



GLOBAL  
SCHOOLS'  
ALLIANCE

# COPENHAGEN PLAYING THE FUTURE 2016



GSA SYMPOSIUM OCTOBER 18-20, 2016



## A WARM WELCOME TO COPENHAGEN...

October is thankfully closing in and it is time to get our amazing family of schools together for our yearly GSA symposium. This time it will take place in Copenhagen where Ørestad Gymnasium and Autens will host the event together. If you have not already, book your airline tickets and let us know you are coming!

We have developed a program which we hope you will find as exciting as we do. Starting with a nice welcome dinner together on the 17th, the next three days will be a wealth of opportunities to connect, discuss, share, visit inspiring Danish schools, meet surprise guests and even play. We take being the country of LEGO very seriously!

A few new faces who could not make it last time will be joining us this time, and you will also get the opportunity to meet some of our most passionate educators in Denmark. We have taken the liberty of inviting Evangelischer Schule Berlin to join us as well, much like several of you joined us last year to mutually consider membership of this alliance.

Apart from the head of school (or similar senior person) we encourage all schools to bring a teacher to the event to start building strong ties and include their perspectives on what we can do together as we go forward.

We have pre-booked a nice, central Copenhagen hotel. If you wish to take advantage of this, let us know by September 18 at the latest. Please note that each participant will pay their own hotel bill upon departure. Read more about hotels in the section on *accommodations, transportation and expenses*.

Ever wondered why Danes are consistently the most happy people on the planet, according to UNs World Happiness Report? Well, come and find out! We cannot wait to see all of you again and give you a taste of Danish education and culture. Not least we look forward to sharing and discussing inspiring practices as well as further exploring the steps we can take together to create and strengthen exciting educational opportunities for our students, teachers, leaders, and last but not least our communities and societies.

Warmly,  
Barbara, Allan, Steve and Lene

**...OCTOBER 18-20, 2016, AND THE WELCOME DINNER ON OCTOBER 17**

# INVITEES

## **Albany Senior High School**

Barbara Cavanagh + teacher

## **Freemans Bay School**

Sandra Jenkins + teacher

## **Hilltop Road Primary**

Natalie See + teacher

## **Liger Learning Center**

Jeff Holte + teacher

## **Green School**

Ni Putu Tirka Widante (Ika) + teacher

## **Vega Schools**

Kyle Edwards, Anu Hooda

## **Ørestad Gymnasium**

Allan Kjær Andersen + teacher

## **High Tech High**

Melissa Daniels, Larry Rosenstock + teacher

## **A. B. Combs**

Muriel Summers + teacher

## **Matthew Moss High School**

Mark Moorhouse, Andy Raymer + teacher

## **St. Johns University**

Anthony Annunziato

## **Edwards Educational Services**

Steve Edwards

## **Autens**

Lene Jensby Lange

## Invited guests:

## **Evangelischer Schule Berlin**

Margret Rasfeld, Caroline Treier

## **Dr. Earl Franks**

Executive Director of the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools

## **David Price, OBE**

Mentor, Vega Schools + Director, Educational Arts Co-Founder, We Do Things Differently

Senior Associate, Innovation Unit



# PROGRAM

Monday 17 Oct: Arrival day

Tuesday 18 Oct: Opening up

## MORNING 9.00-12.00

### Exploring Danish education

Visits to:

- Hellerup School, a Microsoft Pathfinder School: A 21st Century curriculum in open learning spaces (to be confirmed)
- Skolen i Sydhavnen, awarded the world's best educational architecture 2015 by World Architecture News
- Nordlyset nursery, a wonderful daycare/ pre-school age 0-5 years (to be confirmed)

## AFTERNOON 13.00-16.00

### Exploring Copenhagen (optional)

We will take you on a Copenhagen Tour.

A few suggestions:

- A. Visit to the Parliament (needs advance booking), City Centre walking tour, and a local beer at the Meatpacking district.
- B. The Royal Castle, a harbour tour, and the Freetown of Christiania
- C. Architecture tour of Copenhagen

### Status, expectations and challenges

At Ørestad Gymnasium. Agenda:

1. School presentations & GSA-update (everyone)
2. Expectations & goals for the symposium
3. Sharing session: Each school sharing most inspiring practices & one challenge for GSA feedback
4. Identifying strands and challenges for the next two days' discussions

## BREAK 16.00-19.00

## EVENING 19.00-?

Welcome dinner for GSA delegates

Dinner

## Wed.19 Oct: Explore & Play

## Thurs. 20 Oct: Future steps

## Friday 21 Oct: Departure day

### MORNING 9.00-12.00

#### **Leader track: Developing the GSA**

Exploring the potential of GSA to strengthen exciting educational opportunities for our students, teachers, leaders, as well as for our communities & societies in general.

