

Fri for Mobberi (Free from Bullying) goes to Greenland

Many of the people responsible for the comprehensive ongoing reform work in the school and preschool area in Greenland view the Free from Bullying programme as a highly qualified and concrete tool in the fight for increased well-being in preschools and schools in Greenland. In view of the interest shown, The Mary Foundation and Save the Children Denmark have initiated the development of the anti bullying programme, so as to adapt it to the culture, structure, history and language of Greenland.

Copenhagen, June 29th, 2009: The initial steps have now been taken to introduce the Free from Bullying programme to children, parents, teachers and preschool educators in Greenland. This happens on basis of a recent report focusing on the well-being of children and families in Greenland.

The report "Children in Greenland" concludes that a large number of the children in Greenland feel outside and struggle with their daily well-being and build-up of children's communities.

A Greenlandic Free from Bullying steering committee has been established whose members will initiate the first phase of the complex task of localizing the programme to Greenlandic culture, structure, history and language. Subsequently, a test phase will follow during which adjustments will be made, before the programme will enter into its third and final phase with actual roll-out of the programme.

Free from Bullying is The Mary Foundation's second initiative which naturally includes Greenland; the first was the introduction of bag packs to all children in crisis centres in Greenland.

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