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Nordic Horizons is a policy campaign group, set up in 2010 which works to reconnect Scotland with our progressive & successful nearest neighbours.

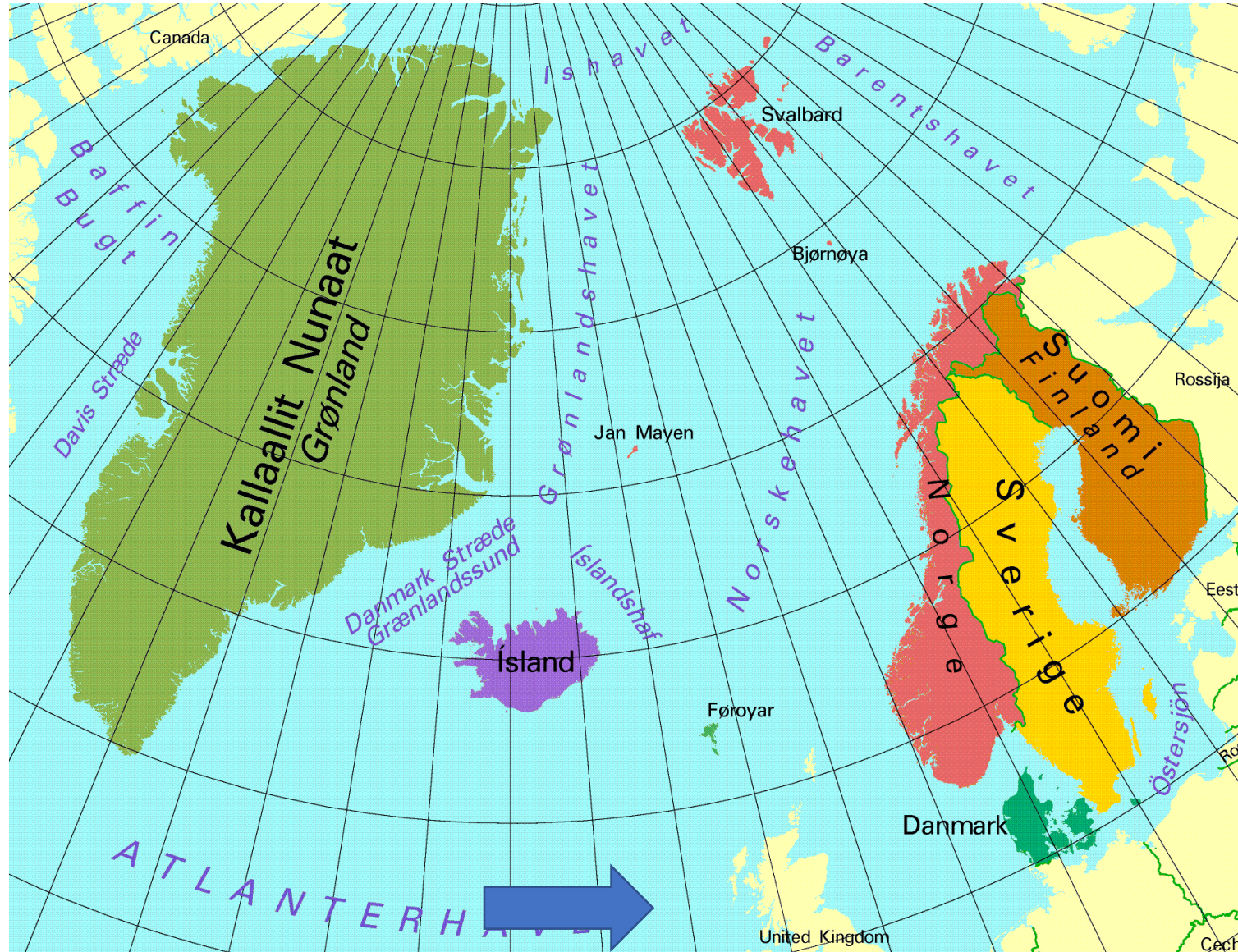
We promote awareness of Nordic society and policy approaches and encourage discussion about the lessons they might contain for Scotland.

We've organised more than 50 public events (mostly) at the Scottish Parliament tackling subjects like Finnish prisons reform, the Icelandic Crowd Sourced Constitution, Sweden's electoral system, Copenhagen's Eco-City status and Land Management in Norway.

Each expert speaker has also met civil servants - audio, video and powerpoint presentations are available via our website.

NH is run by volunteers, has been funded for 5 years by the Scottish Government and is not aligned to any political party.

Why Nordic Horizons? Hmm.



