



Norwegian Church Academies

Fora for faith, culture and society, debate and dialogue

The Norwegian Church Academies (Norske Kirkeakademier, NKA) constitute a movement dedicated to serve church, culture and society from the basis of the Christian faith.

The church academies aim to

- contribute to dialogue between different groups of people, and to
- create meeting places to facilitate deeper understanding and debate.

NKA is concerned with creating meeting places for dialogue across differences in faith, philosophy, cultural background and age.

NKA is a national, independent and ecumenical movement established in 1956. The term "Academy" is inherited from the early days. Today NKA is a lay movement, largely based on voluntary work. There are 65 member academies. Every year they are hosting approximately 400 different lectures, conferences, exhibitions, concerts, festivals etc.

The national Board and the Head Office (with 1,2 staff members including a General Secretary) of NKA facilitate cooperation between the local academies. They also serve as the common voice of the movement, cooperate with corresponding institutions in other countries, and initiate projects and conferences. NKA receives an annual government grant through the Arts Council Norway.

NKA hosts and contributes to many projects:

- KULT – Centre for Art, Culture and Church in Oslo,
- The Periodical *Kirke og Kultur (Church and Culture)*,
- The Bridge Builder Prize: A prizes given to persons or organizations that have contributed to fostering understanding, communication and dialogue between different groups in church, culture and society.
- A film seminar: Face of the Other
- Every year NKA organises conferences on topics, such as Art and Church, Cultural Heritage and Diversity in Society, Religious Heritage and the use of church Buildings, Democracy and Church

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