




## Multicultural Centre of Iceland and University Centre of the West Fjords

### Immigration and Integration in Rural Areas

International Conference at Ísafjörður 26.-28. March 2007 at Hamrar, Austurvegi

Program open to the Public

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	Monday, 26.03.2007	Tuesday, 27.03.2007	Wednesday, 28.03.2007
09:00-12:00	<p><i>Flights:</i> <a href="http://www.flugfelag.is">www.flugfelag.is</a> <i>Accommodation:</i> <a href="http://www.hotelisafjordur.is">www.hotelisafjordur.is</a> <a href="http://www.gistihus.is">www.gistihus.is</a></p> <p>Guests are welcome to join the lecturers on a bus trip to the surroundings, including lunch. Please book at: <a href="mailto:radstefna@fjolmenningarsetur.is">radstefna@fjolmenningarsetur.is</a></p>	<p><b>Integration or Segregation – Developments and Trends in Rural and Coastal Areas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unnur Dís Skaptadóttir, Anna Wojtynska <i>West Fjord's Global Villages – Home or Work Place?</i></li> <li>• Brenda Grzetic <i>Seasonal Migration from rural fishery-dependent communities in Newfoundland</i></li> <li>• Marit Anne Aure <i>How People become Labour Migrants</i></li> </ul> <p>Coffee Panel discussion</p>	<p><b>Creating the Welcoming Community – Rural and Social Development on the cross roads</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hafliði H Hafliðason <i>That's how we do it</i></li> <li>• Kristín Harðardóttir <i>What do we know about the immigrants in West Fjords?</i></li> <li>• Wolfgang Bosswick <i>Local Integration Policies for Migrants – Experiences from a European Study</i></li> </ul> <p>Coffee Panel discussion</p>
14:00-17:30	<p><b>Immigrants – Diamonds or Drain on the Rural village Community?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening: Elsa Arnardóttir, director of the Multicultural Centre of Iceland and Halldór Halldórsson, mayor</li> <li>• Philomena de Lima <i>Rights not Numbers – The Challenges of Integration in Rural Communities</i></li> <li>• David Bruce <i>Creating a Welcoming community – an Example from Rural Nova Scotia, Canada</i></li> <li>• Einar K Guðfinnsson, Minister of Fisheries and Alp Mehmet, British Ambassador: <i>Statements</i></li> </ul> <p>Coffee Panel discussion</p>	<p><b>Governing Immigration and Integration – Local and National Government's Responsibilities towards Immigrants and Integration Processes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roland Beshiri <i>Immigrants in Rural Canada</i></li> <li>• Barbara Neis <i>Restructuring in the Newfoundland and Labrador Fishery Since the Collapse of the Cod Stocks: Laying the Foundation for Migrant and Immigrant Workers?</i></li> <li>• Magnfríður Júlíusdóttir <i>Imagining the Future Region</i></li> </ul> <p>Coffee Panel discussion</p>	
17:30-19:00		<p><b>Citizen Assembly 17:30-19:00</b> Ísafjörður Townhall In the panel: Magnús Stefánsson, Minister of Social Affairs, Anna Kristín Gunnarsdóttir, MP, Magnús Þór Hafsteinsson, MP, Halldór Halldórsson, Head of the Association of Local Authorities in Iceland and Eyrún Ingibjörg Sigþórssdóttir, mayor of Tálknafjörður community. Opening: Minister of Social Affairs</p>	
20:00-22:00	<p><b>Hótel Ísafirði: Samfélags-Stef/Socio-Variété</b></p>		