Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen

I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Madagascar. 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 about yourself — it's great that you're already thinking seriously about your future. Since you're in Denmark, 16 years old, and just finished primary/lower secondary school (Folkeskole), you now face the common choice between different **youth education programs**. I'll walk you through your main options and how you can think about choosing one.

🎓 Your Main Options After Folkeskole

In Denmark, your choices now generally fall into two main categories:

1. General Upper Secondary Education (Gymnasiale Uddannelser)

These are good if you're interested in going to **university later**.

- **STX (Almen Studentereksamen)** – Broad academic focus (humanities, science, social science).
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)** – Focus on technology, science, and engineering.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen)** – Shorter (2 years), more practical; for those who maybe took a break after 9th or 10th grade.

👉 *Recommended if:*
You enjoy school subjects, want more academic knowledge, and are considering a university or professional career (like doctor, engineer, economist, etc.).

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2. Vocational Education and Training (Erhvervsuddannelse / EUD)

Focuses on **practical skills** and prepares you directly for a **job or trade**, though you can also take routes to university later.

Examples:

- Electrician
- Carpenter
- Hairdresser
- Healthcare worker (SOSU)

- Chef
- IT Supporter

👉 *Recommended if:*
You prefer hands-on work, want to learn a trade, or would like to start working and earning relatively soon. There are also pathways (like EUX) that combine vocational training with academic subjects, giving you more future flexibility.

✅ How to Choose

Ask yourself:

1. **Do I like studying academic subjects, or do I prefer practical learning?**
2. **Do I want to go to university in the future?**
3. **What are my interests or passions (e.g., tech, business, healthcare, design)?**
4. **Do I like working with people, computers, tools, or ideas?**

🇩🇰 Special Programs or Help for Bilingual/Multicultural Students

As a person with roots in Madagascar, you might also benefit from:

- **Bridging courses** (brobygning) that let you try different schools before you decide.
- **Mentorship programs** for students with multicultural backgrounds.
- **EUX programs** that combine vocational and academic paths — good for students who want both job skills and the option to go to university.

🔍 Example Paths Based on Interests

Interest	Suggested Path
Tech, engineering	HTX or EUD (IT, electrician)
Business, marketing	HHX or EUD (business admin)
Healthcare, helping others	HF or EUD (SOSU assistant)
Creative fields (design, media)	STX (art line) or EUD (media)

If you're unsure, you can always:

- Do a **10th grade year (efterskole or 10. klassecenter)** to grow personally and explore.
- Visit **UddannelsesGuiden (ug.dk)** to compare programs.
- Talk to a **UU vejleder (educational counselor)** — they can help you plan based on your specific situation.

Would you like help choosing between STX, HHX, HTX, HF, or EUD based on your interests or goals? If you tell me what subjects or careers you like, I can give you a more personal recommendation.