

Text of video appetizer presented by Mr. Benny Andersen, President of AIEJI

The congress in Copenhagen 2009 is an opportunity for you as a social educator to meet 700 other social educators from all over the world. Every participant will come with knowledge and experience from his or her home country, and together you will create a lot of inspiration. Take it home and use it in your daily work.

Let us strengthen our professionalism. Let us join our forces in the struggle against social exclusion. We live in a globalised world – let us use the opportunity we have today to help people around the world.

The congress will give you the opportunity to meet outstanding personalities, who have an eye and a beating heart for the suppressed and excluded. And they are not afraid to communicate and discuss their views.

At the conference you can choose between various workshops, where participants across national borders will discuss social educational work.

Field visits will give you inspiration from state of the art projects and institutions in Denmark.

When you go home, you will hopefully have created a global network. Through workshops and lots of opportunities to talk to other participants, we will do our best to get you connected with other social educators from different countries. People who you can draw on afterwards.

I am very pleased to welcome you to AIEJI's congress in Copenhagen in May 2009. See you there!