

NEWSLETTER

DELEGATE COUNCIL OF EFLING

Árni Guðmundsson, director of Gildi, refuses to meet Efling members about the Init case

Árni Guðmundsson, the director of pension fund Gildi, has rejected the offer of delegate council members and the Efling board to meet Efling members in a discussion about Init.

In earlier discussion with Sólveig Anna Jónsdóttir, head of Efling, Árni had accepted to come to the meeting. He withdrew, however, when he was notified that the meeting would be chaired by Aðalsteinn Kjartansson, journalist at Stundin, who had earlier worked at Kveikur when it produced its report on Init.

“Hundreds of millions of our pensions disappeared into shell companies under Árni’s watch. He has given no explanation of how that could happen. We need an informed and more credible discussion about this with Efling members, who own this money. I think the pension fund director disrespects fund members by rejecting the offer to come to our meeting,” said Sólveig Anna Jónsdóttir, head of Efling.



Solidarity action and delegate council meeting at Reykjavík Airport

Union reps and delegate council members weren’t deterred by an unusual meeting format and came to Reykjavík Airport on October 14, in solidarity with Ólöf Helga Adolfsdóttir, Efling union rep at the airport, who was fired while guarding her colleagues’ rights.

News about the event and photos can be seen [here](#), a short Facebook video is available [here](#).

SA and Icelandair in court

Efling has subpoenaed Icelandair and SA to the Labour court over the firing of Ólöf Helga Adolfsdóttir. The case is a test of the rights of all union reps, of the social responsibility of companies, and of the honest intent of SA. A response from SA is expected in early December, and a ruling later this winter. Attention will be brought to the case as hitherto, showing Ólöf and her colleagues support.

Read about it [here](#)



Efling educational evening

We draw attention to the Efling educational evenings which are on the first Thursday of each month in the Efling community centre. These monthly events have a broad range of formats, and members can come and share experiences, get to know each other and chat. Read the programme [here](#).

Free courses about collective agreements – sign up!

We remind delegate council members that they can apply to attend a course on preparing collective bargaining at Félagsmálaskóli alþýðu. Courses are taught before noon on the first two Tuesdays in November.

- “Communication and teamwork of the negotiation committees” (Nov 2) – register [here](#)
- “Formal preparations for collective agreements, for negotiations and the calling of strikes” (Nov 9) – register [here](#)

The presentation will be in Icelandic, with live on-screen interpretation into English.

Council members should enter the kennitala of Efling (701298-2259) in the payer field, then Efling will pay their course.

Next meeting and further info

The next council meeting is on November 11. Reserve the evening! Practical information, the newsletter, the members’ list and more on the council’s [landing page](#).



New and exciting course for Efling members in November - register!

In November, Efling members will be offered a new General course of Vitinn - the Efling school. The general course comprises substantive and exciting lectures which aim to expand the knowledge, consciousness and confidence of people in class struggle.

The course spans four weeks, with teaching in Icelandic on Tuesdays and in English on Wednesdays, from 7 to 10pm at Efling Social centre, Guðrúnartún 1, 4th floor.

The people behind this course are all experienced and knowledgeable in their respective fields, fields which are in direct connection to the reality and interests of Efling members. The aim is to make the studies accessible and lively with discussion and by intermittently breaking up the lecture format.

The courses will be about things of great importance to delegate council members, union reps and active members.

We urge you to sign up! More info on the Efling homepage [here](#).