

LEVER

Voluntary culture as leverage of cultural activities
in sparsely populated areas



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4-day in-service training course

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1. The frame

Course title

Baltic Sea Course - culture volunteering in sparsely populated areas

Time and place

The courses take place from Wednesday, 20 March, 17:00 to Saturday, 23 March, 14:00 at Musisk Centre / Askov Folk High School, Maltvej 1, 6600 Vejen, Denmark

- see website of Musisk Centre here: <http://musiskcenter.dk>
- See website of Askov Folk High School: www.askov-hojskole.dk

Type of event

A residential 4-day in-service training course.

Participants

Approx 20 trainees including culture volunteers as well as culture managers
The course venue has wheelchair lifts. No further provision for special needs is planned.

Part of a Baltic Sea NGO project

The course is part of the 3-year NGO development project, Jan 2016 – May 2019, entitled: “Voluntary culture as leverage of cross-cultural activities in sparsely populated areas with an added value for democratic participation and community bonding” (LEVER).

For more information about the project, see the project portal: www.culture-lever.net

The course is thereby supported by the Nordic Council of Ministers’ NGO programme for the Baltic Sea Region.

2. Providers

Course providers and project team

The course is designed as part of the LEVER project that includes project leaders from six organisations from five Baltic Sea countries: Denmark, Finland, Poland, Lithuania and Belarus.

- Interfolk, Institute for Civil Society (DK) - see www.interfolk.dk
- National Association of Cultural Councils (DK) - see www.kulturellesamraad.dk
- Finnish Swedish Youth Association (FI) – see www.fsu.fi
- Foundation of Alternative Educational Initiatives (PL) - see www.fundacjaie.eu
- “United Way” Belarusian NGO Organization (BY) – see <http://en.ngo.by>
- Lithuanian Association of Castles and Manors (LT) – see www.dvarai.lt

Course leaders

The course leader group consists of one project leader from each of the six involved organisations

- Bente von Schindel, Secretary General, National Association of Cultural Councils (DK)
- Hans Jørgen Vodsgaard, Head of institute, Interfolk (DK)
- Sebastian Gripenberg, General Manager, Finnish Swedish Youth Association (FI)
- Agnieszka Dadak, president, Foundation of Alternative Educational Initiatives (PL)
- Svetlana Roussanova, deputy director, "United Way" Belarusian NGO Organization (BY)
- Vilma Deckute Zukauskiene, Executive Secretary, Lithuanian Castles and Manors Association (LT)

See contact information below, page 9

3. Key features

Aim and objectives

The overall aim is to strengthen the competences of culture volunteers and managers in sparsely populated areas to provide available and involving arts and culture opportunities for the local communities with an added value for civic participation, community bonding and local identity.

The objectives are

1. To outline the possibilities of arts and culture to help to revive villages and remote areas.
2. To outline the essentials of cross-cultural activities with an added value for civic participation, community bonding and local identity.
3. To present and exchange experiences of Best Practise as culture volunteers as well as culture managers in sparsely populated areas.
4. To clarify how the learned can be transferred into own future tasks as culture managers and volunteers.

Teaching methodology

The teaching will be based on participatory and activity-based methods, integrating theory and shared experience with a focus on the transferability of the learned into future tasks in your own organization.

There will be a blend of lectures, trainers' presentations, plenum discussions, workshops, small group work, and individual learning. Short presentations on the topic prepared by participants themselves will be part of the course.

Validation procedures are embedded in the content of the course, so the learners must at the end of the course validate their own competence development as well as the transferability of the learned.

A guided evening tour at Askov Folk High School and an afternoon excursion to the network of cultural heritage museums at the west coast of Jutland and a guided tour to the local Askov Windmill Museum will help the participants to experience "best practice" within the areas of focus.

The working language is English, and the course materials will be provided in English.

Course materials, preparation and follow-up

The participants will latest 3 weeks before the course receive the course papers, where the main course materials will be the Pilot Work report with examples of good practice in the field.

The participants will be invited to prepare a short presentation of the key activities in their own culture association or institution.

After the course the participants will receive a summary of the training course content, activities and results including a summary of the course evaluation.

Certificate of Attendance

Participants will get a Certificate of Attendance stating the frame, content, method and the working hours of the course.

