

Uddannelsesvalg i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Ireland. 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 context — you're at an exciting stage with lots of options ahead. Since you've finished **primary school** in Denmark, you're likely referring to **folkeskole**, and at 16, you're now at the transition point where you can choose a **youth education program (ungdomsuddannelse)**. Here's a breakdown of your main options, tailored to your background and fluency in Danish:

🎓 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are the most common paths if you're thinking of going to university later.

STX (Studentereksamen) – General upper secondary

- Broadest of all the gymnasium programs
- Strong in humanities, science, and social studies
- Great if you're unsure what you want to study later

HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

- Focus on business, economics, and languages
- Ideal if you're interested in international business or marketing

HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

- Focus on science, technology, and design
- Good for future engineers, IT specialists, or architects

HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)

- Shorter (2 years instead of 3)
- More practical and exam-focused
- Better suited for mature students or those who want a quicker path to higher education

Recommended if:

You want to keep university options open and enjoy academic subjects.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education & Training – EUD/EUX)

These combine school and apprenticeship, often leading to skilled jobs.

EUD (Vocational education)

- Tailored to hands-on careers like electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, chef, etc.
- You alternate between school and paid apprenticeships

EUX (Combination of vocational + general education)

- Mixes EUD with gymnasium-level courses
- Lets you become a skilled worker *and* keeps the door open for university later

Recommended if:

You like working practically, maybe already have a career interest (e.g., mechanics, design, hospitality), or want job skills fast.

Additional Considerations for You

- **Fluency in Danish** gives you full access to all mainstream paths.
- **Irish roots** may give you an advantage in international programs or language-focused tracks.
- Consider **IB (International Baccalaureate)** if you're more internationally-minded and fluent in English — available at some gymnasiums in Denmark.

My Personal Recommendation

If you're not sure yet what you want to do later and you enjoy learning a broad mix of subjects, I would suggest starting with **STX** — it's respected, flexible, and gives you time to explore your interests.

But if you already know you enjoy working with your hands or have a clear career interest (like coding, hospitality, or a trade), then **EUX** could be a fantastic, practical path with flexibility.

If you want, I can help you compare a couple of specific schools or programs in your area — just tell me your town or region.