Country	Country Feminine rankings (<u>Hofstede 1980</u>)	Child Wellbeing rankings 2003 (<u>Unicef</u>)	Child Wellbeing rankings 2013 (<u>Unicef</u>)	GDP per capita Ranking 2010 (OECD) ¹
Sweden	1	1	4	11
Norway	2	5	2	2
Netherlands	3	3	1	5
Denmark	4	4	6	9
Finland	7	2	3	15
France	27	6	8	18
USA	56	20	21	4
UK	62	20	16	16
Germany	63	7	5	14
Ireland	66	12	8	8

The Nordic Phoenix Rises

Harpa and the cultural revival of Iceland



Harpa, Reykjavik's magnificent concert hall, opened during the financial crisis. It is a tribute to a new economy based on the arts. Iceland has

With Halldór Guðmundsson,
Director of Harpa concert hall and writer
Hosted by Linda Fabiani MSP







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Great Green Danes

**Wednesday 16 January 2013
Scottish Parliament, 6 - 8pm**

**Hosted by Jenny Marra MSP.
Guest speaker Soren Hermansen
was Denmark Time Life's Hero
of the Environment 2008.
Chaired by Lesley Riddoch,
writer and broadcaster**

Scotland is pursuing a renewable energy policy for large-scale wave and tidal projects using the 'big is beautiful' template that guided the oil and gas industries.

Since 1997 the small farming island of Samsø in Denmark has been a showcase for a more community based approach to sustainable power. Without state funding or technical expertise the island has become carbon-free and produces 10% more clean electricity than it uses. The extra power is sold back to the grid at a profit.

How did Samsø achieve this and what are the lessons for communities across Scotland?

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Nordic Revolutions



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Nordic Horizons and the Cross Party Group on Elderly and Ageing

Hosted: Sandra White MSP

Speaker: Professor Marta Szebehely of
Stockholm University

Chair: Lesley Riddoch, writer and broadcaster

Scottish Parliament
Committee Room 2

Tuesday 16th April, 6-8pm

Sweden has an extremely high standard of elder care. Spending is seen as investment, allowing the next generation to keep working. While the Scottish Parliament debates how to care for rising numbers of elderly people and cut costs we ask, how does Sweden do it?

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Is the Far North Safe in Nordic hands?

The Arctic holds crucial fish stocks & massive supplies of oil and gas. Barents Secretariat's boss Rune Røysund says Norway can exploit reserves without environmental damage. Anna Kireeva of eco-group Bellona says it can't. Nordic Horizons' Lesley Riddoch chairs.

Friday 26th August
13:30 - 14:30 Committee Room 1
at the Scottish Parliament.

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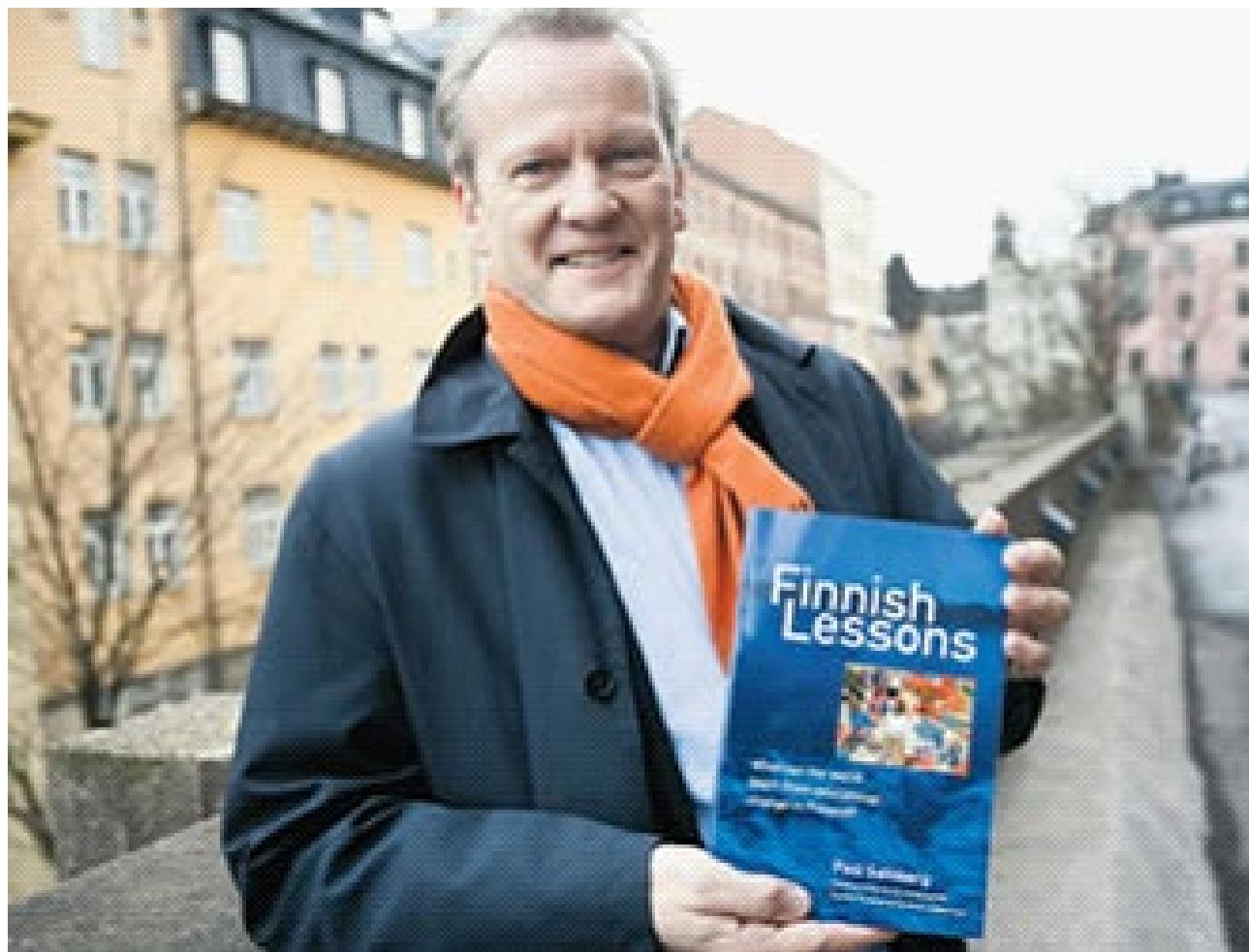


