EDUCATION WEEKEND 2023

Askov Højskole | September 29th – October 1st

The Education Weekend is built around themes and trends that affect development cooperation and in particular affects the member organisations of CISU.

To make the programme more easy to follow, we have created four threads of each their color. You can follow the same thread throughout the weekend or make your interwoven thread that fits you and your organisation.

There are elements in both Danish and English.

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CISU CIVIL SOCIETY IN DEVELOPMENT

THE RED THREAD

Is about the political landscape that affects development cooperation. Which funds are set aside for development aid, and which trends affect state donors - both in Denmark and internationally.

In this thread we will follow up on the central change of dicsourse around decolonisation, #shiftthepower and local leadership. How can we continue this course and how will future development cooperation and financing look like?

THE GREEN THREAD

Is about the big transition towards securing that the classic development cooperation to a larger degree integrates climate, nature and environment.

In this thread there will be events about the dedicated climate support that CISU can grant.

THE YELLOW THREAD

Is about how we inform and engage around development cooperation in Denmark.

In this thread there will be events that directly concerns the OpEn-grants, but you will also find events that more generally are about engagement, awareness and communication.

THE BLUE THREAD

Is about CISU as a community of organisations. At CISUs general assembly, this focus was established with a background in the fact that many of you member organisations are challenged in relation to your economy, networks and human ressources.

In this thread there will be events about your supporters,, what CISU can be used for, and plenty of options to find others and other organisations and expand your network opportunities.

PROGRAMME

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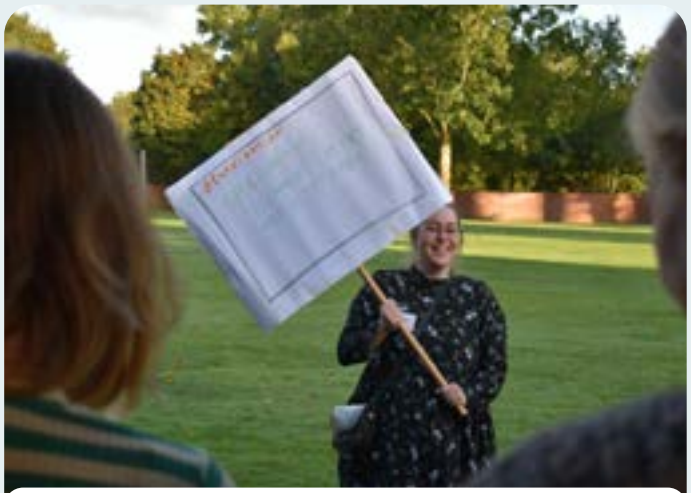

Friday

5.15 pm	**Arrival**
	Find your rooms
6.30	**Dinner**
7.30-8.30	**DISCUSSION - What trends and tendencies affect Danish development cooperation? [ENG]**
9.00-10.00	**Evening chill and getting to know each other** An informal event where we all can just get introduced to one another.

Saturday

7.45	**Breakfast**
8.45	**Morning gathering in the courtyard – singing and warm-up**
9.00-11.45	**DISCUSSION - Where is international development cooperation headed? [ENG]**
	INSPIRATION - Get inspiration from OpEngrants (DK)
	WALK & TALK (DK/ENG)
12.00	**Lunch**
1.00-3.00	**WORKSHOP - Progressive funding mechanisms [ENG]**
	WORKSHOP - Climate communication that can engage all of us (DK)
	WALK & TALK (DK/ENG)
	WORKSHOP - Loss & Damage - what is it and what is the role of civil society? (DK)
3.15-3.45	**Coffee break**
3.45-5.30	**DISCUSSION - Why is solidarity with all people of the world paramount?**
5.30	**Break / Freetime**
7.00	**Dinner**
8.30	**Party and entertainment**
	Poetry slam by Lasse Nyholm Jensen **DJ**

Sunday

8.00	**Breakfast**
9.00	**Morning gathering in the courtyard – singing and warm-up**
9.15-11.15	**WALK & TALK - Take a walk and talk about climate adaptation (DK)**
	WORKSHOP - Grow the stories (DK)
	WALK-IN CLINIC (DK/ENG)
	INSPIRATION - New ways to organize around social change [ENG]
11.15	**Coffee break**
11.45	**Summing up on the four threads – what are your take-homes?**
	Evaluation of the weekend
	Sing-off and see you next year
1.00	**Lunch**
2.00	**Departure**

Subject to changes in the programme.

DISCUSSION [ENG]

What trends and tendencies affects Danish development cooperation?

FRIDAY 7.30-8.30 PM

With participation from:

Anne Mette Kjær – Professor, Aarhus University, Dept. of Political Science, Chair of Council for Development Policy (Udviklingspolitisk Råd)

Jesper Heldgaard - journalist and observer of Danish development policy.

Jeef Bech - Head of Secretariat at CISU

What are some of the key trends and tendencies that affect the politicial decision making arena? How do they affect upon us in the civil society sector?

DISCUSSION [ENG]

Where is international development cooperation headed?

LØRDAG KL. 9.15-11.45

Presentations from:

Catherine (Wanjiru) Nyambura – Pan-African feminist and international development expert.

Gervin Chanase – expert on international development and civil society thought leadership.

Anne-Birgitte Albrectsen– Insights from a former CEO in Lego Foundation, Plan International and diplomatic postings in UN and the Danish MFA.

Brief presentations will be followed by group discussions to assess how we as Danish development actors should act in relation to the global trends.

