Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark

I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Zimbabwe. I just finished primary school in Denmark and am now considering what my next step should be. I'm fluent in danish.
What educational path would you recommend for me?

Thanks for sharing that! You're in a great position to plan your future – being fluent in Danish, having a multicultural background, and just finishing primary school opens up a lot of options.

In Denmark, the typical next step after finishing primary school (Folkeskole, usually at age 15–16) is **youth education (ungdomsuddannelse)**. You have a few main paths to choose from depending on your interests, strengths, and career goals:

◆ 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are more academic and prepare you for university later on.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)**: Broad and academic. Good if you're interested in subjects like history, science, languages, or social studies.
- **HTX (Teknisk studentereksamen)**: Focus on science and technology. Ideal if you're into IT, engineering, or natural sciences.
- **HHX (Handelsstudentereksamen)**: Focus on business, economics, and marketing. Great for a future in finance, international business, or management.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)**: Shorter (2 years), more flexible, and often for students who want a more practical route to higher education.

✅ *Choose one of these if you want to go to university later or you're not sure yet what to do.*

◆ 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

These are more hands-on and job-focused. You start learning a trade or profession right away.

Examples:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Hairdresser
- Chef
- IT-supporter
- Healthcare assistant

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✅ *Great if you like practical work, want to enter the job market sooner, or have a specific profession in mind.*

◆ 3. Kombinerede forløb (EUX)

A combination of vocational training **and** a studentereksamen. You get both practical skills and a qualification that allows university entry.

✅ *Best of both worlds – ideal if you want to keep your options open.*

◆ Things to Think About:

- **What are you good at?** Math, languages, people skills, fixing things?
- **What do you enjoy?** Working with people, solving problems, creating things?
- **Do you want to go to university later or start working sooner?**
- **Do you like learning in a classroom, or more hands-on and practical?**

◆ Resources and Support:

- **UddannelsesGuiden (ug.dk)** – Denmark's official education guide (in Danish)
- Talk to a **UU-vejleder (youth education counselor)** – they can help you plan the best route based on your interests and goals.

If you're not sure:

It's completely okay to **not know yet**. Many people try one path and switch. What's important is that you **start somewhere that fits who you are now**. You can always adjust as you grow and discover more about yourself.

Would you like help deciding between specific programs like STX vs HHX, or EUD vs EUX? Or want help matching your interests to a career path?