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> I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Cameroon. 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're thinking about your next step now — and congrats on finishing primary school!

In Denmark, after **Folkeskole (primary and lower secondary school)**, you typically choose between different **youth education paths** depending on your interests, strengths, and career goals. Since you're 16, you're at the perfect age to begin one of these.

Here's an overview of your main options:

🎓 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education)

This is the academic path, preparing you for university or other higher education.

- **STX (Studentereksamen):** General upper secondary. Broadest academically.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Exam):** Focus on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Exam):** Focus on science, technology, and IT.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Exam):** 2-year program, more flexible, often for students who want a shorter, more direct route to higher education.

✅ Good if:

- You enjoy school subjects like Danish, math, science, or languages.
- You're considering university later on.
- You want more time to explore what you're interested in.

🛠️ 2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

This path leads to skilled jobs and includes apprenticeships in companies (praktik). It combines school with hands-on training.

- Examples: Electrician, carpenter, healthcare assistant, chef, mechanic, etc.
- Takes about 3–4 years, and some programs also give access to higher education.

✅ Good if:

- You like learning by doing.
- You want to work and earn money earlier.

- You're interested in a trade or specific job.

🧠 What to Think About Before Choosing:

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy studying academic subjects, or do I prefer practical work?
- Do I want to go to university, or start working sooner?
- What am I passionate about — tech, healthcare, business, design, nature, people?

🌍 And One More Thing:

As someone with a Cameroonian background and Danish upbringing, you may bring a unique perspective that can be valuable in both international and local careers — especially in business, education, health, or tech. Keep that in mind as a strength!

📌 Recommendation Based on What You Shared:

Since you're fluent in Danish and just finished school in Denmark, you have a solid foundation for **any** path. If you're still unsure, I would recommend:

- **STX or HHX**: They keep your options open and give you time to explore your strengths.
- Or, **HF** if you want a slightly shorter academic program.

If you know you want to **work with your hands or in a skilled trade**, an **EUD** is also a great path and highly respected in Denmark.

If you want, I can help you explore which schools near you offer those programs or suggest programs based on what subjects you enjoy most. Just let me know!

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