERVIEWING DISABLED PEOPLE

EQUALITY CLASSES FOR DISABLED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



The Reykjavík School of Visual Art quits!

Photo essay

Birkir Sigurðsson

Education should be available to everyone and I have been in a lot of schools but this is the best school I have ever been in.

I am working with these boxes. One is disgusting on the outside but inside is happiness. And the other one is beautiful but disgusting inside. The idea is based on this you should never judge a book based on its cover.



Sigrún Huld

I am learning to paint. I have done few of these paintings. I have also painted pictures of hut tubs and swimming pools.



Halldóra Jónsdóttir

I am a student at the Reykjavík school of visual art. This is a diploma program for students with intellectual disabilities.

I enjoy it. I would recommend this program to others and I am not happy to hear that they are quitting.

All people should be able to mature and develop their art.



Þorvaldur

I am an art student. I am working on cartoons in my computer.



Atli Már

I am a student at the Reykjavík school of visual art. I have been drawing and painting. I also made a short film.



Elín Fanney

I was in primary and secondary school in Hafnarfjörður. I am a student at Reykjavík school of visual art. I really enjoy it.

I love music and spend much time in daily life listening to music. That is why I have been working with music in my artwork.



Gígja

I am a student at the Reykjavík school of visual art. This is a diploma program for students with intellectual disabilities.

The artwork I am working on now is based on the idea of a musical band. First I made lyrics and drawings on paper and then I transferred it to vinyl records. I sanded it and painted.

Then I composed a song using Garage Band and sang the lyrics to it. I also made a music video. I used pictures from the internet and my friend Atli danced in the video.

Now I am painting clay and will graduate in the spring.



Ísak Óli

I am working on a music video for Prince Polo (famous Icelandic musician). We went to his concert and took pictures and videos. I use iPad to make the video.





THE EXPERT IN BEING A DISABLED MAN

Let me tell you my
experience of being a
disabled young man!

Trust me I am an
expert!



DR. EXPERT



GÍSLI GOT A JOB AS AN ASSISTANT AT THE DEAN'S OFFICE AT THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

ON PHOTOS AS ESSAYS

NOT ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

**SOME PHOTOS CAN BE
HUMILIATING AND
BELITTLING**



**PHOTOS CAN MAKE US
MORE VISIBLE IN
SOCIETY**

**PEOPLE CAN GET A
GLIMPSE INTO OUR
LIVES**

PHOTO ESSAYS ARE GOOD AND BAD



THANK YOU!

**EQUALITY
FOR ALL!**

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