

International Folk High School Summit



SUMMIT Grundtvigs Folk High School September 25th - 28th 2019

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 September 25th

13:30 Arrival and accommodation

14:00 Meet and greet

14:30 Welcome and introduction

Lisbeth Trinskjær, chairperson of the Association of Folk High Schools in Denmark

14:45 Official opening: Why Grundtvig and folk high schools are relevant today

By the Danish Minister of Culture Joy Mogensen.

15:30 Adult education - a lost battle or a new chance?

Professor Peter Mayo and Secretary General of ICAE 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.

18:00 Dinner

19:00 We have a dream

Conversation and vision café.

Mr. Yeonho Oh, South Korea.

Ash-Lee Woodard Henderson, USA.

Edicio dela Torre, Philippines.

Thursday September 26th

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. Asoke Bhattacharya, India / Sérgio Haddad, Brazil / Rikke Holm, Denmark / Johan Lövgren, Norway.

15:30 Electives. Choir, Dance, International Sport, Urban activities, Storytelling

18:00 Dinner

19:00 Sharing stories and songs

Friday September 27th

07:00 Breakfast

08:15 Morning assembly

09:00 Electives. Choir, Dance, International Sport, Urban activities, Storytelling

10:45 Main subjects *continuing*

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Main subjects *continuing*

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 Bubbles and briefs

19:00 Banquet

- Folk High School dinner with songs et.al.
- Historical concert with the Freedom Singers
- Dance party with DJ

Saturday September 28th

08:30 Breakfast

09:00 Morning assembly & final remarks

By the organisational committee

10:00 Departure

Højskolerne

Further information

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