

FairstartGlobal

Quality care for children without parents

Catching the wind

Exciting progress is taking place in FairstartGlobal! New NGOs and governments contact us, research circles discuss our programs, and we have designed an advanced instructor education. We continue to follow our vision and the work to offer quality care education to underprivileged caregiving systems in even more countries.

Great interest in FairstartGlobal among scientists and experts

During the summer, more and more experts and countries have shown interest in our free research-based online training programmes. The training programmes educate foster care parents and staff at orphanages in providing professional care. They also aim to prevent the attachment disorders that children can develop after early parental neglect.

Research and Development Leader of FairstartGlobal, Niels Peter Rygaard, went to Milan in August. Here, he represented FairstartGlobal at the European Psychologist Congress, attracting much interest. The leader of the International Union of Psychological Science, Professor Cooper, proposed to conduct three effect studies in South Africa. Furthermore, our instructor education could also be useful to young psychologists in obtaining practical experience by training orphanages and foster care families.

In May, June, and August, Niels Peter Rygaard and Morten Jac visited Estonia to meet with representatives from the Estonian Ministry of Health who all showed great interest in FairstartGlobal's training programmes.



The leader of child psychiatry in Estonia, Anne Kleinberg, invited Rygaard to give a lecture to the interdisciplinary teams of psychiatrists about the Estonian version of his book and about FairstartGlobal.



At The Baltic Council's Expert Conference, Rygaard presented the research behind FairstartGlobal to the government, scientists and professionals.

New instructor education in the pipeline

A new initiative at FairstartGlobal is the introduction of an international online-based instructor education, which provides a deep understanding of theory and practice, enabling instructors to teach caregivers in the training programmes. The need for instructors is huge because the caregivers in many user countries have little education and are therefore unable to complete the training programmes on their own. Thus, it is also important that the education is available in the local language.

FairstartGlobal cooperates with EdLab from Aarhus University, Denmark, in the development of the instructor education. Based on Edlab's pedagogical and technical competences, the company assists in designing the education at the online platform edX, developed by MIT and Harvard and used by universities all over the world. With our new online instructor education, we will be able to contribute to setting new global standards for quality education in caregiving for children who grow up without parental contact.

Visit at SOS Children's Villages in Copenhagen

Last week, FairstartGlobal visited SOS Children's Villages in Copenhagen, where Niels Peter Rygaard and Morten Jac were invited to lecture about quality care for children without parents. The lecture was a part of a project day for the staff about alternative care for children. At this occasion Niels Peter shared his knowledge about the effects of urbanization and migration, and research in residential care, foster care, and community based initiatives.

FairstartGlobal and SOS Children's Villages in Copenhagen will cooperate in the future to implement our programmes in Cambodia, and perhaps in Rwanda. The cooperation will begin in 2016 and until then, we will keep in touch and look forward to the collaboration.

FairstartGlobal is going to be a foundation

During this autumn FairstartGlobal will be converted into a foundation. Holkegård Fonden will be of assistance in relation to legal- and economic advice.

Last but not least, we can tell you that our advisory board has been extended with yet another acute mind – MA and author Trine Mors Larsen.

That's it for now! In about three months, we will return with a winter newsletter. In the meantime, please follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/Fairstartglobal) and LinkedIn (linkedin.com/company/fairstartglobal).



Copenhagen: Lisbeth Stausholm Zacho, Vice Director at SOS Children's Villages, lectures about alternative care at the project day.