4. The day-to-day programme: 20 – 23 March 2019

Wednesday, 20 March / day 1: Welcome and presentations

- 15:00 - 18:00 Arrival and accommodation at Musisk Center Askov
- 18:00 - 18.45 Dinner at "Spisesal" (the Dining Hall)
- 19:00 - 20:00 Welcome in "Foredragssal" (Lecture Hall)**
Welcome and presentation of programme, participants and trainers
Speed dating
By the LEVER project team
- 20:00 - 21:00 Guided tour at Askov Folk High School**
By Rikke Holm, principal at Askov Folk High School
- 21:00 - 23:00 Evening café in Skovgård, Musisk Center,**
Some festivity activity?

Thursday, 21 March / day 2: Added values for the local communities

- 08:00 – 09:00 Breakfast at "Spisesal" (the Dining Hall)
- 09:15 - 12:00 Plenary sessions in the "Foredragssal" (Lecture Hall)**
- 09:15 – 09.45 Presentation of the LEVER project
by Hans Jørgen Vodsgaard, Chief Executive, Interfolk
- 09:45- 10.25 Participatory culture activities and democratic participation
By Søren Søbørg Ohlsen, development executive, the national society of Danish cultural centres.
- 10:25 - 10:55 Morning coffee break
- 10:55 - 11:40 Further education of culture volunteers
By Per Lunde Lauridsen, Communication Controller at Ringkøbing-Skjern Museum
- 11:40 – 11:50 Introduction to group sessions about good practice with added values
By Bente von Schindel, Secretary General at Cultural Councils in Denmark
- 12:00 - 13:00 Lunch at the Dining Hall
- 13:10 – 16:00 Group sessions in "Hvide Hus" (White House)**
- 13:10 – 13:55 **Parallel group sessions / Round 1 (participants are divided into 2 groups)**
Groups A: Key competences for culture volunteers and needs for further education
Moderator: Sebastian Gripenberg / Reporter: Vilma Deckute Zukauskienė
Group B: Participatory Culture and democratic participation and community bonding
Moderator: Agnieszka Dadak / Reporter: Svetlana Roussanova
- 14:10 - 14:55 **Parallel group sessions / Round 2 (Rotate to next group – A or B)**
- 14:55 - 15:15 Coffee break
- 15.30 – 17:00 Extra excursion / walk to Askov Windmill Museum**
With tour guide
- 18:00 – 19:00 Dinner at the Dining Hall**

Friday, 22 March / day 3: Best Practise examples and excursion

08:00 - 09:00 Breakfast at "Spisesal" (the Dining Hall)

09:15 – 12:00 Plenary sessions in the "Foredragssal" (Lecture Hall)

09:15 – 09:40 Presentation of the cultural heritage project in Southern Falster, *Water Values*
By Bente von Schindel, Secretary General at Cultural Councils in Denmark

09:40 – 10:05 Presentation of the culture project in Poland
By Agnieszka Dadak, President, FAIE

10:05 – 10:30 Presentation of the culture project at manors in Lithuania
By Vilma Deckute Zukauskiene, Lithuanian Castles and Manors Association

10:30 – 11:00 Morning coffee break

11:00 – 11:25 Presentation of the culture project in Belarus
By Svetlana Roussanova, deputy director, "United Way"

11:25 – 11:50 Presentation of the culture project in Finland
By Sebastian Gripenberg, General Manager, Finnish Swedish Youth Association (FI)

11:50 – 12:00 Information about the excursion in the afternoon to the Ringkøbing-Skjern Museum
By Bente von Schindel, Secretary General at Cultural Councils in Denmark

12:00 - 12:45 Lunch at the Dining Hall

13:30 - 19:00 Excursion / cultural visit

Visits to some of the Ringkøbing-Skjern Museum Network that include more than 300 engaged volunteers to keep the museums alive – see www.levendehistorie.dk

Coffee, cookies and fruit during the excursion

At Abelines Gård, presentation of the museums and their voluntary associations

19:00 - 20:00 Dinner at Nymindegab Kro – see <http://nymindegabkro.dk/>

21:00 - Free time / evening cafe at the assembly room in Musisk Center

Saturday, 23 March / day 4: Conclusion, evaluation and course certificate

08:00 – 09:00 Breakfast at the Dining Hall

09:15 – 09:45 Plenary sessions in the “Foredragssal” (Lecture Hall)

Summaries from the two workshops Thursday afternoon
By moderators (2 x (10 min + 5 min questions))

09:45 – 10.00 Introduction to transfer workshops
Transfer learning outcome into own tasks as culture managers and volunteers
by Hans Jørgen Vodsgaard, Chief Executive, Interfolk

10:00 - 10:30 Morning coffee break

10:30 – 11:45 Group sessions in “Hvide Hus” (White House)