WORKSHOP [ENG]

Progressive funding mechanisms

SATURDAY 1.00-3.00 PM

What should characterize the future funding modalities?

Should modalities be more geared towards strategic funding rather than project support?

With point of departure in some of the great minds that CISU are inspired by, we will discuss fit-for-purpose and fit-for-this-time-in-history funding.

This workshop will build upon the international trends from the workshop earlier in the day.

With **Gervin Chanase** & **Anne-Birgitte Albrectsen**.

Workshop

Workshop-formatet er både oplæg, indspark og øvelser, hvor du også selv skal i gang med at tænke, snakke og byde ind.

The workshop-format is both presentations, inputs and exercises that also gets you thinking and talking.

Diskussion / Discussion

Formatet er med indbudte oplæg, som vi sammen skal diskutere - både med vores oplægsholdere, men så sandelig også med hinanden.

The discussion-format will be presentations from invited speakers that we will discuss together - both with the speakers but indeed also with each other.

DISCUSSION (DK)

Why is solidarity with all people of the world paramount?

SATURDAY 3.45-5.30 PM

We need to join hands in the struggle for a better world and we need all the alliance partners we can get. We need to strengthen our narrative that development cooperation is a central and sustainable solution on the crises the world is facing.

We will in this conversation work on developing our common narrative about why development, collaboration, solidarity and international relations are central. How can we support each other across organisations?

We will talk with **Danwatch**, **The Green Youth Movement**, **Ghana Friendship** and **LGBT+ Denmark** And importantly - we will talk with each other.

INSPIRATION [ENG]

New ways of being organised around social change

SUNDAY 9.15-11.15

It is often the talk of the town that social movements and informal civil society are creating strong results and being actual social change makers.
Many donors are focused on establishing better mechanisms to better support such actors. But why are they important, what are the advantages and what do we need to be alert to when working with such actors?

To enlighten the discussion, we have invited **Catherine Nyambura**. Catherine is a Pan-African feminist and international development expert.
&
Nalishebo Sinyama - movement manager in Youth4Parliament from Zambia working to increase the voice of youth in democracy and politics.

INSPIRATION (DK)

Get inspiration from OpEn-grants

SATURDAY 9.00-11.45 AM

CISU has with the fairly new OpEn-grants ensured that Danish civil society organisations and other actors can work on information and engagement on international development cooperation for the comming years. We invite grant holders to, for example, tell us about their approach to include voices from the south, and which approaches they apply in reaching their target groups.

Meet:
Forests of the World that work with gamers and indigenous peoples in Panama whose cosmology has inspired the Avatargame.

The media company **The Mother Tree**, who are producing documentaries about kenyan small scale farmers that take back control of food production.

DIB who have succeeded in creating a strong collaboration with both students and teachers at vocational training schools in Denmark.

Inspiration

Inspirationsformatet har fokus på inspiration og nysgerrighed i lokalet, mere end det er struktureret arbejde med post-its og øvelser.

The inspiration-format has focus on exploring the curiosity in the room, more than it is structured work with post-its and exercises

INSPIRATION

Grow the stories

SUNDAY 9.15-11.15

There are powerful stories hidden within NGOs. On this workshop we will deal with how we transform results from the real world to stories that can ensure support, legitimacy, fundraising or inspire.

WORKSHOP (DK)

Climate communication that can engage all of us

SATURDAY 1.00-3.00 PM

Action is needed. But there are many target groups- we want to take the green talk with. What does it take to change attitudes, behaviour and get motivated for climate action?

Through a workshop where we will use a target group analysis from DeltagerDanmark, we will try and design your approaches when you need to talk climate action with new target groups.

WALK & TALK (DK)

Take a walk and talk about climate adaptation

SUNDAY 9.15-11.15 AM

Go for a small walk in the suroundings wit hsome of the organisatinos that have received a grant from the Climate Change Adaptation Modality (CCAM). Maybe this also something you want to work on?

WORKSHOP (DK)

Loss & Damage - what is it and what is the role of civil society?

SATURDAY 1.00-3.00 PM

Loss & damage caused by climate change has been a much discussed topic on the global climate negotiations over the years. At the COP27 in December 2022 a breakthrough was finally seen and a fund was planned for that is intented to be able to support losses and damages caused by climate change.
But what are loss and damage caused by climate change? And how does it differentiate from climate adaptation interventions? And what is the role of civil society?

DanChurchAid who have worked purposefully on this agenda will come and give us the insights.

WALK & TALK [ENG]

SATURDAY 1.00-3.00 PM

A joint trip to the local inn to enjoy their coffee and cake. Join to meet and talk to new people.
Perhaps becoming a future tradition for Højskole-weekenden? At least we are copying a very successful event from last year.

WORKSHOP (DK)

CISU Basics

SATURDAY 9.00-11.45 AM

Are you still new to how and why CISU operate as a grant manager? And what is it that you actually need to emphasize in a good application? What happens to our application once submitted? And why do we get such thorough feedback on our applications?

WALK-IN CLINIC (DK/ENG)

SUNDAY 9.15-11.15 AM

Meet CISUs advisors and grant managers and get answers to all of your questions or get a few good advice along the way; or guidance on the budget guidelines, if this is what you are looking for.

Walk & Talk

Walk & Talk-formatet er uformelt samtalerum hvor deltagerne kan dele erfaringer og overvejelser mens de nyder den friske luft.

The walk&talk format is an informal room for conversation where you will be sharing experiences and reflections while enjoying some fresh air.