



A PRESENTATION OF YMCA AND YWCA IN DENMARK





PROFILE OF A JOINT MOVEMENT



The YMCA and YWCA in Denmark have been a joint movement for over 30 years. Both organizations were established around 1880. Today, the joint movement has 9,000 members spread out to around 100 local associations, and is characterized as a volunteer based organization. The organization is governed by a female president and a male vice president and a board with equal representation of men and women.



The »Y-Family«

YMCA and YWCA in Denmark differ from many other national movements. Many YMCA and YWCA activities in Denmark have from the early days been organized in separate organizations and still remain so – such as YMCA Sports, YMCA scouts, YWCA Girl Guides, YWCA Social Work, YMCA Social Work etc. Nine independent organizations now belong to the »Y-Family« including Y's Men Region Denmark.

Unitas Rejser

The joint movement of YMCA and YWCA in Denmark is the exclusive owner of UNITAS travel agency and we work together closely. The travel agency has great expertise in terms of Raptim tickets. Unitas Rejser generates important income for our program.

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Mere end rejser



INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

International commitment plays an important role in the YMCA and YWCA in Denmark and comes to life among other things through our different projects listed below. The YMCA and YWCA in Denmark is part of a unique global YMCA and YWCA network for children and young people, which offers several possibilities for experiences and engagement.

For us, international outlook and commitment are important values. We believe that we are part of a larger whole, also globally. That is

why we encourage active citizenship. We must learn from the world and the people in it. We share a responsibility for each other and we want to show the children and young people in Denmark that there is inequity in the world and that they can make a difference.

Within the YMCA and YWCA in Denmark, we work with global communities and in this framework we carry out different activities such as leadership training, volunteering and providing opportunities for intercultural meetings between young people.

Minglabar Myanmar

The international project, Minglabar Myanmar – Foundation for Change (FFC), focuses on supporting young volunteers in Myanmar. In cooperation with YMCA, YWCA and FDF we have established a youth hub together with the young volunteers. At the hub, FFC provides qualifying training activities, execute volunteer projects and facilitate social networking.



Palestine

The YMCA and YWCA in Denmark are partners with East Jerusalem YMCA and YWCA Palestine. People interested in Palestine can visit the country through arranged trips e.g. the youth trip Journey for Justice and the solidarity trip in connection with the Palestine Marathon. We continue to be involved in advocacy work and work with a network of young people who has visited Palestine in connection with a school trip.

Camps

International camps around the world provide young people with the possibility of travelling the world and grow as leaders. This area within the global communities unlocks the possibility of expanding established partnerships and exploring new partnerships, providing the basis for mutual exchange and benefit. In connection with this, it is possible to get a young Danish volunteer as camp counsellor.

Internship and volunteers

We have several international partnerships across the world and this gives young people the opportunity of doing an internship abroad or to be a volunteer. The global exchanges enhance the cultural encounters for the young people through the partnerships, it develops leader competences and provides the possibility of mutual exchange of knowledge and practices. We work with the EVS program, which gives young people from abroad the opportunity to be part of one of our local associations in Denmark.

School program

YMCA and YWCA in Denmark work closely together with young people from upper secondary schools, from the age of 15-17 years old, in terms of offering them new fellowships, experiences and intercultural insights and exchange, by sending them on youth trips to YMCA/YWCA partners around the world.

Local to Local

Local to Local is a pilot project under the YMCA and YWCA in Denmark's International Committee, in which one or several local YMCA/YWCA organizations are given the opportunity to form a specific partnership with a local YMCA or YWCA organization in another country. The intention of the project is to make global initiatives locally relevant.



Our work and efforts are founded in our 2025 vision that »YMCA and YWCA in Denmark will be a dynamic and vibrant organization, which reaches out to more people and new target groups. We offer a wide range of activities, based on a Christian foundation which meets the needs of the children and young people, and strengthen their spirits, courage and line of action in terms of both faith and society«.

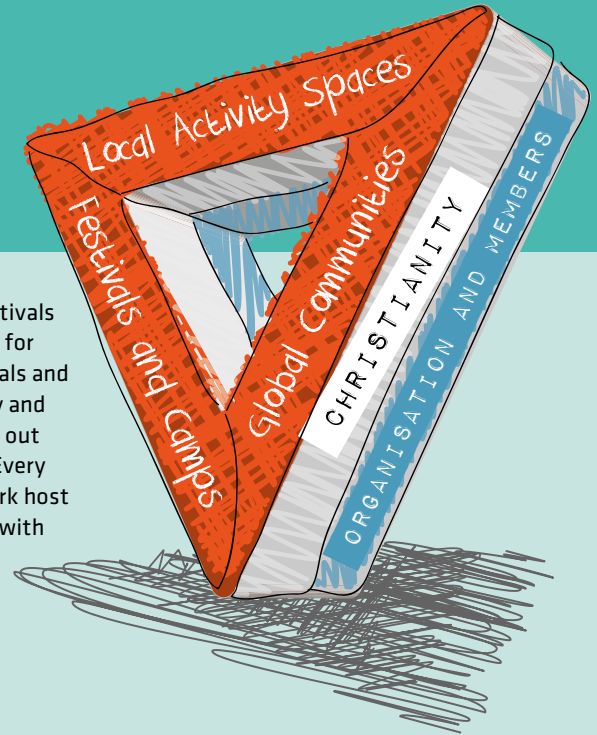
VISION AND ACTIVITIES

We are a part of the global communities of YMCA and YWCA, and we have numerous global partnerships across the world expressed through the concrete programs described inside the folder.

YMCA and YWCA in Denmark work locally within 100 associations, offering activities relevant for the local community. The activities include Ten Sing, Tween Sing, activity clubs, family clubs, children's disco, sleepovers etc.

YMCA and YWCA in Denmark host festivals and camps both locally and nationally, for children, youth and families. All festivals and camps build on the notion of solidarity and diversity, and are arranged and carried out by volunteers from the organization. Every third year, YMCA and YWCA in Denmark host Wonderful Days – a big youth festival with international participation.

For more information, see www.wonderfuldays.com





NATIONAL STATISTICS

members: *approx.*

9,000

OF WHOM

55% 2,000

are under 30 years old

VOLUNTEER LEADERS
AND COMMITTEE
MEMBERS: *APPROX.*

40 Number of employees
at national and local level

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