

Statutes for the NORDIC RESEARCH COUNCIL (NRC) for Steiner Waldorf Education as of 18.11.11

1. Vision and purpose

NRC serves the development of a research culture¹ in Steiner Waldorf Education within the Nordic countries. The purpose is to develop and stimulate research², and to raise and distribute research funds.

2. Tasks

The general task of the Council is to serve this vision and purpose, by developing NORENSE³ as a programme and network. This task includes to

- raise funds for research and development work in Steiner Education
- stimulate, support and produce applications for research resources
- allocate research funds and give financial support to R&D projects
- support development of a research culture in schools and teaching institutions
- report on research and development projects to carrying institutions and individuals
- administer the NORENSE webpage.

3. Legal framework and constitution

The NRC is constituted by 2 representatives from each of the participating teacher education institutions. The Nordic preschool-federations, school federations and parents' federations choose 3 representatives among themselves for membership in the council.

In addition, up to 3 representatives of external academic institutions can be part of the council. These should preferably be from each of the participating countries. The council decides the acceptance of such members.

The council chooses one of its members as chair and director for 3 years. The director must be employed by one of the participating Waldorf teacher education institutions.

Decisions in NRC are taken by votes, in cases where general agreement is not achieved.

¹ The term 'research culture' as described in Hugo, A. (2010): Cultivating Human Growth: a Research Strategy for Waldorf Education. *RoSE - Research on Steiner Education*, 1(1); pp. 96-100.

² 'Research' includes the following activities: research conducted by persons with a PhD, doctoral thesis work, master thesis work, research and development projects conducted or led by someone with at least a PhD-degree or equivalent research competency, and contributions to academic research conferences.

³ See: Nordic Research Network for Steiner Education, www.noreense.net

NRC is legally housed as a body within Rudolf Steiner University College (RSUC), Oslo. Principal and head of administration at RSUC both participate in NRC.

Principal and head of administration participate in the roles of hosting NRC, and do not vote.

3. *Meetings and reporting*

The whole NRC meets at least twice a year.

At the beginning of each year NRC meets with representatives from the participating and funding organisations to report on achievements the previous year and plan/discuss focus for the coming year. The aim of this meeting is to tune planned activities to future needs.

4. *Guidelines and reporting*

NRC develops guidelines for the different task areas (see point 2), funding policies and procedures (see point 3), meeting routines (see point 4) and reporting procedures.