

Danish Adult Education Association



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- objectives and tasks

The objectives of DAEA is to advocate the common interests of our member organisations and to ensure the best possible conditions for the non-formal adult education organisations and our other member organisations in order to give their participants the highest quality possible in the activities.

DAEA supports the interest of non-formal adult learning through dialogue with national authorities and organisations and through documentation of the important role our sector plays in providing relevant competences, personal fulfilment and motivation for further lifelong learning.

DAEA offers information and counselling concerning project funding, project development, legal framework, organizational development, public relations and international relations.

DAEA participates in Nordic and European collaboration and networking. We monitor new developments of adult learning

in Nordic and European countries in order to disseminate this information to our members and to facilitate their participation in collaboration and networking.

DAEA facilitates cooperation between our member organisation by creating forums in which different interests and practices can be disseminated and discussed and external expertise can be presented.

Three thematic forums are formed: one about lifelong learning, competence development and validation; one about active citizenship and democracy; one about strategic communication in our own sector.

Thus DAEA supports focused competence development in our member organizations. The DAEA also arranges common seminars, conferences and study tours.

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What is DAEA



DAEA is the national umbrella organisation for non-formal adult learning in Denmark.

We represent 33 member organisations in promoting non-formal learning possibilities through cooperation, information and development.

Non-formal adult learning aims at giving the individual adult general and practical qualifications, knowledge and skills. It is based on:

- community
- equality
- participatory democracy
- responsibility
- voluntary activity

Non-formal adult learning provides people with the necessary competences that enable individuals to be active citizens and live in a meaningful, enriched and wholesome way.

Our members represent a broad variety of interests and provide lifelong learning via a broad range of activities, themes and subject matters.



Democracy and active citizenship



This theme is addressed by focusing on

- "Educate Democracy" - Learning, debating and developing democracy
- Consumer Citizenship
- Sustainable Development



Democracy is also the right to education



Lifelong learning

This theme is addressed by focusing on

- Validation
- Motivation for education
- Competences for the future
- General and vocational adult education
- English language learning



Being aware of your own competences is the first phase of validation



Who are the members of DAEA?

DAEA represents **33** member organisations. These organisations represent a very broad variety of activities and interests:

Adult education associations

They offer courses, lectures and study circles in a broad range of creative, cultural, physical and recreational subjects plus more basic and general subjects.

Folk high schools

The folk high schools are residential schools which offer general education courses and more specialized courses in e.g. sports, art, music or preparatory courses for certain professions.

Non-residential folk high schools

These schools support via education and counseling adults in a personal development and improve their possibilities for employment or further formal education, e.g. via preparatory adult education.

Production schools

Young adults, some with academic and/or social problems, are offered a practice-based combination of general and vocational education.

Continuation schools

Independent residential schools for students between 14 and 18, offering general education inclusive final examination.

University Extension

Courses are offered in all parts of the country in association with the universities in order to disseminate research results.

Women's associations

These NGOs deal with gender issues, equal opportunities and development of aid for women. They organize e.g. campaigns, educational activities and workshops.

Organisations for artistic and creative activities

National associations for handicrafts, amateur musicians, choir singers and actors.

Environmental organisations

Educational activities about organic lifestyle and green consumer practice.

Co-operatives

FDB is the largest member- and consumer organization in Denmark – and at the same time owns a chain of co-operative retail shops

Local radio and TV

The association works for an improvement of the possibilities of a broad and vivid local media.

Development organisations

Organisations working with development aid and educational activities about and in developing countries

Other associations

Several other members of DAEA are engaged in international issues, defense issues, culture issues etc.



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