

# Presentation ISU Norway

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# About Trondheim

**Many students** About 30.000 students or 1/5th of the city population

**Many international students** More than 1000 - don't know the exact number

**Active student life** Lots of associations and events, mostly organized by students. Student life is very visible in the city.

# About ISU Trondheim

- For all students in Trondheim: not just NTNU, but also for instance HiST
- Own basement/bar in student village
- 9 board members
  - Completely new board since September 2009
  - Two Pakistanians, two Norwegians, one Belgian, one Chinese, one Russian, one Dutch and one from Azerbeidzjan
- About 30 active committee members
- Mostly European (Erasmus) students involved

## Other organizations

**ICOT** International Community of Trondheim.  
Traditionally more focused on Asian and African students than ISU

- Also visited by families with children, so bit different member group
- One ISU board member is the ICOT president, so cooperation is easy

**ESN** Erasmus Student Network. Basically the same type of activities as ISU, but run by Norwegian students

- Have started to work more closely together with ESN

## Weekly activities

**Basement night - twice a week** Bar open for everyone, drinks and music

**Movie night - twice a week** Show movies in the basement

**Rock 'n roll course - weekly** Rock 'n roll course starting from the basics - quite popular, so number of participants constrained by basement size

**Planned: board game nights - weekly** Board game nights with drinks and snacks - not started yet

**Planned: language course** Language course for people who did not get a place in the NTNU courses

# Bigger trips

- Geiranger and Ålesund
- Røros
- Boat trip
- *and more to be planned*

## Other events

Regular activities:

**Theme parties** *Bad taste, Traffic light, Halloween* and more to come

**Smaller events** Last week for instance a trip to the last Rosenborg football match of the year, but also trips to a museum or Nidarosdomen (church)

Various irregular activities when people ask for it:

**Amnesty student wing meeting** We were approached by Amnesty to provide assistance to get a new student wing in Trondheim started

**ESN party forspiel** Meeting with international students to get them all to go to an ESN party afterwards

# Buddy program

Helped by others we also organize a buddy program where Norwegian students and international students are matched.

- Finding international students is the easy part
- Norwegians are missing (ca. 150 Norwegians and 300 international students)

# Services

- Rent GPSs and maps to students
  - Cabin trips are very popular among international students
- Rent skis to students (starts again in de coming weeks)
- Take in and hand out bed stuff (duvets, covers, pillows) and other reusable objects (except for bikes)

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# Cabins



## Communication - reaching people

**ISU/ESN announce mailing list** Ca. 2000 students - used for official announcements

**ISU members mailing list** Similar number of subscribers. Anyone can send e-mails.

- *"I want to buy/sell a bike/sofa/rice cooker"*
- *"Does anyone have a pump/wrench/chain tool?"*
- *"Who wants to join me to football/music?"*

**Facebook** Generally used in similar way to ISU/ESN announce. Good for separate groups, like the dance course.

**Face to face** Works well, especially because of our basement

We don't often use printed media like flyers.

# Plans

- Get games nights going
- Start language course
- Set up sports activities
- Organize international dinner
- Cabin trip/party

## Where we get stuck

We reach the limits of our current organizational capacity:

- Basement is already used at least five evenings a week
- Basement is too small or uncomfortable for some activities (dancing, movie nights)
- Board members can only handle so much. Trips are mostly done by one person now, for instance.

We've noticed that ESN organizes very similar and sometimes clashing activities. We both planned an international dinner, for instance.

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# Questions

Any questions?