

Poseidon info letter no. 7 of 07-05-2014
Distributed to project partners and business partners

Dear project partners.

Here is yet another update on the Poseidon project which is on schedule and gives all partners involved new energy, new insight, and indispensable interaction with a lot of young people, both in Denmark and in Germany.

“Breaking Down Barriers”

First of all a big thanks to all participants, presenters, project partners and students at our “Breaking Down Barriers” conference Thursday the 6 of March 2014. With a number of participants reaching about 100 people, networking during the breaks, student cases and students who acutely understood, among other things, the content of assistant professor Thomas Szulevicz from the University of Aalborg, it must be considered a success. On the project’s homepage you will find pictures and all slides from the day www.poseidon.jaw-koppelsberg.org.



The hall at Hotel Niels Juel filled to the breaking point



Bothe Danish and German students are listening carefully



From the left: Mayor in Køge Flemming Christensen, deputy mayor in Greve and MF Liselott Blixt, department manager at UUV Margrethe Tovgaard, head of institution at Fremtidslinjen Morten Ellehauge and head of institution at JAW Koppelsberg Christian Lange

Student exchange in week 10 in Ølby

In addition to the conference in week 10 we also had a student exchange during the entire week. Our German partners arrived Sunday evening and Monday staff and students were ready to welcome them at Fremtidslinjen.

All Monday went with a workshop in drama and performance for those students who had something to say at the conference. In the evening our German teacher Henning Jakobsen entertained with singing, socializing and dinner. Tuesday morning went with a workshop testing APPs for all students involved in the project and after lunch it was time for bowling. After this our German friends had the afternoon and evening off and were able to do whatever they wanted.

Wednesday were all about practical work before the big day and it ended for the Danish students and the Germans at 1 o'clock. Thursday was a big day for all participants. The conference was, as mentioned before, a success and we ended the day with joint dinner at Hotel Niels Juel where the day was talked through. Friday we all meet for brunch at Køge square and evaluated the exchange. Everybody was positive about the week and the only negative thing was that there was not enough time for socializing and just talk. This will be one of the focus points when the next exchange is scheduled.

Student exchange in week 15 in Plön

Monday the 7 of April a large delegation of Danish students and staff went to Plön, a total of 15 people including Lotte Pedersen from UUV and German teacher Henning Jakobsen. They were greeted with coffee and cake in the afternoon and the evening went with assigning the rooms, socializing, singing and dinner.

All of Tuesday was spent in Hamburg. The morning had a cultural aspect as well as a visit to "Miniature Wunderland" for all and in the afternoon each student and staff member could decide what to do. The day ended at a typical Hamburg restaurant.

Wednesday, all the way to lunch, everyone was involved in workshops. This time there were three; kitchen, IT and media and Storm P. In the kitchen they made lunch, in it and media they documented the mornings events and in the Storm P workshop they build a machine in the spirit of Storm P. After lunch the Danish delegation had planned a trip to Neumünster where everybody had a good chance of shopping. Two students and two staff members stayed home so when Morten and Mai arrived late Wednesday night somebody was home to greet them. The group who went to Neumünster ended the night with a successful visit to a steak house.



Group picture at JAW, Koppelsberg



Working together during workshops



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Thursday morning the steering group had a meeting while the others carried on with their workshops. After lunch it was finally time for what everybody had waited for: the high rope! It is funny and educational to see what challenges can do to people. Nobody was forced into the trees but all students were supposed to have the security belts on and everybody at the premises was to have helmets on. Some had already told that they did not want to try it and others were all excited. We had some students who made it all the way to the top and we had some who gave up halfway and then others who surprised us. Also some of the staff members gave it a try. All supported, praised, and applauded each other so no one felt it like a defeat if the courage failed.



Everybody listen to the instructions



Two German girls all set!



The ladder to reach the tree tops

After the high rope course it was time for a small break for everybody but especially the brave ones. For dinner we had barbeque at Koppelsberg and the evening ended with singing in both Danish, German and English. Friday all Danish students and staff members had to clean their rooms, pack, show the product produced during the week, as well as an evaluation followed by brunch. After this the trip went to Puttgarden and a tired but happy group of people arrived at Fremtidslinjen at 16.30.

Steering group meeting Thursday the 10 of April

We had a short but very productive steering group meeting. Participants from JAW: Christian Lange, Wiebke Lange, Andreas Nollenberg and Michael Tobias. Participants from Fremtidslinjen/UUV: Morten Ellehauge, Signe Odsbøll, Nichlas Mørk and Mai Greve.

We had a good and productive talk about the competence boards, which are still at trial basis at Fremtidslinjen. There was a long talk about whether only the vocational skills or the social skills also should appear and there is still no solution. Some of the most important at this point is that the staff works with the boards and it has given the staff and the students something concert to work with. It has been decided that the competence boards are to be the focal of the theme days (more about this further down).

It has been decide that we will continue to work on the language APP. Martin Hennshen, who is part of the project, has taken on this task and will work on this in close collaboration with Heinrich Funchs and as a start they will make a prototype. The idea and the hope is that the APP will contain icons, words, and sentences and it should also be available offline. There is much work in this and there needs to be a lot of research on the subject and the students need to be consulted. But we are all looking forward to this part of the project enthusiasm.

Fremtidslinjen have been forced to move the team days, which were supposed to take place in May in Plön, due to not enough knowledge and experience with the competence boards. Therefore we have rescheduled it to the beginning of September.

In the future...

We are to have two further student exchanges in the autumn and we are about to find new dates at the moment because else it will be to stressful for the two institutions, as well as the students. These will be announced as soon as we have the dates.

We already have good communication regarding the end conference and we have also found a theme. The end conference will take place Monday the 1 of December.

In week 25 we have a combined work- and steering group meeting in Ølby, a more defined program has not been put together. In week 43 we have team days in Ølby and here there is no program yet as well.

The last steering group meeting for the Poseidon Project will take place in weekn48 in Plön. Here the loose ends are tied together and the project will be evaluated.

Are there any questions or comments you are welcome to make contact.

Kind regards

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