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## News

### DION Grants is Back! – Call for Applications

**DION is happy to announce a new round of support grants for educational or social activities for our members at NTNU!** All PhD candidates, Postdocs and other temporary scientific employees at any NTNU campuses are eligible to apply for a grant (up to 2500 NOK) to cover expenses related to organizing activities that create opportunities for PhD students and post-docs to network, learn, and enrich their experience. Please note that Master degree students are NOT eligible. DION will give preference to applications which are targeted towards an open audience. Applications for the exclusive benefit of one department or faculty will still be accepted but applications that are accessible for all DION members will be prioritized.

This year, we also decided to give preference to applications addressing the topics of "**parenthood**" (for example by making the event explicitly family friendly, by organizing an event around the topic of parenthood during PhD/ post-doc, etc.) or "**mental health**".

We also highly encourage those interested to apply as a **group**, although grant applications by individuals remain welcome.

#### Rules:

1. The deadline for sending the application is **23:59 CET 01 October, 2019**. Applications will be evaluated by DION board members. You can apply using [the application form](#) filling out all mandatory fields and sending it to **post@dion.ntnu.no**
2. Funding should be used by the end of **January**, i.e. until **31.01.2020 23:59 CET**.
3. The organizers are expected initially to cover the costs of the event and then seek reimbursement of the costs from DION. No a priori funding is given. Please note that the receipts and all reimbursement documents should be submitted to DION at the **LATEST two weeks after the event, but before the end of January, 2020 – whichever comes first**. Otherwise, reimbursement of the costs is not guaranteed.
4. In case of approval of the grant, the organizers **should promote DION** by making it a co-host of the Facebook event, and allowing a DION board member to attend the event for promotion purposes. A DION board member will be assigned to each approved application, and the organizers will liaise with them about the event.
5. **Please note that the maximum amount DION can reimburse is 2500 (two thousand and five hundred) NOK**. If overall cost of the event exceeds 2500 NOK, it is organizer's sole responsibility to get extra funding from other sources. Any requests for more than 2500 NOK from DION will be automatically declined.

**Last year's successful grant applicants were (these are just examples – you are not requested to organize a similar, or a follow-up project):**

- Randomized Coffee Trials
- PhD and Postdoc Choir
- Smart City Day
- OK Computer: Being a researcher in the digital era
- How to pitch your research "story" to a non-academic audience
- Laser tag in Gjøvik
- Stoic Principles for a Healthy Academic Life

Download the application form from: [https://org.ntnu.no/dion/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/DION-Grant-Application-Form-Fall-2019\\_final.docx](https://org.ntnu.no/dion/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/DION-Grant-Application-Form-Fall-2019_final.docx)

We are looking forward to your applications!

## DION – Now on Instagram

DION continues to enrich its communication channels and social media presence. We have recently launched a DION Instagram page. Follow us at <https://www.instagram.com/ntnu.dion/>, stay updated and get inspired! ☺



**@ntnu.dion**

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## The Issue of the Unequal Pay Among PhD Candidates at NTNU

On Friday, August 9, DION received an email inquiry about the recent salary negotiations for PhDs at NTNU. The outcome seemed unfair as PhDs hired recently had a higher salary than more senior PhD candidates hired earlier. On Wednesday, September 4, we have invited Sigrid Rønneberg – a Tekna representative to discuss this issue as well as the next steps with us.

Considering the complex nature of the case, DION is currently working on the clarification of the various aspects related to it. The briefing on this case will be reported in the next issue of our monthly newsletter.

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## New Badminton Club at NTNU Gjøvik

We have heard earlier this year from some of our Gjøvik-based members regarding their interest in badminton. We have a great news for you: DION members (and not only) can now benefit from recently created NTNU Badminton Group!

The group is open to all students and employees at NTNU Gjøvik. They gather Wednesdays, 3-4 PM. The group also plans to arrange involvement of a professional coach and to extend timing.

