



# 'Kids in Nature'

## European Conference on Nature Education through Hunting

Brahetrolleborg Game Fair,  
Denmark, 22 - 24 August 2025





## 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.

## BLIV NATURLIGVIS - BECOME NATURALLYWISE

Become NaturallyWise is a voluntary nature communication team of hunters and anglers, run by the Danish Hunters' Association and the Danish Sport Fishing Association with support from the Nordea Foundation. Over the past ten years, Become NaturallyWise has worked on intelligently integrating nature communication, through hunting and sport-fishing, into the Danish education system, focusing on Danish schools and kindergartens. This work has contributed to a largely positive view among the Danish population of harvesting nature's surplus wildlife, including by hunting and fishing.

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### PARTNERS:

*The conference is held in collaboration between SCI Kingdom of Denmark, SCI Europe, The Danish Hunters' Association, Become NaturallyWise, and Brahetrolleborg Estate.*





## 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 strand in Danish education, we wish to hold a European conference on the subject.

## CONFERENCE TARGET GROUP AND PURPOSE

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 organisations 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.

## CONFERENCE FORMAT

The conference will take place over three days, Friday-Sunday, 22-24 August 2025, with the main programme on Saturday, where selected Danish and international speakers will delve into topics through short presentations of around 30 minutes.

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## **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

09:10 AM Our moderator, MA Gordon Henriksen, informs about the conference program

09:20 AM Welcome speech by Mayor Hans Stavnsager, Faaborg-Midtfyn Municipality

09:30 AM Conference opening speech by FACE vice president, Ms. Linda Dombrowska.

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 Laurine Wolf, SCI Foundation speaker *“Getting Youth Outdoors”*

01:30 PM Jaroslaw Kuczaj Polish Hunting Association speaking about,  
*“Ban of children under 18 years participating in hunts”*

02:00 PM Coffee break

02:45 PM MA Sara Waack Möller, Danish Hunters Association

*“Trends in public attitudes towards hunting in Denmark”*

03:00 PM 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

Participants: Karen Barfod, Franz Holmberg, Hans Peter Hansen, Laurine Wolf  
and Jaroslaw Kucaj

05:00 PM Experiencing the Fair in small groups

07:00 PM Dinner (closed event by invitation only)

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 PhD, 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 Peter Baloo Laurents, The Danish Society for Nature Conservation

*“Working together to get families outside.”*

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 – Reflection on topics of the day. Participants:

Jesper Rørbaek, Franz Holmberga and Peter Baloo Laurents

05:00 PM Miguel Estade SCI Europe - Closing remarks

05:10 PM Experiencing the Fair on your own and possible change of clothes

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 airport or the Fair