

# The Danish folk high school





# Learning for life!

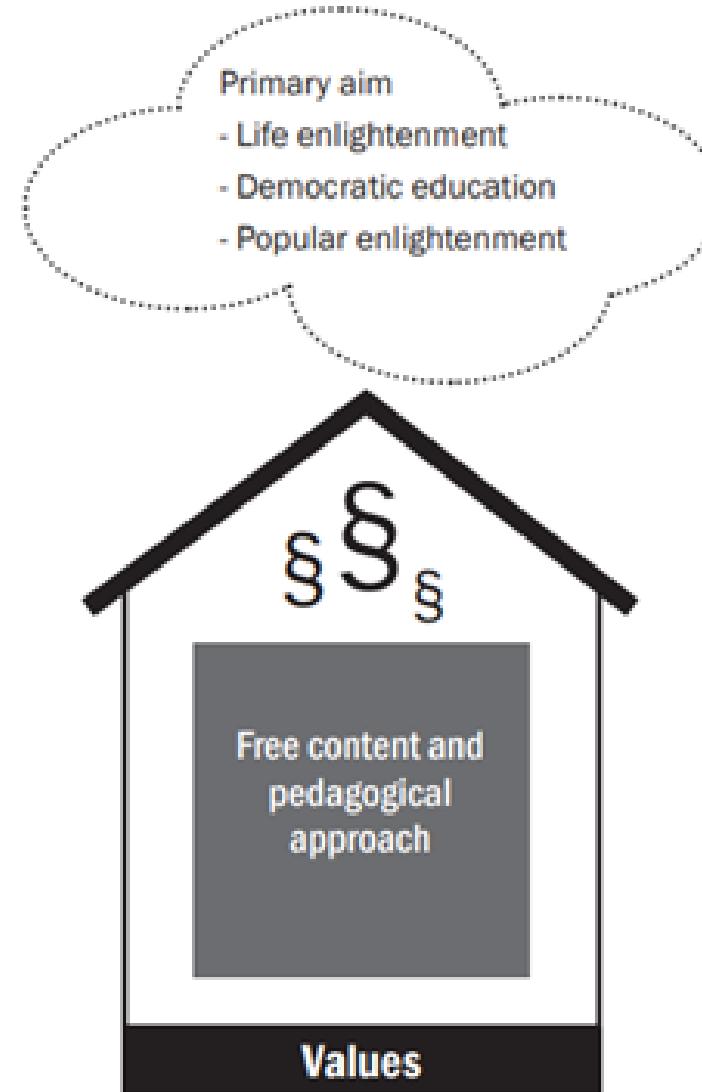
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- Non-formal education
- 17,5 years old and above
- Boarding school - live and learn together.
- No curriculum.
- No degrees nor examinations.

# When are you a folk high school?

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- Folk high schools shall provide teaching and fellowship in courses with the primary aim of cultivating:
  - Life enlightenment (livsoplysning)
  - Popular enlightenment (folkelig oplysning)
  - Democratic education and training (demokratisk dannelses)
- At least half of the teaching must be put into perspective towards a broader universal meaning.
- Needs to communicate its values publicly – whether it is rooted in religion, political views or other.
- The school is free to plan the education according to its own beliefs.
- (NB. Everyone in Denmark has the right to establish a folk high school.)



