

Activity of Selskab for mænds sundhed (Men's Health Society)

Aims and objectives

Men's Health Society, Denmark is a multidisciplinary organisation dedicated to all aspects of men's health. The overall objective of the organisation (founded 2003) is to improve men's health through dissemination and exchange of knowledge among researchers and practitioners regarding men's health and diseases and participation in activities focusing on these issues. The organisation targets specialists and practitioners specifically and aims to gain visibility in the general public as well. It maintains contact with trade unions and public authorities (Ministries) through meetings and cooperation where men's health is on the agenda. Men's health was analysed for the first time by the national Health Directorate in a report in 2010; this initiative stemmed from collaboration with the Men's Health Society. The association is engaged in the Nordic Network on Men's Health and is a member of the European Men's Health Forum.

Creator/owner/responsible institution

Name: Selskab for mænds sundhed (Men's Health Society)

Stakeholder: Civil society organisation

Area of intervention: Men and gender equality

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Activities

The main activity of the organisation is the Danish version of the international event Men's Health Week, marked annually since 2003. A Men's Health Prize is also awarded in relation to the week's activities. The objective is to strengthen the international focus on men's health, specifically the low life expectancy rate for men, specific forms of male illness, high suicide rates among men, and the lack of attention to men's psychological problems. The association also holds annual general assemblies.

Conferences

Nordic conference on Men's Health (Copenhagen, 2010)

Materials

- The European Men's Health Forum (forthcoming) The First State of Men's Health in Europe Report, European Commission, Brussels (contribution by Svend Aage Madsen)
- Madsen S.A., Burgess A. (2010) 'Fatherhood and mental health difficulties in the postnatal period', in Conrad D., White A. (eds.) Promoting Men's Mental Health, Radcliffe Publishing, Oxon, p. 74-82
- Madsen S.A. (2009) Men's health in Denmark, in Wilkins D., Savoye E. (eds.), Men's health around the world, European Men's Health Forum, Brussels, p. 25-27

Metadata

ONGOING: No

TYPE: Awareness-raising campaigns/events, Publication, Policy / Legislation, Study / Survey

TARGET GROUP: Boys (under 15), Older men (60 +), Men and Women/young men and young women, Adult men, Young men (15-25)

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