

Norwegian Taiji Centre 40 Years Jubilee

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Our keys

Ingeborg Breines



Ingeborg Breines, an accomplished scholar, has a diverse educational background in philosophy, French literature, history of ideas, and history of the arts. With extensive experience in teaching and innovation in education, she served as Secretary-General of the Norwegian National Commission for UNESCO before joining UNESCO Headquarters. There, she held key positions, including Special Adviser on Women and Gender, Director of the Women and the Culture of Peace Program, Director of the UNESCO Office in Islamabad, and Director of the UNESCO Liaison Office in Geneva. In retirement, she became Director of Nordland Academy for Arts and Sciences. Ingeborg has contributed significantly to gender issues, conflict resolution, and promoting a culture of peace through various publications and her role as co-president of the International Peace Bureau. She continues to advise organisations such as OtherNews, the University of Non-violence, and the secretariat of the Nobel Summits, while maintaining strong connections with Norwegian peace organisations. Her book, "A Culture of Peace: Utopia or Alternative Security Policy?" was published in Spring 2023.



Åse Holmberg is an associate professor of family therapy and systemic practice at VID Specialized University in Oslo, working with teaching, research, and supervision. Her PhD from 2018 explored what spirituality means for family therapeutic practice, and she continues to work with spirituality and existential perspectives in various systemic contexts. She has also been a private family therapist for over 20 years, for couples, families and individuals.

Major General Kristin Lund



She enlisted in the Norwegian Army Transportation Corps/Army Logistic in 1979 and graduated the following year from its Officer Candidate School. She entered the Military Academy in 1983. She was commissioned 1st Lieutenant in 1985. MG Lund is a member of Nordic Women Mediation Network since 2015. From 2017 MG Lund is a UNWOMEN Champion. From October 2017 to October 2019 MG Kristin Lund was Head of Mission/Chief of Staff of UNTSO (United Nations Truce Supervision Organization) with HQ in Jerusalem, Israel. First woman in UN history to be military Head of Mission. From 1 January 2020 to July 2021 she worked at Peace Research Institute Oslo, PRIO as Practitioner in Residence.

MG Kristin Lund is the first Norwegian female Army officer to reach the rank of Major General. Her main focus military subjects have been logistics, CIMIC (Civilian Military Cooperation/coordination), and light Infantry (Homeguard). It should also be noted that because of her persistent work for gender equalization within the Norwegian Armed Forces, she was awarded the Norwegian Armed Forces Equality Award in 2004. In 2015 she received the French Ordre National de la Légion d'honneur, and in 2016, MG Lund was awarded the Norwegian Defence Cross of Honor. In October 2019 she got the St Olav's Order.

Dr Bethan Siân Jones



Academi Heddwch Cymru is Wales 'first 'peace institute – 'and one among a global family of research institutes bringing together the best academic minds and expertise to build a better world through peace-rooted approaches to global challenges.

Hosted by the Welsh Centre for International Affairs at the Temple of Peace in Cardiff, Academi Heddwch aims to extend Wales 'long-standing tradition of peace-making and peace-promotion, by developing and coordinating an independent community of researchers in related fields. Funded through Welsh Government, Academi Heddwch works to place peace firmly on Wales 'national agenda, as well as on the international stage through working with an existing global network of peace institutes. Dr Bethan Siân Jones has

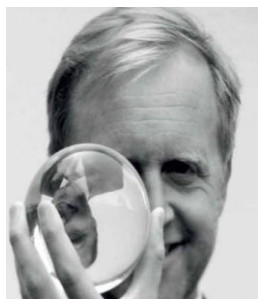
recently joined Academi Heddwch Cymru as its Project Development Manager. Before working for the Academi, Bethan taught in the department of History and Welsh History at Aberystwyth University.



HÅP

With its groundbreaking sound and awe-inspiring way of weaving singer-songwriting and slam poetry together, Norwegian duo HÅP ("Hope") is on a mission: To use music and poetry as a way of inspiring deeper connections between us. HÅP is Hoanna (guitar, vocals) and Poesimedisin (poetry).

Bjørn Kjærand Haugland



Bjørn Kjærand Haugland is the co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Skift Business Climate Leaders. Skift is a business-led climate initiative. Haugland started his career in DNV in 1991 and has held various management positions in Norway and abroad. He worked in Korea in the period 1995 to 1997. From 2004 to 2008 he was the Country Chair and responsible for DNV's operation in Greater China.