#### **Teacher track: 21st Century education**

Workshop for GSA teachers with some of the most inspiring Danish educators.

### AFTERNOON 13.00-16.00

#### **Playing the Future - *with invited guests***

Exploring and triangulating playful futures of education in the light of virtual reality, learning space design, and connectedness. Playful workshop in collaboration with a handful of invited Danish educators, LEGO, Microsoft Education, Copenhagen Philharmonics and more wonderful people. It will be fun!!

### BREAK 16.00-19.00

### EVENING 19.00-?

#### **Buffet dinner & cocktail party**

with invited guests from the afternoon (informal, no dress code)

#### **GSA Action plan for 2016-17**

- Action Plan: Identifying the one powerful thing each of us will do to take GSA forward in our schools, our communities, and globally
- School challenge feedback (from Wed)
- Creating a Charter for GSA and guiding operational principals.
- Next symposium dates

#### **Communicating our vision**

Discussing our perspective on education in the 21st Century and sharing our exemplar models with key people in Danish education.  
(to be confirmed)

**Au revoir**

#### **Exploring Copenhagen (optional)**

We will take you on a Copenhagen Tour.

A few suggestions:

- City Centre walking tour, Tivoli and a local beer/dinner at the Meatpacking district.
- The Royal Castle, a harbour tour, and the Freetown of Christiania, dinner at Christiania.
- Architecture tour of some of the regions most exciting buildings, old and new.

## WEDNESDAY VISIT HELLERUP SCHOOL

This renowned Microsoft Pathfinder School continues to attract visitors from all over the world to explore its unique architecture for education. Lene who has worked closely with the school over the years will guide the visit.



## WEDNESDAY VISIT SKOLEN I SYDHAVNEN

Possibly one of the most inspiring school buildings in the world at this point, this school was recently awarded by World Architecture News for the best educational architecture. Our good friend Trine Kielland who teaches at the school will take us around.



# THURSDAY WORKSHOP PLAYING THE FUTURE

Triangulating virtual reality, learning space design & connectedness in scenarios for the future of schools



A play-date Autens-style inviting passionate educator friends from Microsoft Education, LEGO Serious Play, Copenhagen Phil, School Gardens, Kata Foundation & more to join us...

# OUR FAMILY OF SCHOOLS





## DELHI 2015 ACTION PLAN

What would you like to see in the school look like?



## DEEPEN RELATIONSHIPS

**1 DETAILED PROFILES ON WEBSITE**  
**EVERYONE.** EMAIL TO:  
COMMUNITYOUTREACH1@VEGA.EDU.IN  
MID NOVEMBER

**2 THOUGHT PARTNERS**  
**MELISSA** MATCH PEOPLE & EMAIL  
FRAMEWORK TO EVERYONE. FOLLOW-UP  
MID NOVEMBER

**3 MEET NEXT?**  
**VEGA** OPEN INVITATION TO COME TO  
OPENING IN APRIL.  
MID NOVEMBER

**4 NEXT GSA SYMPOSIUM INVITE**  
**LENE** 19.-21. OCTOBER 2015. BALI? :->**CHANGED TO**  
18-20 OCT IN CPH  
ALSO BRING 1 TEACHER + 1STUDENT  
DECEMBER

## SHARE IDEAS, BEST PRACTICES & RESEARCH

**5 WHATS APP GROUP**  
**WHO?** CONNECT – FOR INFORMAL  
SHARING, IDEAS, THOUGHTS, HELP  
MID NOVEMBER

**6 CLOSED FACEBOOK COMMUNITY**  
**MELISSA** INVITE ALL – FOR SHARING,  
THOUGHTS, HELP, CONNECTING STD/TCH  
MID NOVEMBER

**7 MONTHLY TWEETMEET**  
**SANDRA+BARBARA** INTRODUCE TWITTER  
& HOST FIRST MEET. **ALL** CREATE PROFILE  
LATE NOVEMBER