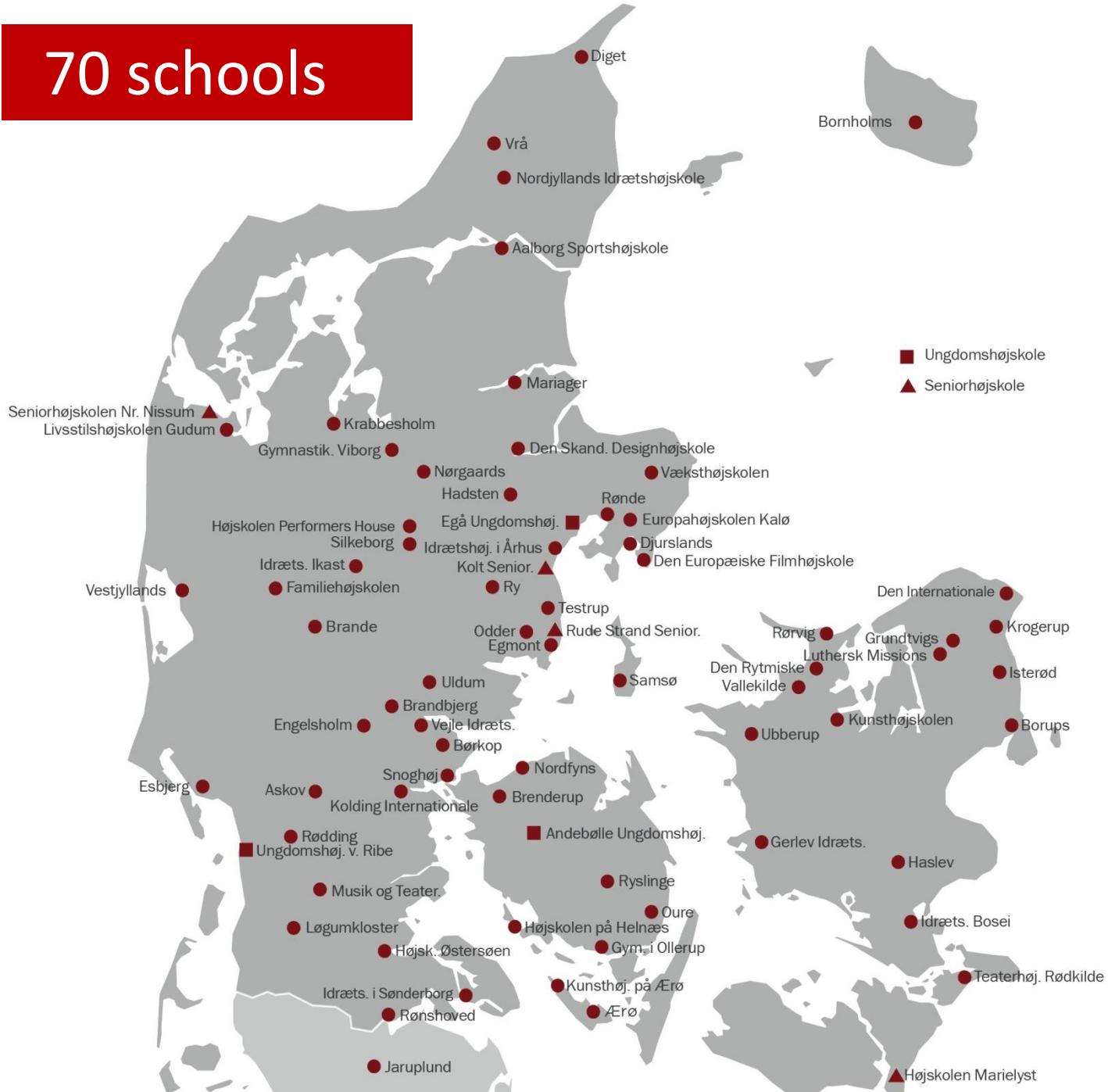


## Living and learning together: Boarding school



70 schools

Capacity: 35-200 students



# Different schools

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- Each School has its own specific background and educational focus:
  - Sports
  - Theatre
  - Movie-making
  - Educational Preparing
  - Religious
  - International studies
  - Journalism
  - ...
- Guidance and councelling



# Short history of the folk high schools

NFS Grundtvig: (1783-1872)



Teaching must be based on "the living word"



Education must be connected to real life



Education must be based on the motivation of the students



Living interaction



# Free Learning Spaces – pedagogics of engagement



# The outcome of a stay at a folk high school

1. Active citizenship – courage and ability to act.
2. Independency – Navigation skills and personal growth (inner compass).
3. Clarification – to find your path in life. (High completion rate at further study programs).
4. Collective experience – experiencing the power of collectiveness.
5. Friends for life (network - personal and professional).



The educational idea  
of Grundtvig is to  
educate the youth,  
not to make a living,  
but to live a life.

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# More info on the Danish folk high school



Film introducing the Danish folk high school in English.



Booklet on the Danish folk high school.



Film from the Global folk high school Summit 2019

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# Folk high Schools globally

