

INFORMATION

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Dear Madam/Sir,

As you may know the Youth2002 project will be launched soon. Starting from the 1st of July 1000 young Europeans from 33 different states in Europe will be situated in 13 different folk high schools in different parts of Denmark where they are going to discuss the future of Europe.

We have a very concrete aim being part of the Youth2002; While the European politicians inside and outside the Convention discuss how to bring the European Citizens and the European political integration closer to each other's, we think Scandinavia has already invented the mean -the Folk High Schools (we call them Community Colleges). We hope the Youth2002 is going to become more than just an example but rather becomes a standard and an inspiration for a European System of Community Colleges.

This is why, as a minimum, we would prefer the European Constitution at least not to exclude the possibility of such a system by promoting a strict and preserving "catalogue of competencies".

We did hope the Danish EU-presidency would have used the possibilities within for example the discussion of the EU Youth White Paper to launch such an idea -and this was the background of our idea of combining the Danish EU-presidency with promoting the system on folk high schools.

In these terms The ACC (Association for Community Colleges)* as one of the Youth2002 partners and an association that significantly contributed to the overall development of the idea of the Youth2002 event has a range of young people with very interesting backgrounds that you may consider contacting if and when following the Youth2002 project.

Many of the participants are highly involved young people in matters concerning the youth frame as well as different European matters of current interest (EU enlargement, social affairs, constitution...)

Please find enclosed basic information concerning the young peoples' interest, their location in Denmark and the telephone number where you can reach them. They will be more than glad to share with you their ideas and views on the Youth2002 project and the initiatives that came before and that may follow after it in future.

Best,

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*The Association for Community Colleges is a European NGO with an aim to engage the interested European public in a debate on issues, questions and political problems shared by Europeans. The main idea of the ACC is that a unique way of promoting this objective would be through establishing community colleges on a common European level.

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