

# International Summer College

- Have a unique experience of a Danish Folk College “the AFS way”



AFS in Denmark is pleased to invite young people (aged 18 – 30) to spend 4 weeks at Vraa Hoejskole (a Danish Folk College) strengthening their intercultural competencies, meeting young people from all over the world, learning about Danish culture and language and engaging in a variety of activities.

## Program description

- You will fly to Aalborg Airport where you will be met by a representative of Vraa Hoejskole who will take you to the college where you will be given a brief **on-arrival orientation**.
- You will **both study, live and eat at Vraa Hoejskole**, and in that way enjoy the vibrant and socially engaging life at the Folk College. At the same time you will have the opportunity to experience the unique concept of informal learning taking place at Danish folk colleges. The Vraa Hoejskole has a strong focus on healthy well-prepared food and 60% of all food served at the college is organic.
- In the daytime you will **learn about Denmark and Danish culture and language**, engage in **creative subjects of your own choice** (such as painting, drawing, ceramics, jewellery and photography) and take part in **excursions** to places of cultural significance.
- You will also have the opportunity to go on **study trips** to local organizations and areas.
- Together with the Danish participants also taking part in the program you will visit Göteborg in **Sweden**.
- In the evenings you may choose to immerse yourself in **creative activities** using the many facilities of the college, take part in **lectures** or **discussion groups** with your fellow students, engage in **intercultural activities**, or just **relax and have a good time** (perhaps enjoying the popular bonfires in the college garden).
- In the weekends you will be invited to take part in **excursions to other parts of Denmark**, go to the local **beach** or just enjoy the long Danish summer days and bright evenings in the company of your fellow students.
- ... and last but not least you have the possibility of **extending your stay** there until Christmas as an independent student!



## Program period

15th July to 11th August 2018

## Participant profile

As a participant in this program you should:

- be motivated to go abroad and open to new experiences
- be mature and independent enough to take part in an 18+ (adult) program
- be prepared to actively engage yourself in the many activities taking place at the folk college as you will spend most of your time at the school
- as a minimum have basic English skills
- be aged between 18 and 30 years

## Learning aspects

- All education and interaction are in English, and you will, therefore, improve your command of **English** considerably.
- As you will live and study alongside students from all over the world, you will develop your **intercultural competencies**.
- You will get an **understanding of Danish and Northern European culture**.
- You will experience of **new ways of adult learning** through interactive dialogue.
- You will expand your **knowledge of your chosen subjects**.
- You will have plenty of opportunity to **grow in self-knowledge and develop your own talents**.
- Finally a stay at a folk college will also give you a unique opportunity to become clearer about **what you want to study** in future.

## What is a Danish Folk College?

The Danish Folk Colleges offer non-formal adult education. You sleep, eat, study and spend your spare time at the college.

Classes are based on dialogue and mutual learning between teachers and students. The main focus is to discover and strengthen the unique skills of each student in a challenging yet supportive social atmosphere.

The folk college experience offers you a host of opportunities to grow in self-knowledge and to develop your own talents.

One important arena for learning is the college's social life. Living with other people of totally different backgrounds and cultures provides opportunities for training in working together and communication. The true value of a folk college stay lies in the interaction between different people, different cultures, different opinions, and different values.

You can read much more about Danish folk colleges at <http://www.danishfolkhighschools.com/about>

## Interested in more information?

For more information please contact your local AFS office or check out the website of Vraa Højskole at: <http://www.vraahojskole.dk/> (click on English in the top menu)

