

Cooperation Agreement between the Red Cross and UWC Red Cross Nordic

1. The Shared Vision of the Parties

The partnership between the Red Cross and UWC Red Cross Nordic (UWC RCN) seeks to prepare UWC RCN students to be ethical leaders of tomorrow, to be ambassadors for the core values of the two organizations and to make a positive difference in the world.

The partnership between and the College seeks to prepare UWC RCN students to be ambassadors for Red Cross Values and the Seven Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross throughout their lives – and serves as a foundation to continue this commitment in different parts of the world.

2. The Shared Objective of the Parties

Through active and meaningful engagement with the parties' humanitarian pillars including the Red Cross Diploma, the students should develop a perspective that gives a lifelong commitment to be a spokesperson for people with humanitarian needs.

The Red Cross Diploma confirms that a student has acquired knowledge about the Red Cross movement and its core values and participated in voluntary service and humanitarian activities, alongside theoretical and practical learning exercises. The Red Cross Diploma certification is made in cooperation between UWC RCN and the Red Cross and is approved by the Contact Group between the parties.

The shared objective of the parties is that the students should be able to fulfil the requirements necessary to receive a Red Cross Diploma.

3. The Cooperation Areas of the Parties

The parties are committed to collaborate when it comes to developing the students' humanitarian spirit. This should be achieved through knowledge and practical experience acquired from their own efforts in humanitarian activities and the program delivered by the two organizations. The parties will cooperate to develop:

- Knowledge and understanding of the Red Cross mandate, principles and activities.
- Humanitarian and organizational values and personal skills in association with the 7 Fundamental Principles.
- Training as a voluntary humanitarian resource, especially within first aid and emergency preparedness, and as a social contributor.
- Local and sustainable capacity building.

The parties will cooperate in making annual activity and action plans that correspond to the academic year. Plans for the following academic year shall be drafted by April each year. The annual activity and action plan should facilitate operational cooperation between the parties.

One key aspect of the cooperation focuses on inclusion within education through close partnership with the Red Cross Haugland Rehabilitation Centre and programs such as the Survivors of Conflict program.

4. The Shared Commitment of the Parties

The Red Cross and UWC RCN will facilitate that all students attend courses and lectures. Basic knowledge of the Red Cross shall be a mandatory part of the extra-curricular program and, where appropriate, the academic program. This will be conveyed at the start of the academic year for first year students.

UWC RCN is committed to facilitate that:

- Teachers acquire knowledge and understanding of the Red Cross history, mandate, principles and activities, so that they are able to communicate this to the students independently.
- The College provides opportunities for students to contribute locally in a voluntary and humanitarian capacity in Sogn og Fjordane – and ensures that these opportunities are well advertised to the student body.

The Red Cross is committed to:

- Adapt training programs and material to the students at UWC RCN (including students that do not speak any of the Nordic languages), and provide guest speakers, workshop leaders and other relevant contributors.
- Ensuring that opportunities are provided for students to contribute locally in a voluntary and humanitarian capacity in Sogn og Fjordane – and that there is constant revision of opportunities for collaboration in this area.

5. Organization and Dialogue

In order to ensure dialogue and interaction, two groups shall be present at UWC RCN:

- A formal Red Cross Youth Group, that acts as an umbrella organization for Red Cross activities and the Red Cross involvement among the students.
- An active Red Cross First Aid Group consisting of qualified volunteers.

Preparation and execution of practical activities included in the cooperation agreement are handled by the responsible person of each part and shall be stated in the annual activity and action plans.

The Contact Group between the parties handles other dialogue between the Red Cross and UWC RCN.

6. Contact between UWC RCN and the Red Cross Movement

- Contact between UWC RCN and the Red Cross Movement (ICRC, IFRC or National Red Cross or Red Crescent Associations) should go through the Norwegian Red Cross.
- The Norwegian Red Cross representative in the Red Cross Contact Group is responsible for conveying information and contact with IFRC and ICRC and includes the relevant department in the Norwegian Red Cross, dependent on the issue.

- Possible international cooperation between the College and the Red Cross movement (ICRC, IFRC or National Associations) should be clarified by the General Secretary of the Norwegian Red Cross.

7. The Contact Group between the Red Cross and UWC RCN

Ongoing contact and cooperation, beyond contact in relation with practical activities given by the annual activity and action plan, are to be taken care of by the Contact Group between the College and the Red Cross.

