

# Meeting in Nordic Library network in Helsinki

Thursday, November 14 at 9:45-15:15

Oodi Helsinki Central Library, Töölönlahdenkatu 4, 00100 Helsinki

Kuutio meeting room

## Program:

9.45-10.00	Arrival and breakfast
10.00-10.10	Welcome
10.10-11.15	Presentation - Vibeke Nielsen (DK)
11.15-12.00	The strategy 'RÅBN' - Ahmad Joumaa (DK)
12.00-12.45	Lunch
12.45-14.30	Guided tour at Oodi
14.30-15.00	Users' library experiences and coffee
15.00-15.15	The future of the network

## Oodi:

The public library in Helsinki Oodi has just been rewarded by IFLA as 'Public library of the year 2019' at the conference in Athens in August. The international jury emphasized that the creation of Oodi is based on user involvement and experimentation at all stages of development. More time is spent at the guided tour program than usually, so there is plenty of time to experience this exciting innovative building.

## Speakers:

### **Ahmad Joumaa**

Ahmad works as a project manager at Tønder library in Denmark. Ahmad has headed several successful projects that had refugees and immigrants as their target group. The latest of these projects 'While we wait' received the 'Libraries Communications Award' for the year 2018. The objective of the project was to introduce asylum seekers to Danish culture, public libraries and democracy. He is also the founder of Integration360°, which is a consultant company that promotes cultural exchange and understanding. The guiding concepts of Ahmad's work are the Socratic dictum 'know thy self' and 'citizens as agents of culture'.

**Kemê Pellicer** (Users' library experience)

Kemê is a member of Critical Friend's and an artist and cultural agent from Helsinki Finland. The members of Critical Friend's are artists with a multicultural background and the aim is bringing in expertise multicultural artists sit on and included their experiences and assessments into the development of the network.

**Anna Skogster and Nadia** (Users' library experience)

Anna and Nadia participate in **Let's Read Together**, which is a national network that support immigrants', especially women's, Finnish language skills and integration. The network offers Finnish, Swedish and literacy teaching to immigrants all around Finland.