**8 CREATE GSA YOU TUBE CHANNEL**  
**LENE/VEGA.** CREATE, UPLOAD & SHARE  
WITH GROUP TO UPLOAD CONTENT  
DECEMBER



## ACTIONPLAN 2015

## PROMOTE GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

**9 GSA POINT PERSON**  
**EVERYONE.** EMAIL TO: LENE@AUTENS.DK  
MID NOVEMBER

**10 STUDENT COLLABORATION/GRPS**  
**JEFF** STUDENT COLLABORATION,  
PROJECTS & INTEREST GROUPS 1ST WAVE  
END DECEMBER

**GSA HASHTAG FOR SOCIAL MEDIA**  
**ALL** TO SHARE & PROMOTE ON EACH  
SCHOOL #GSALEARNERS  
DECEMBER

**TEACHER COLLABORATION/GRUPS**  
**WHO?** TEACHER COLLABORATION,  
PROJECTS & INTEREST GROUPS 1ST WAVE  
JANUARY

## ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE

**PUBLICATION FROM GSA SYMPOSIUM**  
**RADHIKA & KAMNA** INSPIRING REPORT  
ON FIRST SYMPOSIUM  
TO FOLLOW

**POLICY ANALYSIS, EMPIRICAL RESEARCH**  
**WHO?** PROVIDE EVIDENCE & IDENTIFY EFFECTIVE ACTION  
AREAS FOR CHANGE  
CONTINUOUSLY

**PR WORK AROUND CHANGE + SHARING STORIES & RESULTS**  
**ALL** PR WORK TO PROMOTE & SHARE EVIDENCE OF CHANGE. BOOKS, TALKS,  
CONFERENCES ETC. PLS SHARE W/GSA.  
CONTINUOUSLY

**GSA IN THE COMING YEARS**  
**LENE, STEVE, ANDY** INVITE FEW MORE TO COVER CONTINENTS.  
THOUGHTS ON SIZE, CRITERIA ETC FOR GSA TO REACH MISSION  
FOR APRIL MEETING F2F/ONLINE

# ACCOMMODATIONS, TRANSPORTATION & EXPENCES

**ACCOMMODATIONS** We have pre-booked a number of rooms at the Copenhagen Plaza from October 17-22 as we hope to get everyone together at the same hotel. This hotel is in the absolute centre of Copenhagen right by the main station and just across from Tivoli, the world's oldest amusement park. There are plenty of restaurants and cafes nearby. The pedestrian streets and the hip meatpacking district are just 5 minutes walk away.

We have negotiated a **room rate of 995 DKK per night for a standard single room including breakfast. If you would like to take advantage of this we need your response by September 18 at the latest as we cannot guarantee the booking after this date.** Please also let us know whether you prefer a single or a double room (extra charge) or want us to book a superior room (extra charge). **Please note that each attendee is required to pay his or her own hotel bill upon departure.**

We can most likely also arrange for private accommodation free of charge if anyone prefers that. If you wish to book a hotel yourself we suggest you find a place within 5 minutes walking distance of Copenhagen Central Station.

**TRANSPORTATION** When you arrive at the airport you will find both train and metro at the end of the terminal building. Both will take you to central Copenhagen easily. You can buy tickets from ticket machines or at the ticket office. The hotel will be 5-10 minutes walk from the station.

To get to the different venues during our three days together you can either use public transportation or taxi. Taxis are somewhat expensive but all take credit card. Public transportation works well in Copenhagen. You can either buy cash tickets, discount cards or day-passes. Prior to your arrival we will provide you with exact information on which tickets to buy, how to get from the airport to your hotel, as well as how to get to the different venues.

**OTHER EXPENCES** We will be serving lunch and beverages during our symposium days. Autens and Ørestad Gymnasium will host the cocktail dinner party on the Wednesday. Other expenses including dinners are paid by the attendees as GSA does not have any funding.





## COPENHAGEN FACTS

### What is the weather like?

Well, your guess is as good as ours these days ;-) The temperature could be anything between 5-20° celcius. It might rain. It might be stormy. It might be sunny. So pack for a range of weather events, including a sweater and a warm jacket. Don't expect to get your flip-flops out!

### How do I get around in Copenhagen?

Copenhagen is a nice and safe city to walk in and explore. Public transportation is excellent and taxis are fairly easy to find. For public transportation, you can use the travel planner website [www.rejseplanen.dk](http://www.rejseplanen.dk) or the app Rejseplanen.

### Will I need formal clothes?

Denmark is a very relaxed & informal country. We tend to dress up somewhat for evening events, but appropriate casual dress should work in any venue.

### Do I need to bring Danish currency?

Denmarks has its own national currency - the Kroner. You can easily find ATM machines in town, at the airport, and at most train stations. However, common credit cards are accepted in taxis & in almost all shops, so you hardly need to rely on cash.

### Where can I read more about visiting Copenhagen?

[www.visitcopenhagen.dk](http://www.visitcopenhagen.dk) has a wealth of ideas if you plan to spend a few extra days here. We will, of course, also be more than happy to help make the best of your stay!

