International guest professorship
Cornelia Ruland

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Partners:
Stena Metall AB, HFAB, Krook & Tjäder AB, Halmstad University, Oslo University

Background
To design innovations that are tailored to children’s problems, values and needs, children themselves must play a major role in the research and design process. Participatory design facilitates children’s participation in research processes. To strengthen our knowledge in this field, we have initiated a collaboration with Professor Cornelia Ruland, Oslo University, with internationally recognized expertise in participatory design with children.

Aim
Facilitate children’s participation in research and development in academia, public sector and industry

Academic needs
• Establish new projects and new forms of coproduction including child participation
• Develop skills in participatory research design
• International collaboration on participatory design in relation to children’s health

Industry needs
• Stena Metall - child perspectives on recycling and sustainable development
• HFAB - child perspectives in design of service innovation
• Krook & Tjäder - child perspectives in product design and urban planning

Milestones
• Develop a “road map” for participatory research design integrating children’s needs and preferences
• Advancing participatory design methodology in research and education
• Establish strategic research collaboration and external funding

Achievements
• Joint external funding from The Swedish Childhood Cancer Foundation
• Two new collaborative research projects
• A preliminary “road map” for child participation in research and development
• Established collaboration with Industry partners and Oslo University