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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Bangladesh. 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?

That's great that you've completed primary school—congratulations! Since you're 16 and living in Denmark, you're now at a key transition point in your education. Denmark offers several good options after **folkeskole (primary and lower secondary school)**, and the right path depends on your interests, strengths, and future goals.

Here are the main educational paths available to you in Denmark after primary school:

💡 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

This is typically a 3-year program and is great if you're considering **university** later on.

The main types:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – Focuses on general subjects (humanities, sciences, social sciences). Great if you're not sure exactly what you want yet.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focus on **business, economics, and international trade**.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focus on **science and technology**, perfect if you're into tech, engineering, or IT.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen)** – A shorter, 2-year option; often used by those who took a break or want a more practical path to further education.

✅ **Choose this path if**:

- You enjoy studying.
- You want to keep your options open for university.
- You're interested in subjects like science, business, or humanities.

🔧 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

This is a more hands-on path. You combine school with an apprenticeship in a real company. These can lead to skilled jobs like:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Hairdresser

- Social and healthcare worker
- IT Supporter
- Chef

✅ **Choose this path if**:

- You like practical work.
- You want to start earning money sooner.
- You're interested in getting a job after a few years, or maybe even starting your own business.

🎓 What if you're still unsure?

Many students your age are unsure—**that's totally normal**. Here are some tips:

- **Visit educational fairs** (Uddannelsesmesser) or **open house events** (Åbent hus).
- Talk to a **UU-vejleder (educational/career advisor)**—you should have access to one through your kommune.
- Try **"brobygning"** or short internships to get a taste of different options.
- Ask yourself: Do I enjoy learning in a classroom or more by doing things?

👨‍👩‍👧 Being from a Bangladeshi background

Your multicultural background can actually be a huge strength in Danish society—especially in areas like:

- Healthcare (many need bilingual workers)
- Business (understanding international markets)
- Tech (a field where skills matter most)

You could also explore areas where you can help build bridges between cultures or represent underrepresented voices.

✅ My personal recommendation

If you're open to academic learning and want to keep your future flexible:

> **Start with STX or HHX**, depending on your interest in general subjects or business.
> These paths give you the most options later—university, professional careers, or even switching to vocational education.

But if you know you love working with your hands or a specific job type:

> **Go for EUD**—especially something in tech or healthcare, which are in high demand.

Would you like help figuring out what your strengths are? I can help you do a simple **career interest quiz** to narrow down what might suit you best.