



Welcome to the Participation Book Workshop 2026

Thursday, 19th March – Friday, 20th March 2026

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to Bergen. This brochure aims to provide necessary and helpful information regarding your stay in Bergen for the **Participation Book Workshop 2026**, organised by the Centre for Research on Discretion and Paternalism (DIPA). We look forward to many stimulating discussions and hope you enjoy your stay!

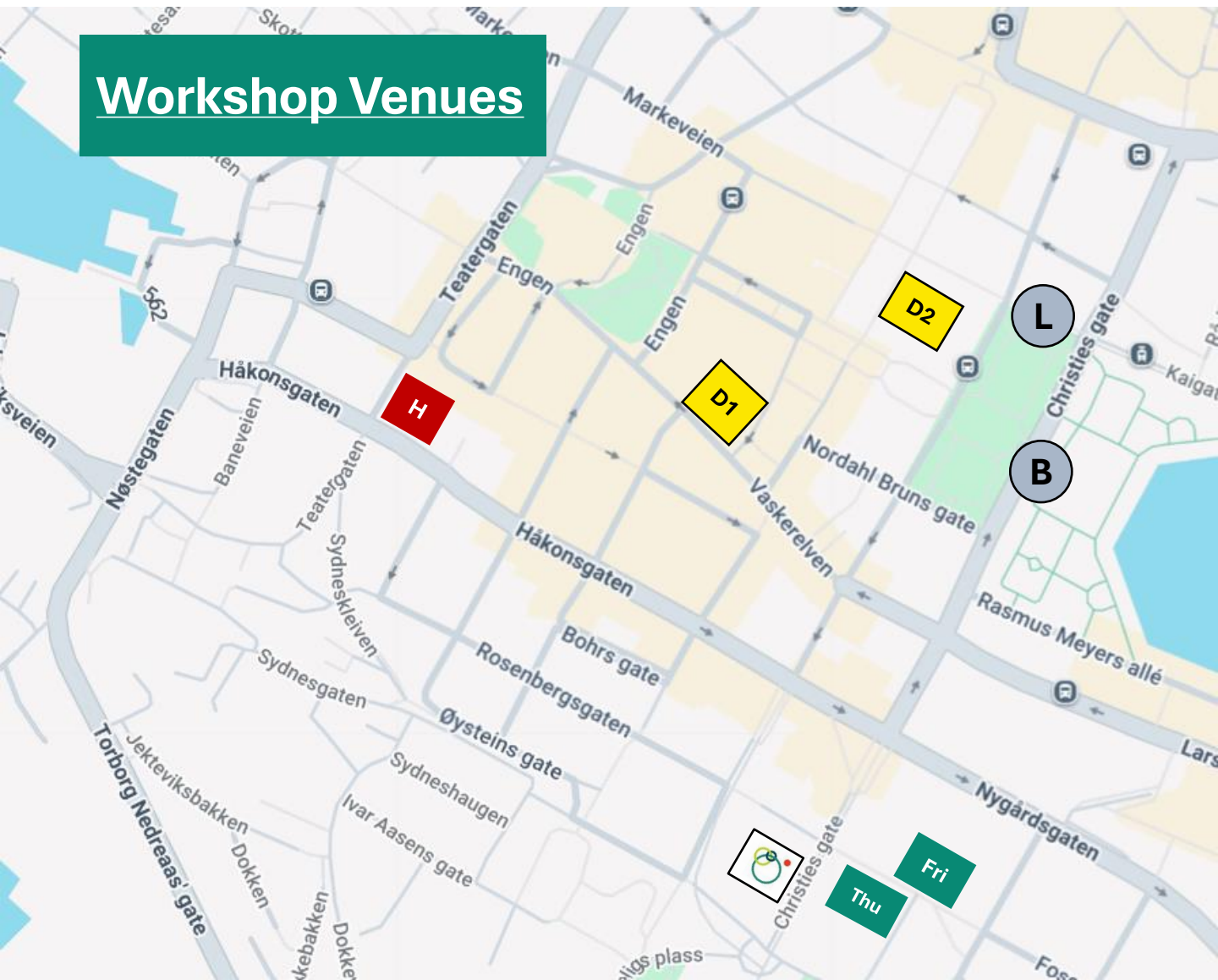
About the Centre

The Centre for Research on Discretion and Paternalism (DIPA) is an international research centre at the University of Bergen. The Centre addresses core themes in the social sciences by examining the government's use of power towards its citizens, and the justifications of state interventions into people's lives. Our primary empirical focus is child welfare and child rights.

