

Day 1 - September 10 Green Event and 'Starling magic'

12:00 – 18:30

Welcome and check in at the City Hall Square – Rådhuspladsen – in Copenhagen.

The square will be transformed into a nature- and adventure playground that will stay active and develop during the entire conference.

Delegates are encouraged to join the activities at any time and be a part of the event and share your own creative experiences.

13:00 + 15:30 Play sessions led by Gerlev Playpark

14:00 Guided tour inside the City Hall and to the City Hall Tower

18:30 Dinner shared in small groups at different restaurants around Copenhagen. Meeting spot: The City Hall Square.

Day 2 - September 11 Conference Opening and site visits in Copenhagen

Venue: Fællessalen, Christiansborg Palace, Rigsdagsgården

08:00 Registration and coffee/tea

09:00 Welcome to the conference

Helle Nebelong, President of Danish Playground Association and member of the Nature Action Collaborative for Children Leadership Team

09:15 Welcome to Copenhagen and Denmark

Today's hostess: Mrs. Christine Antorini, Danish Minister for Children and Education

09:30 Welcome to Malmö and Sweden

Lari Pitkä-Kangas, Deputy Mayor, Urban Ecology (Green Party) City of Malmö, Sweden

09:40 Children and nature: why they need each other, and how we can bring them together

Keynote: Tim Gill, writer, researcher, and consultant, UK.

10:20 Break: Coffee/tea, and refreshments

10:45 Nature offers great experiences

Mrs. Ida Auken, Danish Minister for the Environment

11:00 Grounding Nature-Based Learning

Theresa Schilhab, associate professor, Aarhus University, Denmark.

11:30 School ground greening and benefits for children – recent research findings from Malmö

Märit Jansson, Senior Lecturer, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, SLU in Alnarp, Sweden.

12:00 Short presentations referring to the afternoon's site visits

Inger Lerstrup, PhD-student, tttUniversity of Copenhagen: Forest kindergartens

Gorm Friberg, MPA: Copenhagen School Gardens

Klaus Nedergaard, Manager, Regnbuen: Adventure Playground

Frank Olesen, educational leader and Nature Interpreter, City of Copenhagen: Education for Sustainable Development

12:30 Departure from Christiansborg.

12:30 – 16:00 Four parallel site visits and short presentations.

Lunch packets will be handed out.

1. Danish playground inventions 1943 – 2013
2. School Gardens and Forest Preschools
3. The Environmental School at the Sound and Kløvermarken Nature Base
4. The Energy- and Water Science Center

18:00 – 22:30 Bonfire and buffet at The Nature Centre Amager and land art playground Himmelhoj.

18:00 Nature Interpreter Jes Aagaard tells about The Danish Nature Interpreter service.

19:00 Buffet

Storytelling – share your own nature experience short-story or song!

21:00 Surprise!

Please remember to wear clothes that are suited for the occasion and the weather

Day 3 - September 12 Four parallel tours in Malmö

All four study tours include bus transportation from Copenhagen to Malmö or Lund and back again, as well as coffee and lunch. The lunch will be prepared and eaten outdoors and you might be involved in the making of it as an extra dimension of the experience.

The busses leave at the following hours:

08:20 Trip 1) Gardening as a pedagogical tool and Green School Grounds

07:50 Trip 2) Green Schoolgrounds and outdoor education in Lund

08:20 Trip 3) Nature – Adventure in the City fringe

07:50 Trip 4) Sea life for children in Malmö

17:00 The busses are back in Copenhagen

19:00 Festive dinner in Copenhagen

Day 4 - September 13 Presentations, group discussions and closing ceremony

Venue: The Music School, The Meatpacking District of Copenhagen, Staldgade 29

08:30 Coffee/tea

09:00 Welcome by today's moderators:

Åsa Hellström, Sweden and Marc Veekamp, the Netherlands

09:30 About Adolescents' needs for meaningful places in the Urban Nature

Keynote: Catharine Ward Thompson, professor and Director of OPENspace Research Centre, the University of Edinburgh, Scotland

10:10 Imagine Art. Art in open air at Wanås

Elisabeth Millqvist, Co-Director and Artistic Director of Wanås Konst, Sweden

10:40 Break: Coffee/tea, and refreshments

11:10 Out All Week Long

Olav B. Lysklett, associate professor, Queen Maud University College, Trondheim, Norway

11:40 Group discussions

The discussions will be based on the relevant themes and issues that we come across during the conference. We spread out into groups of interest. Each group prepares an outcome for the plenary session (a mind map, short presentation, or similar)

12:40 Lunch

You are welcome to continue the discussions during lunch – otherwise just enjoy the meal prepared by The Copenhagen House of Food

13:40 Plenary session

Plenary session led by Åsa Hellström and Marc Veekamp.

Each group gives a short presentation of the outcome of their discussion.

Based on this, we would like to have a general discussion about your opportunities for implementing nature-based initiatives for children in your own organization/home country. Which challenges do you meet? Do you feel inspired and well-prepared after this conference? Is there a particular 'Nordic way' of connecting children with nature and if so, can it become more widespread?

14.20 Walk to the City Hall Square

14:45 Closing ceremony at the Copenhagen City Hall

By Tobias Stax, Ph.D., COO, Department of Children and Education

Afterwards we will enjoy the famous City Hall pancakes, and you will be able to get a special souvenir to bring home from the City Hall Square event as well.

Goodbye!



International Conference, September 10-13, 2013

Nordic Adventure

Connecting Children with Nature

Copenhagen, Denmark and Malmö, Sweden

Organisation:

This conference is organised by several organisations in collaboration across the Øresund Region. The main actors are the Danish Playground Association (NGO), the City of Malmö, the City of Copenhagen, and the University of Copenhagen.

The conference is the third of its kind arranged within the network of the Nature Action Collaborative for Children under the World Forum Foundation.

The committee

From the Danish Playground Association:

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Participants in the Green Event and 'Starling magic'

Artist from NaturÆstetik:
Marianne Bramsen (SE/DK)

The Danish Playground Association (DK)

The City of Copenhagen (DK)

The adventure playgrounds in Hvidovre and Rødovre (DK)

The University of Copenhagen (DK)

The Copenhagen House of Food (DK)

Gerlev Play Park (DK)

Sea-U (SE)

Odla i Stan/Cultivation in the city (SE)

And children from different daycares and after school clubs in Denmark and Sweden.



Photo: Emma Crawley

Nordic children get out in nature regardless of season and weather. Being in nature is essential and nature is both challenging and enjoyable if you are familiar with it.

Denmark, Sweden and Norway have since long worked with adventure and nature playgrounds, school gardens and green school grounds, forest and outdoor pre-schools, public manned playgrounds, education for sustainable development, marine environment exploration and several other nature based initiatives for children.

We want to share and discuss current Nordic actions and international research with children's ambassadors from around the globe. We advocate for the importance of connecting children with nature.

Welcome and enjoy:

- Presentations
- Site visits
- Plenary sessions
- Social experiences