

International Folk High School Summit



25th - 28th September 2019 at Grundtvigs Højskole, Hillerød

In 2019 The Association of Folk High Schools in Denmark is celebrating its 175th anniversary of the inauguration of the first folk high school in the world. This first international summit is bringing practitioners, researchers, and advocates from all around the world together to inspire, discuss, and further develop folk high schools.

NOTE: Pre-summit will be held 23rd - 25th September with school visits and much more.

Wednesday 25th September

13:30 Arrival and accommodation

14:30 Meet and greet

15:00 The folk high school today - for people, society and nature

Welcome and introduction by Lisbeth Trinskjær, chairperson of the Association of Folk High Schools in Denmark

15:30 Adult education - its role, relevance, and circumstances today

Opening note by professor Peter Mayo and secretary general Katarina Popovic.

"Why do we need adult education today?"

In this opening session two leading figures of adult education will explore the depths and importance of popular education today.

16:30 Break

17:00 Thematic visions for the future

Joint session on the political and pedagogical perspectives of folk high schools.

18:30 Dinner

19:30 Evening programme: Freedom Singers

Thursday 26th September

07:00 Breakfast

08:15 Morning assembly

09:00 Main subjects

- (1) Building Community
- (2) Democratic Education
- (3) Life Enlightenment
- (4) Sustainable Education

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Towards a manifesto for people's educators

The folk high school takes many different forms throughout the world, but what is the core of the folk high school pedagogy?

In this joint session we want to, collectively, come closer to a contemporary philosophy of popular enlightenment and folk high school pedagogy.

15:30 Electives. Yoga, Sports, Experience Nature, Dancing, Choir, etc.

17:00 Break

18:00 Dinner

19:00 Evening programme: Sharing Stories

Friday 27th September

07:00 Breakfast

08:15 Morning assembly

09:00 Electives. Choir, Dancing, Sports, Experience Nature, Yoga, etc.

10:45 Main subjects *continuing*

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Main subjects *continuing*

14:30 Break

15:00 Perspectives for future cooperation

In this last joint session, we will sketch ideas and visions for a potential alliance between international folk high school advocates and practitioners; based on four work stations:

- (1) Pedagogical development
- (2) Academic research
- (3) Advocacy and international politics
- (4) Communication and knowledge sharing

17:00 Reception

18:00 Break

19:00 Banquet

Saturday 28th September

08:30 Breakfast

09:00 Morning assembly & final remarks

By the organisational committee

10:00 Departure

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Further information

On www.danishfolkhighschools.com/summit you will find additional notes on the programme, accommodation, transportation, and more.

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