**Join the following Facebook group for further details:**

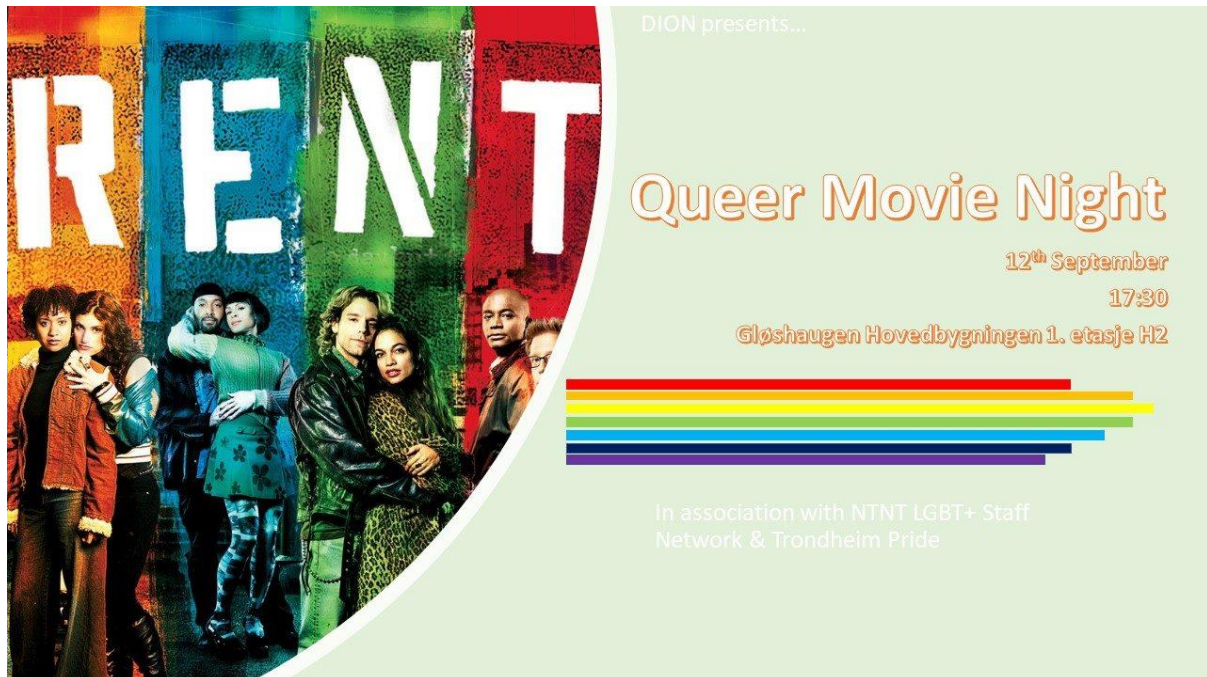
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2277360219245021/>

## Upcoming Events

### Queer Movie Night

**When:** Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> of September, 17:30 – 20:00

**Where:** Gløshaugen, Hovedbygningen, H2



What says Seasons of Love better than Pride Week!

Come join us for a cozy autumn night, with an award-winning musical about a group of impoverished young artists struggling to survive and create a life in Lower Manhattan's East Village in the thriving days of Bohemian Alphabet City, under the shadow of HIV/AIDS.

We will have some snacks and soda as well! So grab your friends and get to Gløshaugen Main building (Floor 1, H2) on the 12th!

Venue: <https://s.mazemap.com/2ITMsuE>

Follow the Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/725332071248571/>

## March with Pride! With DION and NTNU Lgbtq+

**When:** Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> of September, 11:30 – 14:30

**Where:** Trondheim Katedralskole, Munkegata 8, 7013 Trondheim



*Picture 1: DION attending the Pride in Trondheim last year.*

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Stonewall, one of the most important milestones in the movement for LGBTQ rights, and the motivation for the first Pride Parade!

Come celebrate inclusion and diversity with us! This year DION and NTNU LGBTQ+ staff network will be marching together in the parade. So, no matter your NTNU affiliation – or lack of such – we are hoping you will join us!

The parade will go from Trondheim Katedralskole. The parade starts moving at 12.30, but will start organizing from 11.30 and onwards. After the parade, there will be a paradeshow!

Hope to see you there!

**Follow the Facebook event:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/512907886127252/>

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## Happy Hour and Shuffleboard in Gjøvik

**When:** Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> of September, 18:00 – 19:30

**Where:** Pi Restaurant og Bar, Strandgata 15, Gjøvik

DION classic – Happy Hour and Shuffleboard is back to Gjøvik! Don't miss a belated semester kick-off event.

We invite all Gjøvik-based PhDs, Postdocs, temporary scientific employees at NTNU and their family members to join the Happy Hour with shuffleboard (sponsored by us) at Cafe Pi! Grab a drink and/or just enjoy the social atmosphere and a game of shuffle board. If you have not tried out shuffle board yet, this is the perfect opportunity to give it a try. Apart from that, a fuzzball table will be also at our disposal.

