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INVITATION

Kids in Nature

European Conference on Nature education through Hunting
22 to 24 August 2025 Brahetrolleborg Castle Denmark



EUROPEAN CONFERENCE
ON NATURE EDUCATION
THROUGH HUNTING

BACKGROUND

In Denmark, it is acceptable to take a school class out hunting, for a teacher and children to harvest game, butcher it, and cook it. Experiences such as these provide lifelong learning and give students the opportunity to reflect on topics including life and death, where food comes from, and their own place in nature. They can do this through real experiences, rather than seeing them in a film or reading about them in a book. This opportunity is far from a given in other countries. In Germany, nature guides dare not bring an animal into a school class for fear of losing their job or being shamed on social media. In Poland, children under 18 are not allowed to participate in hunting. In the UK, there is little social licence for hunting.

CONFERENCE

Based on the attention and international interest in how we, in Denmark, have succeeded in making nature communication through hunting and sport-fishing a significant position in Danish education, we wish to hold a European conference on the subject.

The conference is intended for anyone interested in the subject, whether pro or anti. Typically, delegates will come from NGOs, but also politicians and opinion makers, media, and hunting organizations from across Europe. We will invite some delegates. The rest of the conference is open to all (numbers limited). Its purpose is to inspire, provide insight and professional knowledge, as well as to facilitate contact, create networks, and share already developed materials and concepts so that similar processes can be initiated in other countries, adapted to their respective challenges and needs. The goal is to inspire a pan-European process that can create an increased positive view of the sustainable harvesting of nature's surplus.

WELCOME TO A
WEEKEND
IN THE SPIRIT OF
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PROGRAM

FRIDAY, 22 AUGUST 2025:

- 08:30 AM Guests arrive at Brahetrolleborg Castle
- 09:00 AM Welcome and practical information by Brahetrolleborg Estate Owner, Mrs. Catharina Reventlow-Mourier
- 09:05 AM Our moderator, MA Gordon P. Henriksen, informs about the conference program
- 09:15 AM Welcome speech by Mayor Hans Stavnsager, Faaborg-Midtfyn Municipality
- 09:30 AM Conference opening speech by FACE President, Mr. Laurens Hoedemaker
- 09:45 AM Keynotes by Mr. Franz Holmberg, Danish Hunters Association and PhD, Mrs. Karen Barfod, VIA University College. *"Outdoor education through hunting and fishing"*
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 01:00 PM Mr. Danny Christensen, known as The Urban Huntsman *"Perspective on the Danish model from abroad"*
- 01:30 PM MSc Christina Lyng Frandsen, The Danish society for Nature Conservation *Working together to get families outside"*
- 02:00 PM Coffee break
- 02:45 PM MA Sara Waack Möller, Danish Hunters Association *"Trends in public attitudes towards hunting in Denmark"* PhD, Hans Peter Hansen, Aarhus University (Institute for Ecosience) *"Drivers for or against hunting in contemporary society - Interaction workshop"*
- 04:30 PM Panel discussion – Reflection on topics of the day
- 05:00 PM Experiencing the Fair in small groups
- 07:00 PM Dinner
- 09:30 PM Return to the hotel (bus transport)

SATURDAY, 23 AUGUST 2025:

- 08:00 AM Breakfast at the hotel
- 09:15 AM Bus transport to Brahetrolleborg
- 10:00 AM MA Gordon P. Henriksen, Outdoor Digital Communicator *"Hunting and fishing: The importance of modern media"*
- 10:30 AM Faaborg/Midtfyn Municipality *"Presenting science-based practical initiatives around Outdoor Fun project and camps for children"*
- 11:00 AM A guided walk around at the fair, experiencing a medley of activities focusing on children in nature
- 12:15 PM-01:15 PM Outdoor Lunch
- 01:30 PM MD Peter Qvortrup Geisling and MA Gordon P. Henriksen, The Intersectoral Prevention Laboratory (TIPL) *"The impact of nature on children's mental health"*
- 02:15 PM Coffee break
- 03:00 PM Mrs Laurine Wolf, Director of Education & Humanitarian Services; SCI Foundation *"Getting Youth Outdoors"*
- 03:45 PM Mr. Jesper Roerbaek, pilot project in Lithuania: *"Challenges and prospects of introducing the children to nature concept"*
- 04:30 PM Panel discussion
- 05:00 PM Experiencing the Fair on your own and possible change of clothes before the dinner
- 06:15 PM Drinks & mingling
- 07:00 PM Closing dinner at Brahetrolleborg Castle
- 10:00 PM Return to the hotel (bus transport)

SUNDAY, 24 AUGUST 2025:

- 08:00 AM Networking breakfast with summary and social networking part. Including hand out of conference extract in English
- 10:00 AM Checkout and transport from the hotel to the airport or the Fair

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Dress code

Casual for in/outdoor during the daily conference program and Business Formal at the Saturday dinner at Brahetrolleborg Castle. Changing is possible before dinner.

Registration latest 15 July 2025

Please confirm your participation using the attached registration form and send it by email to re@brahetrolleborg.dk with cc to co@btgf.dk

Nearest international airports

Billund 150 km Copenhagen 190 km

Check in-out at Hotel Faaborg Fjord:

Check-in is from 3:00 PM on the day of arrival and check-out is until 11:00 AM on the day of departure.

Registration

Please confirm your attendance using the attached registration

Parking

Free parking at Hotel Faaborg Fjord and at Brahetrolleborg Castle



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CONFERENCE

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**WE LOOK
FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU ON
22 AUGUST 2025**

PARTNERS: *SCI Kingdom of Denmark, SCI, SCIF, FACE, The Danish Hunters' Association, Become NaturallyWise, and Brahetrolleborg Estate.*

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