



**Greetings to Everyone!**

Equal Dignity Group

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Dr. Evelin Lindner has very kindly invited us to write a few words about the launch of the first **Equal Dignity Group** seminar here in Oslo, Norway on December 12. Rune Kvist Olsen and myself were introduced through Evelin's brilliant network and our main objective is to map out a dignified process for currently significantly marginalized groups of persons for reintegration back into society and into the labour force as empowered and self-sufficient individuals. The Norwegian government has made diversity and integration a top priority in its national plans. Rune and I believe that the study of human dignity and "equal-dignity" concepts could accelerate successful reintegration processes and we believe that a well-planned map by our Equal Dignity Group can be eventually applied to other countries globally.

We wish to work with survivors of gender-based violence (including trafficked-prostituted persons), previously incarcerated individuals, asylum seekers, drug dependent and institutionalized persons, persons of alternative sexual orientations, HIV+ persons, those displaced from political affiliation, and others who may need assistance in finding respect and a dignified place in the labour force. The Equal Dignity Group strongly believes that the "voices" of the individuals in the groups can be catalysts in accelerating the empowerment and healing processes into the labour force through "leading-ship" processes. We seek to augment and harmonize government efforts and those involved in recruitment such as human resource sections of larger corporations. During this launch seminar, we further plan to present The Equal Dignity Organizational model as a tool to prevent hostility and alienation in the context of conflict resolution and potential applications for building harmonious relations in institutional society settings.

We hope you can attend our future seminars and contribute spiritually toward the creation of an Equal Dignity Future for *all* persons in contemporary society. We would like to thank Dr. Lindner and her brilliant colleagues for creating a chance to make this happen, and look forward *very much* to hearing from you all!

Sincerely,

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