Registration is required. RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/RiLm8KxD9NPJ1EYK6>

Follow the Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/697768360648029/>



*Picture 2: DION board member Davit Gigilashvili at one of the Happy Hour events in Gjøvik*

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## Happy Hour and Shuffleboard

**When:** Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> of September, exact time to be announced<sup>1</sup>.

**Where:** Work-Work, Munkegata 58, 7010 Trondheim

The old friend - playing shuffle board at Work-Work is happening again! Please join us for a round or two. You can grab your own drink, while the board is paid for by DION. Be welcome :)

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that the date is tentative. Follow our Facebook page to stay updated.

## Board and Card Games in Gjøvik

**When:** Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> of October, 18:00 – 21:00, (tentative) <sup>2</sup>

**Where:** NTNU Gjøvik Library



Enjoy the relaxing Friday evening with your colleagues in Gjøvik. Considering the success of the last board games event, we invite all Gjøvik-based PhDs, Postdocs and other temporary scientific employees at NTNU, as well as their family members to join the board and card games in the library of NTNU Gjøvik! Would you opt for games you have already mastered, or would you prefer trying out the new ones? Or maybe you are skilled at card magic tricks and want to amaze your colleagues? We will have many options for you. Also feel free to bring your own game or propose one! And indeed, it will be accompanied with your favorite part of the events - free pizza! ☺

**Registration is required. RSVP at:** <https://forms.gle/kaRgFQfwYqzQtK1w8>

**Please, note** that time might also change slightly. Follow our social media to stay updated!

**Follow the Facebook event:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/1397513677082749/>

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<sup>2</sup> Please note that the date, as well as the exact time, is tentative. Follow our Facebook page to stay updated.

## Past Events

### DION's Choir – Open Rehearsals and Selection



*Picture 3: DION's choir conductor Mattia Veroni rehearsing with DION's choir members.*

On 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of September DION hosted two-day open rehearsals and selection for the DION's choir at Gløshaugen.

DION's Choir is looking for the people who feel life is a little bit sadder without music, and who are bored of singing alone! You don't need to be a great, trained singer to join our choir (no prior experience required): we look for committed singers with a good intonation, in order to build a vibrant, cozy environment for beautiful harmonies to bloom. Instrumentalists are also welcome!

If you are still interested in joining DION's Choir, contact to the choir conductor Mattia Veroni ([mattia.veroni@ntnu.no](mailto:mattia.veroni@ntnu.no)), and stay tuneful! 😊

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### Happy Hour – Semester Kick-Off

On Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> of August, DION celebrated the semester kick-off with its traditional Happy Hour and Shuffleboard event at Work-Work. 18 DION members attended the event! 😊

## BBQ Evening with DION

While many of our members were enjoying their vacations on the beach thousands of kilometers away, DION remained active throughout the summer and organized a BBQ grilling evening at the Elgeseter Park for its members who got stuck in Trondheim during the July heat. It turned out a very exciting evening with some sports and card games.



*Picture 4: DION is with its members even in the July heat.*

## Happy Hour in Gjøvik: Board Games

The Spring 2019 semester was concluded on June 28<sup>th</sup> with traditional Happy Hour in Gjøvik. DION hosted a board games event at the NTNU Gjøvik Library in collaboration with Gjøvik Tabletop, where 15 DION board members could demonstrate their Exploding Kittens' skills, in addition to enjoying free pizza, indeed. 😊



*Picture 5: Gjøvik-based members enjoying various board games in the NTNU Gjøvik Library.*



*Picture 6: In addition to a great selection of board games, DION members could indulge themselves in a yummy pizza.*

## Happy Hour and Shuffle Board with DION: June Edition

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, before leaving for their vacations, DION members could enjoy the classic Happy Hour and Shuffleboard once again. Again at Work-Work of course!

The Happy Hour event series is back to Trondheim, as well as to Gjøvik. Check *Upcoming Events* above, and enjoy the shuffleboard with your colleagues! :->

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## OK Computer: Being a researcher in the digital era – funded by DION Grants

Another great event that DION Grants made possible to happen. Henrik Karlstrøm, Senior Advisor at NTNU University Library, led a very lively and fruitful discussion on research in the digital era.

We want to thank Dimitra Christidou once again for organizing the informal seminar!



*Picture 7: The topic of research in the Digital Era aroused much curiosity among attendees.*

Got inspired? Don't forget that the **call for the grants is open now!** Just scroll up and check **page 2** once again! 😊

## ***DION Board Meetings***

### Next DION Board Meeting

**When:** Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> of October, 09:00 – 12:00

**Where:** To be announced

DION's board meetings are open to all PhD Candidates and Post-docs. More information on agenda will be made available on *Innsida* and our website the week before the meeting.

Do you have something to add to the agenda? **Send the DION board an e-mail: [post@dion.ntnu.no](mailto:post@dion.ntnu.no)**



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