**Riina Kiik and  Siri Forsmo to Canberra to discuss new  research collaborations with University of Canberra and Australian National University.**

The Center has for several years worked together with the two large universities of Canberra, Australia: the University of Canberra (UC) and the Australian National University (ANU).

At the University of Canberra the collaboration has been to develop heath promotional/sustainable healthy Cities, suburbs and communities. With ANU the Center have had a long lasting collaboration on public-health, with a long row of visitors to ANU from NTNU and the other way around. The Center has also been involved in developing a Joint-Phd between NTNU and ANU on Behavior and Health.

In order to strengthen these collaborations and develop it further, the visit of Professor Riina Kiik, Dept. of  Social Work and Health Science and Professor Siri Forsmo, Dept. of Public Health and General Practice from NTNU, February 1.-4., has  been an important step.

In the meeting UC several new ideas for collaboration based on what we already work with  between the universities were discussed, especially were the Malvik municipality (Norway) and Crace (Canberra, Australia)  research, but also to develop more collaboration based on HUNT was in focus.

The HUNT dataset was also and important ingredient in the discussions with ANU. It was further discussed how tho get research projects that really could be a real «carrot" for PhD-students.

The HUNT data could be such a carrot. The Centers research on health promotion is well known in both universities, and a variety of research activities are are going on and taking form. This weeks meetings were to discuss research collaboration other areas as as well.