



#### 7 Universities in Iceland

#### **4 PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

- University of Iceland
- University of Akureyri
- University of Hólar, called Hólaskóli
- The Agricultural University of Iceland

#### **3 PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

- Reykjavik University
- Iceland Academy of Arts
- Bifröst University



# 3 universities in Reykjavik

- The University of Iceland
- Reykjavik University
- Iceland Academy of Arts



Today we are located in Veröld, one of the many buildings belonging to The University of Iceland. The university is the oldest and the largest one, founded in 1911.

- 14.000 students
- 25 faculties
- 160 undergraduate programs

Mostly located on the campus area.



# Total of students in Reykjavik

- University of Iceland: about 14.000 students
- Reykjavik University: 3.500 students
- Iceland Academy of Arts: 450 students
- University level: around 18.000 in Reykjavík, approx. 21.000 total.



## 1.700 units in Reykjavik

Icelandic student services and BN (Byggingafélag námsmanna)



# Other companies and schools that provide housing for students:

- BN, 469 units

  Applicable schools are the university's educational school, Iceland Academy of Arts, the school of Tech and students of University of Reykjavik.
- Fésta, 159 units
   The Student Services in Akureyri
- Keilir, 520 units
   Preliminary Studies



### Who are building?

- Icelandic Student Services: 244. In planning process: 160. Total 600 in the next few years.
- HR: 125 units. Total 430 in the next years.
- BN: 150 units.
  150 other units in the next few years.



## Let's look at some prices

-	FS Studio on campus 36 m2	741,18 €
-	FS Couples apartments on campus 59 m2	865,32 €
-	FS Family apartment on campus, 84.0 m2	1.123,66 €
_	BN studio 45.4-45.6 m2	899,04 €
-	BN couples apartment 58.6-77.5 m2	1.140,43 €
-	BN family apartment, 71.1-71.9 m2	1.296, 99 €
_	Fésta family apartment, 73 m2	1.073.48 €



# What is Icelandic Student Services?

- A non profit organization with independent finances
- Founded by law in 1968
- All Students at UI are members
- Staff members around 170. Small overhead
- Primarily a service company for students at UI
- Main Goal: To provide students a variety of quality service at good rates.
- Increase quality of life
- New services are founded as needed



### Vision:

- To increase students quality of life

### Goal for student housing:

- offer 20% of student housing, now 10%





Stúdentagarðar

MAIN OFFICE STUDENT HOUSING BOOKSTORE FOOD SERVICE PRESCHOOLS





### **The University Centre**

- Inviting and accessible
- A meeting spot for students, staff and others
- Friendly and positive atmosphere
- Service at a low price
- The central administration of UI



#### The Food Service

- 4.500 5.000 customers pr. day
- Low price
- Wide selection, variety, different needs
- 11 locations
- Fast food, hot meals, cafeterias, café, bar, restaurant, catering



#### **The Student Cellar**

- Café, restaurant, bar, venue for activities
- A place to relax, have fun and reload
- International students, orientation week, language date
- Dynamic, fun
- Open from 11 23 or 01



# The University Bookstore

- Provides books for all courses
- Serves all higher education institutions and more
- Reduction in sales, downloads, copyright
- Additional services



#### **Preschools**

- Three preschools
- On campus
- 184 children
- 60 new spaces comming in June
- Around 200 on waiting list



#### **Student Hostel**

- Opened June 1st 2017
- Available for all but double price system, regular and student price
- **43 rooms**
- Sleeping bags and made up beds



# **Student Housing**

- 1200 units
- Waiting lists over 1100
- 244 new units in January 2020







# Student Housing challenges

- Social isolation
- Cultural differences
- Young residents
- Cooperation w. Student Counselling and Career
   Centre and the International office



# Our emphasis when building new housing?

#### MINIMIZE ISOLATION

- shared living spaces are inviting
- one entrance
- kitchen and living room in the same space
- seeing from one kitchen into the others
- a grill in the yard
- rooms that serve more then one purpose (post office for boxing, laundry room for yoga or other fitness exercises)
- tv rooms also for playing cards/having friends over
- Colors, fabrics and stickers cheerful to emphasize that young people live there

#### **MAXIMIZE INTERACTION**



# We would like to encourage

- A feel of a home
- Positive energy
- Cooperation
- Social responsibility
- A constructive environment
- Respect
- Equality



### Oddagarðar 14 and 16

- 166 students
- 2 buildings
- 88 in each
- 7 10 residents sharing kitchen and a living room.



### **Brautarholt**

- Studios and couples apartments
- 102 apartments
- 134 residents



### Hjónagarðar

- 56 apartments, 126 residents
- Children's playroom, shared open area, a residents hall, balconies that further expand their apartments

Once an old family building, now the most popular family home



# The service survey. What do they think about shared facilities?

A home away from home, being with other people!, getting to know other students, social life, the social exposure, friendly community of students to live with, community of parents in studies, helping one another out with the children, extended family, good communication! Living so close to friends, lots of families around, getting to know people with different cultural background, a sense of community sharing my home, design is tasteful and practical, amazing neighborhood, make friends! Having dinner together! Nice living atmosphere, reliability, guaranteed quality, very nice people, well organized.



# The birthday bash!

A year of festivities

- Hot Dogs
- 5 m cake
- 50 ISK beer
- Easter Eggs



### **THANKS!**