

EXCHANGE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF YOUTH PANEL WITH THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAESTVED IN DENMARK OCT-NOV 2008

Councils and commission members and members of the young people panel of the municipality Haaren will go by the end of October on a visit to the municipality Naestved in Denmark. During the annual charter meeting of 2008 in May on Cyprus the topic "involvement with the local policy" was treated.

A Council member from the municipality Naestved (Denmark) gave a presentation about the way the municipality has succeeded in involving young people at the local politics, also after a large-scale municipal redivision has taken place.

This very interesting presentation was for the President of the Haarens Council reason to investigate the interest of the Haarens Council and commission members and at the members of the young people panel, and to find out if they would like to know more of the Danish approach.

The enthusiastic responses have conducted that delegations of both Council and commission and the young people panel from Friday 31 October to Sunday 2 November will visit Naestved. Entirely in the tradition of the charter, all participants will stay in Danish guest families.

The aim of the visit is:

1. Intensive information exchange concerning the involvement of the young people at the local policy.
2. To see how small villages have preserved their own character after the extensive redivision.
3. Visits to community supplies/multi functional building in Holmegaard (one of the villages of Naestved and from way back member of the charter).

An additional aim and impact are that during this travel the relation between Council/commission and young people panel can be developed, as a result of which reciprocal more involvement can arise.

To be prepared in advance for the visit to Denmark, Mister Kim Rosner Pederson of the Danish embassy will give a presentation on Monday 20 October in the Council room of the municipality house Haaren concerning the state planning of Denmark.

He will discuss especially the way the municipal authorities in Denmark work. Of course the travellers have been invited for this meeting, but other interested persons are also other most welcome.