

The Nordic Green Care Research Network - Health & Welfare for Animals and Humans

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Green Care (GC) is using the nature and animals to promote human physical and mental health. Green Care farms offer vulnerable people meaningful activities that support mental and physical recovery and rehabilitation. This approach is an innovative and potentially effective method to rehabilitate vulnerable people back into the labor market and integrate refugees into the Nordic society.

A Nordic Green Care Research network is established with the aim to organize a research collaboration and exchange knowledge between the Nordic countries (Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland). The research network has received funding from NordForsk during 2016-2017, and the project management is placed at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

Researchers working in the area of GC come from different fields and a multidisciplinary approach is taken to involve PhD students, post docs and other researchers in the five Nordic countries. The GC network will help building bridges between academia and different stakeholders and boost the development of new research areas.

Apart from creating a multidisciplinary scientific intersection aiming to raise funding for research studies, the planned activities are both web-based and physical meetings, a workshop and a concluding conference. The conference will sum up and share the work of the two years' network meetings. Proceedings from workshops and the conference will be published in a special issue to a journal. Anyone interested in the GC research field in the Nordic countries is welcome to join our network and add their valuable new ideas to promote the research field of GC.