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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Peru. 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 a bit about yourself! It's great that you're thinking carefully about your next steps. Since you're 16, fluent in Danish, and just finished primary school in Denmark, you're at a key decision point. Here's a structured way to look at your options and help you choose a path that suits your interests, strengths, and future goals.

Common Educational Paths After Primary School in Denmark

In Denmark, after **folkeskolen (primary and lower secondary school)**, you typically choose between these two main paths:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for university.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – Broad academic focus (humanities, science, social sciences).
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focus on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focus on technology and natural sciences.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseeksamen)** – 2-year general program, good if you want a shorter, more practical route to higher education.

These are good choices if:

- You enjoy studying academic subjects.
- You're considering university in the future.
- You're not yet sure exactly what career you want, but want to keep your options open.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

These programs combine school with internships in real jobs (praktik).

- Areas: healthcare, IT, construction, mechanics, design, hospitality, and more.
- Duration: Usually 3–5 years depending on the trade.

These are good choices if:

- You prefer hands-on learning and want to start working sooner.
- You have a specific interest (e.g., becoming an electrician, chef, graphic designer, etc.).
- You're motivated by practical experience more than theory.

Your Background and Opportunities

Given that:

- You're fluent in Danish (this gives you full access to all education in Denmark).
- You may have Peruvian heritage (this could be a strength if you're interested in international studies, languages, or culture).
- You just finished **folkeskolen**.

Here are a few questions to reflect on:

What Are You Interested In?

- Do you like science, technology, or math? → **HTX** might suit you.
- Are you into business, marketing, or languages? → Consider **HHX**.
- Interested in literature, history, or social studies? → **STX** could be best.
- Want to start working and learn by doing? → **EUD** or a combination **EUX** program (mix of vocational + general education) might be ideal.

Not Sure Yet?

If you're unsure what to do, consider:

- **10th grade (10. klasse)**: This gives you a year to mature, explore options, and improve academically.
- Attending a **efterskole** for 10th grade: These are schools with boarding and focus on personal development, arts, sports, or specific themes.

My Recommendation for You

Since you just finished primary school, here are 3 strong options:

1. **STX** – If you want to keep all doors open, are academically motivated, and may want to attend university later.
2. **HHX or HTX** – If you already like business, tech, or science and want an academic path with some real-world focus.
3. **EUX** – If you like working hands-on but still want the option to continue to university.

If you're unsure about your interests:

- 👉 Consider doing **10th grade** at a local school or efterskole. It's a chance to grow, reflect, and prepare.

Next Steps

1. **Talk to a vejleder (educational counselor)** at your school or local **UU-vejledning**.
2. **Visit open house events** (åbent hus) at local STX/HTX/HHX/EUD institutions.
3. Try to **do a short internship (praktik)** or talk to people in jobs that interest you.

If you want, you can tell me more about your interests (e.g., subjects you like, your hobbies, career dreams), and I can help you choose more specifically.