

LEARNING MUSEUM

Learning Museum 2011-2013 is a nationwide Danish developmental collaboration project involving 26 museums (cultural and natural history as well as art museums) and 13 colleges of education. The project provides students of education with unique opportunities to participate in training courses and academic internships at the country's museums. When students of education are made part of the museum space, new educational offerings and teaching resources take form. This user-driven aspect assists in creating innovative initiatives and products that provide enrichment for individuals and institutions surrounding the user himself – the future primary school teacher. **Roles are exchanged and new sets of values** and visions are created which ultimately strengthen the overall education of Danish primary school pupils. The essence of the project is to create and give inspiration to **Creative partnerships** and networks in Denmark, in the Nordic countries and internationally where **multidisciplinary collaboration** and **sharing of knowledge** are in focus. The goals are to make museums visible as institutions for knowledge sharing and education and to make museum education an integral element in the required curriculum for teacher educational programs as well as integral in museums educational strategy and educational offerings. When students of education act as key points of knowledge exchange in museum educational departments, the teaching practice at the museum is strengthened and the students develop their professional and pedagogical competencies. In short, the collaboration gives the students methods and skills to apply in their own learning so that they can constantly develop from a **life-long learning perspective**.

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