The Contact Group:

- Approves the annual activity and action plans
- Approves the Red Cross Diploma criteria
- Facilitates the evaluation that takes place once every fourth year

The Contact Group consists of:

- One member and one deputy from the Norwegian Red Cross
- Two members and one deputy from Sogn og Fjordane Red Cross.
- Two members (the Staff Red Cross Coordinator and Student Red Cross Representative) and one deputy from UWC RCN.

The members are chosen of the respective parties for a period of two years, except from the Student Red Cross Representative who may be elected for one year. The Red Cross both leads and provides secretary to the group.

8. Representation from the Red Cross to the UWC RCN Board

The Red Cross is represented in the UWC RCN Board with one representative and a deputy.

The National Board appoints the Red Cross representatives in co-operation with Sogn og Fjordane Red Cross.

9. Representation from the Red Cross to the UWC RCN Council

The Red Cross is represented on the UWC RCN Council with two representatives: one from the Norwegian Red Cross and one from Sogn og Fjordane Red Cross. One of these representatives shall, if possible, also be a member of the Contact Group between UWC RCN and the Red Cross. Deputies may be appointed.

The decision-making bodies of the respective Red Cross units appoints the Red Cross representatives to the UWC RCN Council.

10. The Red Cross Youth Group at UWC RCN

The Red Cross Youth Group at UWC RCN acts as an umbrella organization for students who engage in various Red Cross activities. The Student Red Cross Representative at the College is elected by the

students and sits on the Student Council, the Humanitarian Committee and the Red Cross Contact Group. The Staff Red Cross Coordinator should act as a resource and contact person towards the Red Cross Youth Group.

Students that choose to participate in Red Cross activities will be registered as Red Cross volunteers.

The contact person in the District Council of the Red Cross Youth in Sogn og Fjordane is responsible for communication with the Red Cross Youth Group at the College. The District Council of the Red Cross Youth in Sogn og Fjordane shall, in cooperation with the Norwegian Red Cross Youth, invite representatives of the Red Cross Youth Group at the College to activities and events when it is considered relevant and appropriate.

11. The First Aid Group at UWC RCN

There should be an active First Aid Group at UWC RCN. The First Aid Group will cooperate with the Rescue Service (Hjelpekorps) in the local area (and the District Council of the Rescue Service) through the staff member (the Red Cross First Aid Coordinator) in charge of the first aid training of the students. This person will also lead the First Aid Group. Through the District Council of the Rescue Service (Hjelpekorps), Sogn og Fjordane Red Cross has the responsibility to offer education which gives Red Cross certification to the staff member with first aid responsibilities.

The contact person in the District Council of the Rescue Service is responsible for communication with the First Aid Group at the College. The District Council will invite the First Aid Group to participate in Rescue Service events according to level of competence and skills. Participation at local events will be in consultation with the District Council of the Rescue Service and the local rescue unit according to current guidelines.

12. Use of Logo and Brand Name

Use of the Red Cross logo, emblem or other characteristics of the movement should not take place without previous consultation with the General Secretary of the Norwegian Red Cross. The use must, at any given time, be according to international and national regulations for these characteristics.

Referring to the decision of the International UWC movement, UWC RCN is given the opportunity to use "Røde Kors Nordisk United World College" and "UWC Red Cross Nordic" as a name of the college.

13. The Independence of the Parties

It is a condition that the parties respect their differences, distinctive character and principles and act as independent units. The parties are not at any moment held responsible for actions made by the other and shall, throughout the cooperation, keep their independence and distinctive character.

This agreement will not put a stop to other alliances with other organizations, operations or interests, given that they are not in conflict with the basic principles of the Red Cross.

14. The Framework of the Agreement

- The agreement is valid from the date of signature and is not time limited.
- The parties shall together evaluate the cooperation for a possible revision of the agreement once every fourth year (after 2018). Possible changes are considered in decision-making bodies in the Norwegian Red Cross, Sogn og Fjordane Red Cross, and UWC RCN.
- Each of the parties can terminate the agreement in writing with a six months' notification period. Termination of the agreement will by itself not affect agreements with the Sogn og Fjordane Red Cross or local units.
- The agreement is under Norwegian Law.

15. Contact

Enquiries regarding the agreement should be directed to these contact persons:

- UWC RCN: the Rektor
- The Norwegian Red Cross. The General Secretary

This agreement consists of two copies, one kept by each party.

Oslo, June 19th, 2018

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