

Program – Overcoming Illiteracy through Digital Literacy

Vejle: 10th – 18th August

10th August:

Arrival and accomodation

11th August:

9.30 - 10.15: **Welcome** by [Ib Jespersgaard](#), Center Manager, VIFIN

Getting to know each other

10.15 - 12.00:

The complexities of digital literacy

Literacy in the digital world, whether it be via one or another type of hardware, requires a variety of literacy skills. But what are these literacy skills and how easily are they acquired by illiterates? What impact does it have on the way we perceive illiteracy and what can we (teachers and administrators) do to ease the transition from early adult foreign language reading to digital literacy?

By: Therese Hauge, Teaching Associate Professor at Roskilde University

[Therese Hauge - LinkedIn](#)

12.00 - 12.30: **Official welcome** by Dan Skjerning, Member of the City Council, Children and Family Committee

12.30 - 13.30: Lunch

14.00 - 16.00: **Site Visit: Sprogcenter Vejle** (Language school in Vejle)

Dorthe Nielsen, Manager: Welcome, about the language school and about second language teaching in Denmark.

Hanne Find + Jette Arndal Nielsen, teachers - Teaching the group of illiterate with the use of technology

18.30: **Dinner at Vejle Centerhotel**

12th August:

9.15 - 10.30:

Challenged and challenging illiteracy teaching

Focus on different challenges related to teaching Danish as a second language to adult illiterates. The speech will emphasize on the dilemma between visions and conditions and Ways to overcome these eg through a) alternative Ways of organizing the teaching situation, b) expanding the learning outcome by digital approaches, c) teachers' competence development .

By: Marianne Jensen, Deputy Manager, Lærdansk Aarhus

[Marianne Jensen - LinkedIn](#)

10.30 - 10.50: Break

10.50 - 12.30: Group work

12.30 - 13.30: Lunch:

14.00 - 16.00: **Site Visit: The Municipal of Vejle**

Ulla Varneskov, coordinator for integration and housing strategic cooperation, will tell how the municipality works the immigrants in the municipality

Mads Bo Kristensen, specialist consultant, will tell about the strategy for digitalisation in The Municipal of Vejle.

17.00 - 18.30: **Vejle City - tourist with technology.** Jacob Knudsen, VIFIN, will guide us through some of the interesting sites of Vejle and give us a historical perspective on the city. On the way he will tell, and you will get the possibility to work with some of the ways, VIFIN as part of it's work with Smart University, use technologies for learning.

18.30: **Dinner at Conrads Café**

13th August:

9.15 - 10.30:

Trends in digital learning - new paths of overcoming reading and writing problems

In the mid-90s the internet and e-learning massively made their way into education. In the mid-00s it was m-learning. Now, we are faced with a new trend: p-learning (pervasive learning). Today, we can learn anywhere and anytime. It offers a new set of opportunities for people with reading and writing difficulties. How do we create the necessary link between the many technological possibilities and needs of the individual? Examples will be given on how educational institutions and teachers can actually act in this area for the benefit of those with specific learning challenges.

By: Mads Bo Kristensen, specialist consultant, Municipality of Vejle

[Mads Bo Kristensen - LinkedIn](#)

10.30 - 10.50: Break

10.50 - 12.30: Group work

12.30 - 13.30: Lunch

14.00 - 16.00: **Site Visit: Sprogcenter Midt** (Language school in Horsens)

Flemming Harhoff + Birgitte Nielsen, teachers: Working digitally with the group of illiterate students. We will be allowed to take part in a bit of their teaching.

Flemming Harhoff, Birgitte Nielsen, Torry Kjeldsen and Sonja Steinbrenner, teachers: Joint discussion of using IT in the teaching of illiterates.

14th August:

9.15 - 12.00:

Turning learning into games

This morning you will have two speaks by Lasse Juul Larsen. The first one about learning, the second one about gaming. In connection to both there will be assignments – coupling the two together.

[Lasse Juul Larsen - LinkedIn](#)

12.00 - 12.30: Presentation of the works from the morning

12.30 - 13.30: Lunch

14.00 - 16.00: **Site Visit: Grejsdals skole** (Public school: Grejsdal)

Thomas Østergaard: Use of games in the education

17.30: **Dinner and social evening about Grundtvig at: Vejle Idrætshøjskole** (Vejle Sport School in Denmark)

15th August:

9.15 - 10.30:

Teacher Competence - Teaching Literacy: Challenges and Demands

Based on the historical situation in Denmark with respect to DSOL teacher education, and on reflections about learner perspectives in second and foreign language development, the talk addresses challenges and demands for teachers teaching literacy to adult speakers of other languages.

By: About Karen Bjerg Petersen, Associate professor, Department of Education, Aarhus University

Karen has long-standing experience in researching and teaching within the area of second language acquisition and Danish for Speakers of Other Languages (DSOL). [More about Karen](#)

10.30 - 10.50: Break

10.50 - 12.30: Group work

12.30 - 13.30: Lunch

14.00 - 16.00: **Site visit: VIFIN**

Ib Jespersgaard: About VIFIN and the work carried out.

Presentation of different projects – especially the digital ones.

Niels Ole Ankerstjerne: Dansk.nu/Nordens dage

Anne Charlotte Petersen: Online Dansk/DanskSimulatoren, Digitale børn

18.30: **Dinner at Wings Café**

16th August:

9.15 - 10.30: **Evaluating learning materials for language learning**

Short speak by Anne Charlotte on the element to consider, when evaluating language learning materials, followed by group and plenum discussions.

10.30 - 10.50: Break

10.50 - 12.30: **Presentation of learning materials from the different countries**

1230 - 13.30: Lunch

13.30 - 16.00: **Development of materials for illiterates**

18.30: **Dinner at Restaurant Vedelsborg**

17th August:

10.30 - 12.00:

Panel discussion: What does it take to function in the society? Which part does language play?

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- Elna Leth, Business and Development Consultant, Sprogcenter Vejle (The language school of Vejle)
- Heine Givskov Jeppesen, Warehouse and Logistics Manager, H&P Frugtimport A/S (HP Fruit Import A/S)

12.00 - 13.00: Lunch

13.00 - 16.00:

Building new projects

[Elizabeth Gregersen](#), Fundraiser at VIFIN and [Ib Jespersgaard](#), Center Manager at VIFIN.

Networking and building new partnerships

18.30: Dinner

18th August:

Departures