Haugland is today a board member of Sporveien, Vil Vite and The Earth Foundation. He is also member of the advisory Board for Centre for Responsible Leadership. He is member of The Norwegian Board of Technology (NBT) that advises the Norwegian Parliament and Government on new technology. He is also member of Norwegian Academy of Technological Sciences (NTVA).

Egil Lothe



Egil Lothe is the secretary general of the Buddhist Federation of Norway (since 2018) and has served as its president since 1988. He was born in 1954 and is educated as a historian of religions with a Cand.Philol. degree from University of Oslo where he also studied the classical languages of Buddhism such as Sanskrit and Pali. He has worked in public administration in the municipal sector and has also been active in related national organisations. He has authored several books on Buddhism. Besides doing interreligious activities in Norway he has also engaged in promoting peace and human rights in countries such as Sri Lanka, China, and Myanmar. He is involved with international Buddhist

organisations such as a member of International Council of United Nations Day of Vesak in Thailand where he has also worked closely with the Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya Buddhist University (MCU) which awarded him an Honorary Doctorate in Buddhist Studies in 2021.



Bjørn Pettersen

Born 1955 in Norway. Lived for inner unfoldment rather than outer development. Engaged in the Swami Sri Ananda Acharya Trust since 1978. Started the Mt.Tron University of Peace Foundation in 1993 and has been engaged in its development ever since. Occupied with Tronsvangen Seter, Alvdal, since 2015. Author of four books. Guide and companion in the art of life and living.

Eirik Myrhaug Partapuoli



Born in Gratangen, Troms, 1943. Educated as a construction engineer at the Stockholm Technical Institute and worked as an engineer at Skanska and NVE Statskraftverkene until 1978. Spokesperson for the Sami movement during the recent hunger strike that the Sami people undertook against the development of the Alta/Kautokeino waterways. A pioneer in ecological economics in the Nordic region and eco-communities in Norway until 1992. Since 1993, he has been involved with shamanism, providing healing to tens of thousands and educating many on the Shamanic path. He was the initiator of the Arctic Shaman Circle and served as its leader until 2022.

Torkel Snellingen



Co-founder and board member of the Norwegian Chinese Friendship Association since 2018. Medical doctor (Cand Med) by training with postgraduate training (MPH, PhD) in public health and clinical interventional epidemiology specialized in Visions Sciences. He has lived and worked in Asia for some three decades of which the last decades til 2016 in Beijing (2001-2016). In China he has worked broadly in the fields of public health and medical research and as lecturer at the Beijing Capital Medical University and the Beijing University of Chinese Medicine. He has worked closely with Innovation Norway and with the Norwegian Embassy in Beijing for the production of special events for promotion of Norwegian SMEs within the Medical & Health Information Technology Sector and promotion of cultural exchanges between our two countries. He is currently acting as Advisor to the Norwegian Association of Small and Medium Enterprises -SMBNorge.



Bjarte Hiley

lives in the Netherlands. He is a specialist at facilitating the transformation of peoples relationships to themselves and life through movement. After living 5 years in China studying Chinese, Kungfu and Daoism he returned to Europe and founded Daomove, a method he developed to invite people into a deeper contact with their embodied experience, and let themselves be moved into bold action from that place.

Pamela Hiley



Pamela, born in Wales in 1958, has lived in Norway for the past 40 years. She is the Director and head teacher at the Norwegian Taiji Centre established in Oslo in 1983. With a strong network of Taiji Masters, Daoists, academics, scientists, and Indigenous People worldwide, Pamela has cultivated relationships with both Norway and China. In 2021, she founded the Peace Point Foundation, focusing on groundbreaking peace projects. Pamela participated in the Global Peace Initiative of Women Religious and Spiritual Leaders at the United Nations in 2023, and is proudly the Norwegian representative. Her peace work has garnered international recognition, including the title Ambassador for Peace from the Universal Peace Federation and her dedication to Taijiquan led her to become a Norwegian citizen in 2021. Currently, she is collaborating with The Welsh Temple of Peace and Health in Wales to further Taiji's potential in building a healthy and sustainable global community and a way forward for future generations.