



## The folk high school – a Danish speciality



*Entrance, Ranum Efterskole College. A stairlift is available for walking-impaired people.*

Over the years, ISGF European Conferences have been held in various localities and forms.

The 11<sup>th</sup> European Conference will be held as a folk high school stay at Ranum Efterskole College.

Ranum Efterskole College is a campus for more than 400 young people who come from more than 28 countries.

A stay at a folk high school in Denmark is in no way comparable to the internationally well-known concept "High School", but an almost 200 year old Danish tradition founded by the theologian and author N.F.S. Grundtvig and the educationist Christen Kold that later spread to the other Nordic countries.

The Danish folk high school was originally a type of school that was created to give "ordinary" people an insight into circumstances that enabled them to participate in social life.

What the folk high schools offer has been changed concurrently with the changes of the society.

However, courses at a Danish folk high school, whose main objective is "general information, existential education, and democratic training", must always involve teaching and togetherness.

In addition, all folk high schools have the following in common: "Fellowship, singing and reflection" – three key words characterising the 11<sup>th</sup> European Conference of ISGF.

We engage in togetherness e.g. by working together across borders, culture, gender and background.

We share the many activities that are offered during the stay, and you participate in the collective tasks that will contribute to EVERYBODY getting a good experience.

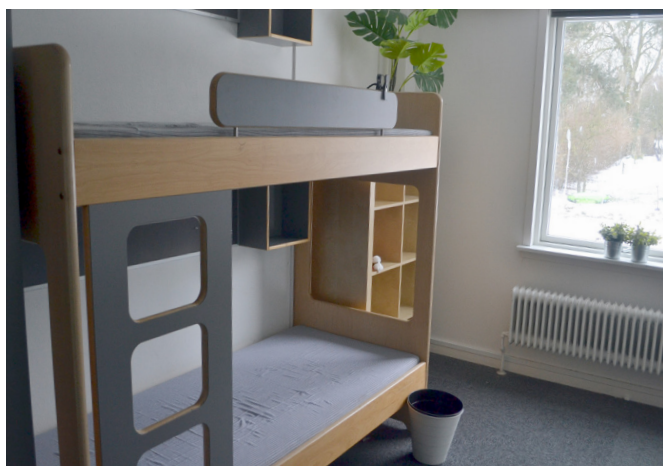
Each morning in connection with the morning assembly we will sing together.

Reflection is a result of e.g. group discussions and other activities that form part of the stay.

### **The rooms**

We are to stay in the students' rooms as either single or double rooms. Two rooms share bathroom and toilet.

The beds will typically be full-sized bunk beds. Only the lower beds are to be used.



### **When can I register?**

In February 2022 we open for registration for the conference via our website [www.isgf-euro2023.dk](http://www.isgf-euro2023.dk).

Here you enter your data and read about the payment of the first rate of the registration fee.

You will also be informed of the terms of opting out and the rules of refunding any paid fee.

When we have received your registration and you have paid the first rate, we send you an email to confirm your

participation in the conference.

Later on we will send you an email with information on choice of excursions and when to pay the rest of the registration fee.

### **Website under construction**

The conference will get its own website. It will be available in English, French, German and Danish. Visit [isgf-euro2023.org](http://isgf-euro2023.org) or [aisg-euro2023.dk](http://aisg-euro2023.dk).

On the website you can subscribe to the conference newsletters, so please forward this newsletter. Give as many as possible the opportunity to read about and – not least – participate in the European Conference.

The website is extended on an ongoing basis.



### **Without food and drink ....**

When more than 400 young people from almost 30 different countries are to be fed each day, a kitchen out of the ordinary is required.

Ranum Efterskole College possesses a restaurant level kitchen that is capable of complying with a wide range of

food requirements and habits. A vegetarian menu is always at hand, and consideration for allergies and other special needs will be taken into consideration.

When registering, you will consequently be asked about any food requirements.

### **The program**

#### **Sunday 30 July**

Arrival. Conference opening in the evening.

#### **Monday 31 July**

Meetings. You will meet the participants from your own country and then the others from your subregion. In the afternoon, work in groups on the theme of the conference.

Minor activities will also be available.

#### **Tuesday 1 August**

Excursions. Choose between various excursions to experience the northern part of Jutland – all related to the conference theme.

This day is also "world scarf day", on which day we should like all participants to wear a scarf just as many present and former scouts around the world.

In the evening there will be entertainment and an opportunity for the participants from the different countries to entertain.

#### **Wednesday 2 August**

The 11th European Conference. The day will end with a gala night with entertainment.

#### **Thursday 3 August**

Thanks for now, have a safe home trip and see you soon.