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Dear Louis Mogensen

It is a pleasure to be able to forward to you one exemplar of the spring issue of the *Journal of World Education*.

It is our aim with this issue of the *Journal of World Education*

- to give the young co-organisers, participants and volunteers of the Youth2002 Folk High School courses the chance to express themselves about their experiences with the format of European residential schools and to present this for a wider audience,
- to synoptically present our works within European youth- and educational policy and to make these works better known
- and to further debate the idea of founding a European Community College (Europæisk Folkehøjskole) on Danish ground.

At this same occasion we would like to put your attention to the following considerations and ideas:

The possibility of obtaining a dispensation from the “50%-rule” has developed within recent years - beginning at Højskolen Østersøen. Because of the fortunate conditions given by the Danish EU-presidency, 12 Folk High Schools being partners of the Youth2002 obtained the dispensation simultaneously.

It is to foresee that Folk High Schools in an even larger number are going to apply for dispensations in the years to come.

That is why we would like to suggest to the FFD to work on what could be called the “*Invisible European Folk High School*”. The “*Invisible European Folk High School*” should work in a limited period of time (e.g. 2004-2006) on co-organizing European Folk High School Courses of the model known from the Youth2002, Højskolen Østersøen and the ACC Courses. The “*Invisible European Folk High School*” should co-organize European courses initiated at the existing schools interested in European affairs and should function within the rules for Folk High Schools -with the 50%-rule as the exception.

A common address by the FFD to the ministry on behalf of the schools interested should be reasoned by a wish to

- avoid a situation of uncontrolled growth in the number of applications to the ministry
- present to the EU a Danish common endeavor of developing the much requested means and methods of developing a European public realm / the individual skills of active European citizens
- develop a more persistent system of co-financing of residential non-formal school courses with Denmark in lead inspiring the next generation of Youth-programmes

On an informative basis, we have let the Danish Minister of Education know about this idea. Moreover, I have personally been discussing the idea with Ole Keldorf from Idrætshøjskolen in Aarhus.

We would be willing to discuss this idea further with you or some other board member in case it has the interest of the FFD.

Our very best regards,

John Petersen, chairman

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