

# International conference

**Togetherness as motivation  
- a 21st century skill?**



Denmark, 24th November 2016

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**T**he aim of the conference is to present and share both theoretical and practical reflections on the concept of togetherness both from a Danish and an international point of view. How can togetherness be understood and how does it work? Central to the conference are discussions of the value of togetherness as a potential source of motivation. By developing a sense of togetherness can we realign pupil motivation?

## Programme

### Wednesday 23rd November

#### Participants arrive - coffee and check-in

- 18.30 Guided tour of The Independent Academy for Free School Teaching  
19.30 Evening reception

### Thursday 24th November

#### 8.30 Registration and coffee

#### 9.00 Moderator

*Mrs. Christine Sestoft, Efterskole Association*

#### Welcome

*Mr. Ole Pedersen, The Independent Academy*

#### 9.25 Why togetherness? – some introductory notes

*Mr. Sune Jon Hansen, PhD Educational Science*

#### 9.40 Togetherness as motivation from an OECD perspective

*Ms. Yuri Belfali, Head of Division of Education and Skills, OECD*

#### 10.20 Questions and debate

#### 10.40 Coffee break

#### 11.10 Togetherness as motivation

*Professor Dr. Thomas Ziehe,  
Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz University, Hannover*

#### 12.00 Lunch

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**How can togetherness link individual freedom and shared responsibilities, pupil autonomy and societal aims?**

## **Thursday 24th November**

- 13.00 **Table discussion**  
Prepare questions for the panel
- 13.15 **Panel discussion of togetherness as motivation within education**  
*Professor Dr. Thomas Ziehe, Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz University, Hannover*  
*Professor Carolyn Jackson, Lancaster University*  
*Associate professor Noemi Katznelson, Aalborg University*
- 14.00 **Introduction to the workshop - bring your coffee**
- 14.15 **Workshops – How can togetherness act as motivation in school?**
1. The foundations of the dual school system  
*Professor Dr. Ove Korsgaard, Aarhus University*
  2. Teacher/pupils relations: their significance for motivation  
*Professor Carolyn Jackson, Lancaster University*
  3. Preventing early drop-out: Motivating the desire for ongoing education  
*Associate professor Noemi Katznelson, Aalborg University*
  4. Evaluation and exams: Common goals and shared incentives  
*Paedagogical consultant, Ministry for Children, Education...*
  5. Creating togetherness through interaction  
*Professor Lene Tanggaard Pedersen, Aalborg University*
- 15.45 **Coffee break**
- 16.15 **Togetherness as motivation – the future challenges**  
*Mr. Sune Jon Hansen, PhD Educational Science*
- 17.00 **Closing comments and end of conference**  
*Mr. Peter Bendix Pedersen, Danish Friskole Association*

## **Dinner and cultural event**

## **Friday 25th November - school visits**

Participants who might be interested can register in advance to participate in school visits to various Danish free schools: friskole, efterskole, folk high school, and/or The Independent Academy for Free School Teaching



## Registration - [www.togetherness.dk](http://www.togetherness.dk)

The reception on Wednesday and the conference on Thursday will take place at The Independent Academy for Free School Teaching in Ollerup, Denmark.

The school visits Friday will take place in and around Ollerup.

Accommodation is at the The Independent Academy for Free School Teaching and can be booked when signing up for the conference.

**Date:** Thursday 24th November 2016

**Place:** The Independent Academy for Free School Teaching,  
Svendborgvej 15, 5762 Vester Skerninge, Denmark

**Prices:** (meals are included)

**Conference:** 140 € (students 70 €; members 100 €)

**Accommodation/day:** 65 € (single room)

**School visits:** 50 €

### **Deadline for registration:**

**1st July 2016** - [www.togetherness.dk](http://www.togetherness.dk)

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**Transport:** Copenhagen International Airport, train from the airport to Svendborg railway station, pick-up at Svendborg railway station by organizers.

**Organizers:** The Danish Free School Association  
The Danish Efterskole Association  
The Independent Academy for Free School Teaching