Skolefolk fra Europa og Asien mødes i Sønderborg

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SØNDERBORG: Around 100 educators from 30 countries in Asia and Europe will be participating in the eighth network conference from the 26th to 30th of October which is held alternately in Asia and Europe. The Asia-Europe Foundation [through the Asia-Europe Classroom Network Conference] is a network which connects teachers and students in senior and high schools in Asia and Europe.

Inspiration and understanding

Principal, Karen Marie Hougaard, Hørup Centralskole, is the local coordinator. Hørup Centralskole won the first prize last year in this competition which is part of the annual conference, and she is happy and take pride in the fact that Sønderborg has been allowed to be the host town.

She suggested climate challenges as a main topic. She thinks it is perfect, in keeping with Bright Green Youth in Sønderborg held earlier this year and the climate summit meeting to be held in Copenhagen soon.

She has herself participated in the conference several times and is enthusiastic for the inspiration and international understanding which develops from the network.
– It gives our young people the experience that the world is not being that big, and does a lot for subverting prejudice, she says.

Each time the conference concludes, 25 projects are started. In each project at least two European and two Asian schools work together and the young people from very different cultures communicate and chat on the Internet about the common project.

**Students are crazy about it.**

– The students from my own school are crazy about working on this. The experience is exciting and enriching to all partners, she says.

For the moment, Hørup Centralskole is the only public school in Sønderborg municipality that is taking part in this network but Alssund Highschool has also been involved this year. The participants will visit both schools.