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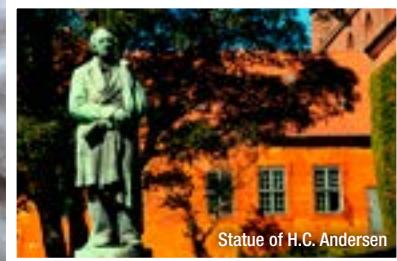
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Wide Minds - The Human Face of Digital Learning 8th - 13th October 2013, at University College Lillebaelt, Odense, Denmark

Developing more autonomous, reflective and enjoyable learning:

Exploring the role of ICT and the new Lifelong Learning Programme to enhance learning in 21st century schools



Statue of H.C. Andersen

Welcome to Odense
in October 2013



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Come and join the Wide Minds community!

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the Wide Minds Conference in Odense, Denmark, from 8-13 October, 2013.

The Wide Minds network has been going strong since 2008 and we have supported well over 400 heads and teachers from over 250 schools to develop creative use of ICT, promote multilingualism and engage in intercultural dialogue through conferences. The feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive about all aspects of the experience. Please visit our website www.wideminds.eu/cms to find more about our work.

Registration

You can apply for a Comenius Inservice grant to cover the costs involved in attending the conference including your travel. Please register your interest in attending the event with us first by completing the form you can find **here** and emailing it to wimiadmin@ceredigion.gov.uk. You can apply to your National Agency for the relevant grant- the deadline for them to receive your application is 30th April, 2013. Please let us know if you need help with this. Following registration, we will give you a log in for Wide Minds Moodle so you can introduce yourself to other participants and start sharing ideas via the forum even before the conference begins!

The conference will take place at University College Lillebælt

The conference will consist of lectures and presentations, as well as practical, hands on ICT training led by experts in the field. Participants will have the opportunity beforehand to request specific ICT training which we will do our best to provide.

Workshop sessions have been planned to give maximum opportunity for interaction with experienced practitioners as well as for planning new collaborative projects and professional learning communities with other participants. Pupil involvement and visits to local schools are an essential part of WiMi's very popular conferences. In Denmark, the school visits will take the form of "learning walks" in small groups to maximise the benefits and stimulate professional dialogue.

Odense –The city of Hans Christian Andersen

Odense is perhaps best known as the city where Hans Christian Andersen was born and grew up.

- Experience the H.C. Andersen museum and come with us on a guided tour: "In the footsteps of HC Andersen" and learn more about the great poet and our city.
- Join us on a guided tour to Egeskov Castle one of the oldest and best preserved Castles which dates from 1554. Funen has over 100 old manors and castles.

We look forward to welcoming you to WIDE MINDS at University College Lillebælt

On behalf of the organizing committee
John Kraaer

Conference programme

TUESDAY 8/10/13

Evening: Arrival at Hotel Plaza, Odense. Registration and dinner

WEDNESDAY 9/10/13

Breakfast
 09:00 Welcome & Official Opening of the Conference
 09:15 Introducing WiMi
 10:00 Ice breaker
 10:30 Coffee
 11:00 Emerging technologies and their role in supporting 21st century teaching and learning.
 11:45 Discussion groups
 12:15 Plenary
 12:45 Lunch
 13:45 A brief introduction to the Danish education system
 14:00 "Show me your shoes" – a WiMi supported project in practice
 14:30 The new Lifelong Learning Programme – Danish National Agency. Question session
 15:00 School Partner finding / Professional Learning Community "cafe"
 15:30 Introduction to Moodle (differentiated)
 19:30 International Market Place

THURSDAY 10/10/13

Breakfast
 08:00 Departure for School visits
 09:00 "Learning walks" in local schools with pupils and teachers
 12:30 Lunch in school
 13:30 Plenary-sharing the learning
 13:50 Workshops: using iPads in the classroom, developing entrepreneurship, using film to improve learning, Video Conferencing, eLearning for languages, "Scratch"
 14:50 Workshops: round 2
 15:50 Coffee and partnership groups
 16:30 Explore Odense – optional guided tour to the Hans Christian Andersen Museum
 19:00 Dinner at Town Hall

FRIDAY 11/10/13

Breakfast
 09:00 Workshops Round 3
 10:00 Plenary
 10:30 Coffee and work in partnership groups
 12:00 Practical help with applications
 12:30 Lunch
 13:30 Hands on Moodle and getting started on proposals for collaboration
 17:00 Free time/shopping
 19:00 Dinner

SATURDAY 12/10/13

Breakfast
 09:00 Advice on Evaluation and Dissemination
 09:30 Conference evaluation
 10:00 Proposals for collaboration
 12:30 Lunch
 13:30 Depart for cultural excursion at Egeskov Castle
 17:30 Return to hotel. Free time
 19:00: Dinner

SUNDAY 13/10/13

09:00 Departure

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Costs:

All inclusive cost for accommodation and meals : 750.00 euro
 Conference fee for tuition and materials: 750.00 euro
 Total=1,500 euro

Special Needs?

Please let us know when you register for the conference whether you have any special needs and we will do our utmost to ensure these are met where possible.



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The philosophy of Wide Minds Conference

Objectives Demonstrate how ICT can be an ideal medium to assist in the transition from the traditional role of the teacher as the "sage on the stage" to that of facilitator of learning, "the guide on the side"

Demonstrate how ICT can support and encourage the development of transferable skills including entrepreneurship and creativity as well as lead to more autonomous, stimulating and reflective learning.

Provide teachers with practical training to develop their digital skills and boost their confidence to embed the use of ICT in the classroom.

Explore how the use of iPads has been successfully integrated in teaching and learning in schools in Denmark and Austria.

Learn about the Danish education system

Participate in "learning walks" in local schools with different foci relevant where possible to participants' stated priorities to maximise the opportunities for in depth professional dialogue.

Set up international professional learning communities focussed on shared priorities.

Disseminate the lessons learnt from the Wide Minds Multilingualism and Video-conferencing action research projects.

Share the good practice and experiences of teachers already involved with WiMi-supported projects.

Introduce participants to the opportunities available through the new Lifelong Learning Programme and assist them in finding suitable partners for international collaboration and mobility.

Promote benefits of networking on a local, regional and international level.

Raise awareness of the potential impact to whole school communities

of involvement in both virtual and face to face international partnerships.

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