Read more: <https://discretion.w.uib.no/>



Workshop Venues



H Hotel Scandic
Bergen City
[Håkonsgaten 2](#)



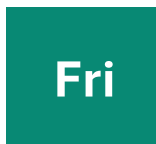
DIPA
[Christies gate 17](#)

D1 Kulturhuset
Wednesday Dinner
[Vaskerelven 8](#)



Ulrike Pihls hus, 2nd floor
Seminar room 2D (Thursday Venue)
[Professor Keyzers gate 1](#)

D2 Sann Colonialen
Thursday Dinner
[Torgallmenningen 14](#)



Lauritz Meltzer hus, 9th floor
Meeting Room 904 (Friday Venue)
[Fosswinckels gate 6](#)

L **Light Rail**
Stop – Byparken
(Line 1 to Airport)

B **Airport Bus**
Stop – Festplassen

Getting around Bergen

From Airport (Bergen Lufthavn) to Bergen City Centre (Bergen Sentrum):

- 1) Light Rail (Bybanen) – More info at [Skyss](#)
- 2) Airport Bus – More Info at [Flybussen](#)

As taxi prices are very high in Bergen, **we highly recommend taking public transport.**

A ticket for the Light Rail can be bought in the Skyss app. Note that Skyss has two different apps, one for purchasing tickets (“Skyss Billett”) and one for travelling purposes (“Skyss Reise”). “Skyss Reise” is helpful to get around and navigate the city.

When purchasing tickets, select **Zone A**. With this pass you can travel across Bergen using all modes of transportation provided by Skyss (busses, light rail, ferry etc.) **NB!** Skyss tickets do not cover the Airport Bus and must be bought separately.

Skyss Billett

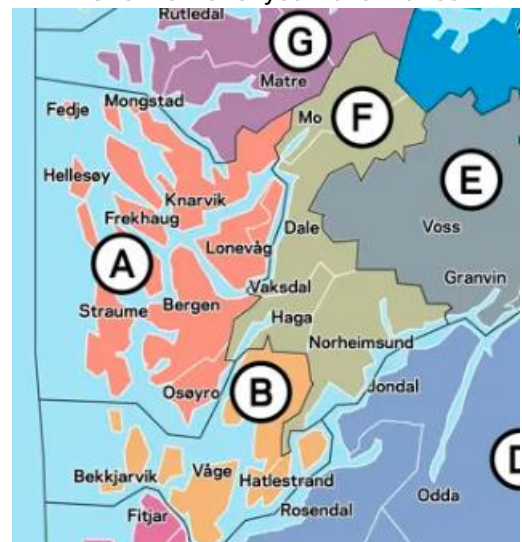


Skyss Reise



Source: Skyss.no

Overview of Skyss Ticket Zones



Source: Skyss.no



Photo: Flybussen at Bergen Airport

Source: visitBergen.com

About Bergen



Bergen was founded in 1070, and from the end of the 13th century, Bergen became a bureau city of the Hanseatic League. This history is still present at the World Heritage Site Bryggen. The Medieval Quarter and City Fortress is also well preserved and easily accessible to the public.



Quick facts about Bergen:

- Established: 1070 AD
- Population: 280,000
- Highest elevation: 987 m (3,238 ft)
- Visitors per year: 2,7 mill.
- Rainfall per year: 2250 mm
- Rainy days per year: 242
- Oldest building: St. Mary's church, 1180 AD

Bergen is known as the “gateway to the fjords” and “the city between seven mountains”. With a population of 275,000, it is Norway’s second-largest city. Bergen offers an appealing cultural life and a relaxed urban atmosphere, surrounded by spectacular nature.



The University of Bergen (UiB) was formally established in 1950 and has multiple campus areas, all located within the City centre. UiB has over 4000 employees and about 18000 students.



Attractions



Bryggen – the old Hanseatic wharf and buildings next to the port, was built after the great fire in 1702. The site is included on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

*Admission fee: None
(Entry fee for Bryggen Museum is NOK 170).*



The **Fløibanen** funicular is one of Norway's most visited attractions. The journey up to Mount Fløyen (320 m above sea level) takes about 5–8 minutes and offer spectacular views of Bergen and the surrounding area.

Admission: Roundtrip NOK 145



KODE is one of the largest museums for art, craft and design in the Nordic countries. The collections include work by Edvard Munch and Nikolai Astrup, as well as the Silver Treasure. KODE Art Museum is located in four buildings in Bergen city centre.

Admission: NOK 200

Practical Information

PARTICIPATION BOOK MEETING 2026:

Thursday 19 March – Friday 20 March 2026

The workshop will bring together the chapter authors of *Child Welfare Removals by the State. A Cross-Country Analysis of Decision-Making Systems (2nd edition, 2027)* to share and discuss their drafts for their respective chapters. Participants will present key themes and findings from their countries, work collectively to ensure coherence, and address questions that arise in the process. It also serves as a space for collaboration and planning ahead toward the final submission of the chapters.

Useful Links

- Internal Worksite: [Centre for Research on Discretion and Paternalism \(DIPA\) - Internal Worksite Book Workshop 2026](#)
- DIPA: [Centre for Research on Discretion and Paternalism \(DIPA\) – Addresses core themes in the social sciences](#)
- Department of Government: [Department of Government | University of Bergen](#)
- University of Bergen: [University of Bergen](#)
- VisitBergen: [Visit Bergen - Official Bergen \(Norway\) Tourist Information Site](#)

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