

DEMOCRACY IN A
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PERSPECTIVE

NEW DEMOCRACIES

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BE
DEMOCRACY

HØJSKOLEN
ØSTERSØEN

THE CONCEPT

By being in the democracy course you will experience how Højskolen Østersøen uses informal learning principles to make complicated subjects on democracy tangible and interesting. You will receive inputs from fellow students as well as Danish and international guest speakers. Together we develop our knowledge and opinions on the challenges in today's democracy. During the course we gather results and publish them in local and international media.

In the course you get the chance to test and develop your communicative skills. You practice how to convey your thoughts on various social scientific topics in a way that everyone can understand. The informal group structure leaves room for many differences of opinions while debating. The study trip to one of Europe's capitals lets you experience democracy up close and personal.

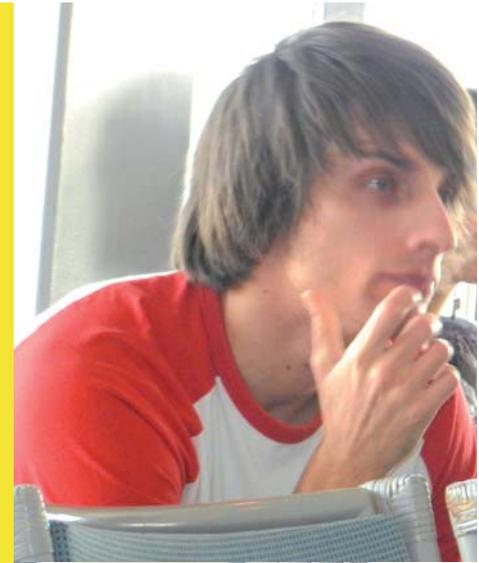
EXPERIENCE DEMOCRACY

LANGUAGE LESSONS

At Højskolen Østersøen we are experts in teaching languages. You will improve your linguistic talents with optional classes in German, Danish, or English, for up to eight hours per week. You will be able to use your new language skills in the day-to-day communication with the rest of the group, and you will of course be able to add your language skills to future job applications.

EUROPEAN NETWORKING

You get the chance of discussing your ideas about democracy with people from all over Europe. The school becomes a living melting pot of languages and cultures, where your opinions become central to the debate and the entire school environment. When you leave the school, you will have made friends and acquaintances from all over Europe – and have established a network you will be able to use at all times.





WAYS OF LEARNING

We offer three different ways of learning. In the classroom you will be introduced to topics such as Politics and Society, Social Anthropology, The Gate to Europe, and Welfare and Society. Weekly whole-day workshops are led by guest speakers, the teachers and students themselves. On top of that you get to pick from subjects such as sports, music, drama etc. In your spare time you have the chance to get to know your fellow students in the school café and nearby countryside.



SPORTS Sports and outdoor activities are a regular part of the schedule. We use the surrounding nature actively, so you will not spend all of your days indoors. The local fjord is the scene for sea kayaks and other types of boating, while the forest is used for adventure racing, and the local sports facilities are used for indoor sports and ballgames. We use our regional network to offer you a selection of great activities on a level where everyone can participate.

COURSE LAYOUT

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
BRANCH-SPECIFIC SUBJECTS	COMMON WORKSHOPS	BRANCH-SPECIFIC SUBJECTS	MUSIC	BRANCH-SPECIFIC SUBJECTS
OPTIONAL SUBJECTS		OPTIONAL SUBJECTS	DEBATE	
SPORTS				
EVENING PROGRAM				

Depending on your choice of branch you will have lessons in either cultural studies or one of the three languages offered.

PRICING

250€

The price includes all lessons, accommodation, all meals and the study trip. This offer is possible due to European Union funding.

DATES

Fall 2012 1. september - 21. december

Spring 2013 2. february - 27. april

HOW TO ENROL

Only a limited number of students can attend the courses. The deadline for enrolment is **4 weeks** before the courses start. We will confirm your enrolment after you have transferred the course fee through **email only**.

GO TO www.hojoster.com/enrol

HØJSKOLEN ØSTERSØEN

Højskolen Østersøen is a Danish Folk High School which was founded in 1993, and since then we have worked with lingual and cultural exchanges between Denmark and Germany. In addition we have hosted several European courses with the main emphasis on minority issues in the years between 1997 and 2005. By introducing the "BE democracy" I look forward to welcoming Europeans who want to live and learn under the same roof in an informal atmosphere.

Højskolen Østersøen offers non-formal education only, meaning there are no exams and no tests to pass. All activities - pedagogical and social - take place in a non-competitive and equal environment, ensuring debates and discussions to evolve freely.

I hope you will find this offer interesting, that you will look for more information on our website, and that you will find the time to really BE democracy.

Yours sincerely,



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