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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Norway. 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! Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (folkeskolen), you're at a key transition point where you choose the direction of your youth and future education. Denmark offers several strong options depending on your interests, learning style, and career ambitions. Here's a breakdown to help guide your thinking:

🎓 Main Educational Paths After Primary School in Denmark

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for university or other higher education. Great if you enjoy theoretical subjects and want to keep your options open.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – General upper secondary education with a wide mix of subjects like languages, science, and social studies.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focuses on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Technical and scientific focus, good for future engineers or tech careers.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)** – Shorter (2 years), more practical and mature-student-oriented, but still leads to higher education.

Recommended if:

- You enjoy academic subjects.
- You might want to go to university in Denmark or Norway.
- You're not sure exactly what you want yet and want to keep doors open.

2. EUD / EUX (Erhvervsuddannelse – Vocational Education and Training)

If you're more hands-on or want to get a job sooner, this is a solid path.

- **EUD** – Apprenticeship-based, combines school and work experience.
- **EUX** – Mixes vocational training with academic courses, allowing you to also apply to university later.

Examples: Carpenter, electrician, chef, IT support, etc.

Recommended if:

- You want a practical education.
- You prefer working rather than sitting in a classroom all day.
- You're interested in learning a trade or working sooner.

3. International Options or Folk High Schools

- **Efterskole or Højskole** – A year of personal development with subjects like music, sports, arts, or language.
- **International Baccalaureate (IB)** – If you're considering studying abroad in the future, especially outside Denmark/Norway.

Considering Your Background

You're fluent in Danish and connected to both Denmark and Norway. This gives you flexibility to study in either country later. Denmark and Norway recognize each other's upper secondary qualifications (like STX or HF), so you can start in Denmark and study in Norway later if you wish.

Questions to Ask Yourself

1. **Do you prefer practical or academic learning?**
2. **Do you have a career goal yet (doctor, engineer, carpenter, designer, etc.)?**
3. **Do you enjoy subjects like math, languages, science, or arts?**
4. **Would you like to study at university later or work sooner?**

My Suggestion (Based on What You've Shared)

If you're unsure what you want and you're academically strong or open-minded:

Go for STX – It's broad, well-regarded, and gives you the most options later (including university in both Denmark and Norway).

If you know you like tech, business, or science:

HTX or HHX – They give a more focused education with strong job prospects or university paths.

If you like hands-on work and want to start a career earlier:

EUD or EUX – Perfect for trades, tech, and applied careers.

If you'd like, I can help you explore specific schools or programs near you — or even help you make a pros and cons list. Would that help?