

# Denmark – Country report

## Nordic meeting, 3-4 March 2014 in Reykjavik

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DAEA has now 34 member organizations and 12 partner organizations.

In our strategy for 2012-2017 we decided to expand our activities by external funding. As a result of this DAEA is now participating in several EU-programs and we are doing projects for Danish ministries and the Danish Parliament.

Here we have listed some of the projects.

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### **ARALE - Awareness Raising for Adult Learning and Education**

2013-14 in cooperation with EAEA and ENAEA, Estonia.

Best practice examples from all over Europe has been collected and written down about:

- o How to target the general public
- o How to target specific target groups
- o How to target policy-makers

and in October 2013 a conference was held in Bruxelles. Around 70 participants from 22 countries – EU countries, Japan, Israel – were present and Per Paludan Hansen, EAEA President, and Dana Bachmann, Head of vocational training and adult education Unit, European Commission, took part in the final panel discussion on “Do we need a European-wide campaign on adult education?” The answer was clearly 'yes'.



The recommendations, the collection of best practice examples and the presentations shown during the conference plus pictures are all available on the ARALE website.

<http://www.eaea.org/en/projects/eaea-coordinated-projects/arale.html>

and here our follow-up on ARALE in Denmark:

<http://www.dfs.dk/nyheder/2014/overbevis-rekrutt%C3%A9r-og-skaf-sponsorer/>

### **OED - Outreach Empowerment Diversity**

2011-14 in cooperation with EAEA and 15 other organizations.

DAEA is partner in this European project which maps best practice methods for inclusion of marginalised groups, especially migrants and ethnic minorities, for the development of more diversity in adult education, and especially the inclusion of learners' voices, and for the empowerment of its learners to become active European citizens.

The network will improve approaches in reaching out to disadvantaged groups, promoting diversity in organizations, improve teaching methodology, promote active citizenship by



participatory strategies and support the development of better policies aimed at integration and lifelong learning.

<http://www.daea.dk/themes/about-daea/international-relations/projects/oed-outreach-european-network/>

**AE-PRO / European Adult Education (young) Professionals Learning Platform**  
2014-16 in cooperation with EAEA and 7 other organisations.

The project is a Grundtvig project, Lifelong Learning programme (LLP project) and has just started.

In 2011 and 2012, EAEA offered a Grundtvig in-service training on 'European Training for (younger) adult education staff. The training had three main objectives: introduce (younger) staff to European developments in adult education, encourage the learning of each other's organizations and systems and to encourage the networking and cooperation between them. Both trainings were a big success and have filled a real need. We see a bigger need across Europe to learn more about European developments and other countries.

Another aspect of the project is the better and more coordinated use of Grundtvig mobilities, which will be necessary in the new programme generation now that staff mobility is the one mobility left for adult education. It is essential that more organization sign up to high quality exchanges and visits and that more younger staff members participate in it.

The main objective for the project is therefore the professionalization (and quality) of staff.

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#### **Denmark and Norway 1814-2014**

The Danish Parliament 'Folketinget' has decided to mark the 200 year celebration of the Norwegian Constitution

<http://www.ft.dk/Aktuel/1814.aspx>



They have given 1,2 million DKK to Folkeuniversitetet in Denmark to arrange lectures about Norway and Denmark in 2014.

<http://fuau.dk/main.aspx?pagetype=6&id=583>

DAEA has been chosen to administer a fund with 300.000 DKK, where other Danish associations can apply for money to arrange local activities about the relationship between Norway and Denmark.

<http://www.dfs.dk/folketinget/norgespuljen/>

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#### **Grundlovsjubilæum 2015**

The Danish Parliament 'Folketinget' is also celebrating the 100 year revision of the Danish Constitution in 1915. Here women and servants also got the right to vote.

<http://www.ft.dk/Aktuel/Grundlovsjubilæum.aspx>



DAEA has been chosen to administer a fund with 3 million DKK, where Danish associations and public institutions can apply for money to arrange activities celebrating democracy and the 100 year jubilee.

<http://www.grundlovspuljen.dk/>



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### **The Danish Institute for Non-formal Education (Vifo)**

At our meeting in August 2013 in Copenhagen we visited the new Danish 'Videncenter for Folkeoplysning'.

The Danish Institute for Non-formal Education (Vifo) is established by the Danish Ministry of Culture on a three year appropriation from January 2013.

Vifo is a part of the Danish Institute for Sports Studies – an independent research and knowledge centre set up by the Danish Ministry of Culture.

Vifo will primarily focus on non-formal adult education and non-formal youth and children leisure activities such as the scout movement, political and religious youth organisations.

Vifo's tasks are to:

- Create an overview of and insight into the area of non-formal education (folkeoplysning)
- Analyse the area of non-formal education
- Initiate public debate on central questions related to the area of non-formal education

Since our visit they have launched their new website, where you can follow their activities:

[www.vifo.dk](http://www.vifo.dk)

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### **The People's Meeting - "Folkemødet" in Bornholm**

DAEA and our member organizations are heavily represented at the People's Meeting (PM) 12.-15. June 2014 June in Allinge at the northern coast of the island of Bornholm.

The PM gives us a very special opportunity to celebrate, promote and develop our ideas about democracy, active citizenship and non-formal adult learning which are all core issues in our daily work.



The DAEA tent at The Peoples Meeting

### **What is the People's Meeting?**

The People's Meeting is Denmark's yearly open air festival about the society's opportunities and challenges. The People's Meeting is a political festival providing a unique platform for open debates between politicians, business, NGO's and any citizen. It aims at strengthening democracy and dialogue in our country and the seminars and encounters are free-of-charge and take place in an informal setting.

The first PM was arranged in 2011 and it has grown bigger every year. It has already turned into a tradition.

### **Who else is attending?**

The leaders of all the political parties in Denmark attend together with government ministers, MEPs plus many mayors and councilors from all around Denmark and also from our neighbouring countries. The People's Meeting is open for everybody who wants to participate in the various meetings and events.

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