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5:30-7:30pm
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29th October

12-5:30pm

George Square Theatre
University of Edinburgh

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Scotland after Brexit Lessons from the Nordics



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of Aalborg, Denmark

Björt Samuelson,
Faroe Islands MP & Member
of West Nordic Council

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Chair: **Lesley Riddoch**



The Nordic countries have a veritable smörgåsbord of relationships with the European Union, from in to out to somewhere in-between.



EBERHARD (PADDY) BORT
& LESLEY RIDDOCH

So, what does that mean for Scotland?

Well, somewhere in this incredible diversity of relationships with Europe is an arrangement that's likely to be good for Scotland too – strangely enough, maybe more than one. Inside or outside the UK, Scotland wants to keep trade and cultural links with Europe – that much is clear. But is the EU really the best club in town for an independent Scotland?

Or would Scots benefit from 'doing a Norway' – joining the halfway house of the EEA and keeping the Single Market but losing the troublesome Common Fisheries and Agriculture Policies?

Would an independent Scotland need the support and shelter of another union – or could the nation stand alone like the tiny Faroes or Iceland?

These tough questions have already been faced and resolved by five Nordic nations and their autonomous territories within the last forty years. Perhaps there's something for Scotland to learn?

The unique combination of personal experience and experts' insights give this book its hands-on character: pragmatic and thought-provoking, challenging and instructive, full of amazing stories and useful comparisons, enriching the debates about Scotland's post-Brexit future as a Nordic neighbour.



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ALL POINTS NORTH: THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT'S NORDIC BALTIC POLICY STATEMENT



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Case Study Three: Nordic Horizons

Nordic Horizons is an informal group of Scottish professionals who want to raise the standard of knowledge and debate about life and policy in the Nordic nations.

The group has received funding from the Scottish Government since 2012 and have undertaken a broad programme of work which includes hosting public meetings so Nordic policy makers, specialists and professionals can discuss how they do things with decision-makers, practitioners, MSPs, academics and the interested public in Scotland. They provide a platform for exchange of knowledge and experiences between Scotland and countries in the Nordic region.

They typically hold between five and six events per year, and in 2016-17 organised a highly successful event on 'Scotland after Brexit' with six speakers from every Nordic state attracting an audience of more than 300 people. A book of their contributions – edited by the groups Chair, Lesley Riddoch, and the late Paddy Bort – has been published by Luath press.

In 2017, the group will present three case studies at the Arctic Circle Assembly in Iceland of social enterprise projects in rural and island areas of Scotland that are rooted in community ownership. This opportunity provides a platform for Scottish experts to take their experiences to a Nordic country, promote Scottish practice in supporting sustainable economic development, and supports the Scottish Government's work on Scotland and the High North.

To enhance its broader work on policy exchange, the group is enhancing the 'knowledge exchange' potential of events by sharing Scottish as well as Nordic experiences, and dealing with negative as well as positive experiences to include 'lessons learned' by policy makers.

Since its publication, the Nordic Horizons group has made a substantial contribution to the aims of the Scottish Government's Nordic Baltic Policy Statement.



Thanks to all who've helped, especially....

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So what's next?

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