Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen

> I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Niger. 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 about your future and planning ahead. Since you've just finished **primary school** in Denmark (which usually ends around age 15-16 after 9th or 10th grade), you're likely deciding between different **youth education options** now. In Denmark, you have a few main educational paths to choose from after primary school:

🎓 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – Academic Path)

This is ideal if you think you might want to go to university later.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** Broad and academic, with focus on languages, social studies, 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-year academic program (often for people who didn't take 10th grade or need a more flexible route).

🧠 **Best for you if:**

- You enjoy academic subjects.
- You're considering university or higher education.
- You're not sure yet, but want to keep your options open.

🛠️ 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education – Practical Path)

This path prepares you for a job through hands-on training and apprenticeships (praktik).

- Examples: electrician, hairdresser, carpenter, IT-supporter, chef, healthcare assistant, mechanic, etc.
- Takes about 2–5 years.
- You earn money during your apprenticeship (praktikperioden).

🔧 **Best for you if:**

- You like learning by doing.

- You want to start working earlier.

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

🧑‍🎓 3. Kombinationsforløb / EUD10 or EUX

- **EUX** is a mix of vocational training and academic education – you get both a trade and the right to enter university.

- A strong choice if you want job skills **and** keep the option of higher education.

⚖️ Good if:

- You're motivated and want both practical and academic skills.

- You're not 100% sure whether you want to work or study later.

🤔 How to Decide?

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy theory and studying? → **Gymnasiale uddannelser**

- Do I want a more hands-on job or learn a trade? → **Erhvervsuddannelse**

- Do I want both options open? → **EUX**

You can also:

- Talk to a **studievejleder (school counselor)**.

- Visit **ungdomsuddannelse.dk** or **ug.dk** to explore programs.

- Go to **open house events** (Åbent Hus) to visit schools and hear more.

💡 Final Thought

You're bilingual, have a multicultural background, and are fluent in Danish – all of which are **huge strengths**. Whether you aim for a trade, tech, business, or university, you have many doors open.

If you share more about what you like (e.g., favorite subjects, hobbies, dreams), I can give a more specific recommendation!