10:30 - 11:20 Workshops - transfer of learning to own situation and needs for continuing education
Group 1: Moderator: Vilma Deckute Zukauskiene / Reporter: Hans Jørgen Vodsgaard
Group 2: Moderator: Agnieszka Dadak / Reporter: Bente von Schindel
Group 3: Moderator: Sebastian Gripenberg / Reporter: Svetlana Roussanova

11:20 - 11:40 All participants fill-in a short questionnaire for course evaluation

11:45 - 12:15 Plenary sessions in the “Foredragssal” (Lecture Hall)

Ceremony with Course Certificate of attendance by the project team
Official Farewell

12:30 - 13:30 Farewell lunch at the Dining Hall

5. Practical information

Number of participants

Each of the 4 foreign country groups can send 4 persons (3 trainees and 1 trainer/project leader), while the Danish partners can send 3 trainees and 2 trainers / project leaders. In total we will be 21 persons.

Travel info

The best option for each country group of 4 persons is to have a flight to Billund Airport and here rent a small - medium car. Remember to have two drivers registered. The price for 3 days is approx. 800 – 1000 dkk (105 – 120 euro). The distance between the airport and the Askov Folk High School is 40 km and the travel time approx. 40 min. Use Google map to find your way.

The second option is to have a flight to Copenhagen Airport, and rent a car here. The flight may be cheaper than to Billund and there are more flights. The distance between the airport and Askov Folk High School is 255 km on motorway and the travel time is approx. 2½ hour; and you will see a good part of Denmark during the drive. Use Google map to find your way.

It is important that the main group from each country will rent a car, because we must use the rented cars plus two Danish cars for our afternoon excursion Thursday 21 March to the west coast of Denmark instead of renting a rather expensive bus with a driver.

If one of your trainees must use another travel schedule, he or she can book a flight to Copenhagen Airport and have an Intercity train from the airport to Vejen station. There is departure each hour and the travel time is approx 3 hours. The ticket office is located in Terminal 3 immediately above the railway station, or you can buy a ticket online here: <https://www.dsb.dk/> A return ticket is approx. 650 dkk. per person. We can pick you up at Vejen Station or you can call for a taxi at this number +45 71 71 66 66. The distance to Askov Folk High School is approx 3 km. You can pay the taxi with cards!

Course venue and accommodation

We have booked accommodation, meals, plenum and group rooms with good ICT-facilities at Musisk Centre / Askov Folk High School, Maltvej 1, 6600 Vejen, Denmark

- see website of Musisk Centre here: <http://musiskcenter.dk>
- See website of Askov Folk High School: www.askov-hojskole.dk

Remember to bring Danish kroner

Please remember to bring Danish kroner to pay for your water, beer or wine at the Folk High School as they don't accept cards. You can get Danish cash money at Billund Airport, at Copenhagen Airport or near to Askov Folk High School.

Cultural excursion & visits

20 March, Wednesday evening, 20 – 21:

Guided tour at Askov Folk High School and Musisk Center by Rikke Holm, principal.

Askov High School is a Danish folk high school, located in the village of Askov approx. 3 km from the station city Vejen in southern Jutland between Kolding and Esbjerg. It was founded in 1865 as a continuation of Denmark's first folk high school, founded in 1844 in Rødding in Sønderjylland. Askov Højskole has since its establishment been regarded as the "flagship" of the Nordic folk high school movement and as the "stronghold" of the Grundtvigian pedagogical tradition.

21 March, Thursday afternoon, 16:15 – 17:30

Walk & talk visit to Askov Windmill Museum / Poul la Cour Museum – see www.poullacour.dk/
With a guided tour and a presentation of the Museum and the Association of Friends.

22 March, Friday afternoon, 13:15 – 21:00

Visit to Ringkøbing - Skjern Museum Network that includes 14 local museums and sites, where more than 300 engaged volunteers from 2 local museum associations keep the museums alive – see www.levendehistorie.dk

We will at least visit [Abelines Farm](#) , [Bork Viking Harbour](#), [Lyngvig Lighthouse](#)

On our way back have dinner at Nymindegab Kro – see <http://nymindegabkro.dk/>

6. Course fee, enrolment and contact

No course fee

The total course is free due to support from the Nordic Council of Ministers' NGO programme for the Baltic Sea region.

The costs covered are the travel costs, accommodation with 3 nights in single room, full meals, and the course programme including cultural visits, course materials and administration.

7. Contact / more information

You are always welcome to contact us for further information or advice regarding your possible participation in the Course:

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