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Den årlige generalforsamling blev afholdt den 25. juni 2017 med 32 medlemmer der deltog i den gode dialog om fremtidens energi aktører, lokalt ejerskab til energianlæggene og hvordan Vedvarende Energi kan skabe lokal udvikling.

Støttekredsen regnskab udviste en kasse beholdning på 61.370,44 kroner. Genvalg til Ian Jordan, kasserer for støttekredsen. Til bestyrelsen blev Per Thostrup og Nanna Hvelplund genvalgt.

Præsentation af 3 nye medlemmer til støttekredsen. Støttekredsen består af 131 medlemmer.

På bestyrelsesmøde den 21. august konstituerede bestyrelsen sig med Ole Vagn Christensen som formand og Nanna Hvelplund som næstformand. Jørgen Toft valgt til sekretær.

Folkecenter News

Folkecenter in Spain

Nordic Folkecenter attended a course organized by the University of Cádiz (E) and sponsored by the city council of Cádiz. The course, which took place between the 13th and the 15th of July focused on what are the keys for a democratic energy transition.

Folkecenter, which collaborated with the organization of the event, was represented by Leire Gorroño, our expert on Community Power. More information about the event are available [here](#) (in Spanish).



Folkecenter Running for Charity

Folkecenter is not only interested in energy topics, but also in how to make our society a better place to live in. As part of this mentality, together with our trainees we participated to the "Cancer run", a charity event which took place in Frederikshavn (DK) between the 12th and 13th of August.

The event is part of a circuit which develops all over the country. More information about the run can be found [here](#). Folkecenter's team managed to run a total of 100,8 km in one hour. The collected money will support research against cancer.



Study Tour in the Green Circle

The training programme is one of the main focuses of Folkecenter. Throughout the years, thousands of trainees visited us to learn more about renewable energies. As part of this learning process, we organized a guided tour in the so called "Green Circle", an area located in the surroundings of Folkecenter which includes a high number of renewable energy installations. The tour took place on the 12th of August and consisted of a visit to a small-scale wind turbine, a geothermal district heating plant, a district cooling facility, a biogas installation, Folkecenter's wind turbine in Hanstholm and a visit to the national test center for large windmills. The trainees were very satisfied of the learning experience.



Meet the Trainees

Pablo Jiménez Don

Pablo Jiménez Don is a young trainee (19) who came to Folkecenter in the period 14 June - 10 July to learn more about renewable energies. He is currently enrolled in the second year of the Renewable Energy Engineering programme at the University of the Basque Country (E) and, during his period in Folkecenter, he focused on energy storage and how to match the supply with the demand. His research was carried out together with Yeray, a classmate who also was a trainee in Folkecenter (June 2017) .

During his stay at Folkecenter, Pablo got also some knowledge on solar energy and the subsidies policies in Spain, which he thinks will help him in his future career.

Pablo found the atmosphere of the center to be really nice and friendly. To quote him, “a place where you are surrounded by people who helps you in the learning process”. Now that he is back to Spain, he will recommend the center also to his classmates as a to-do life experience.



Melina Blome

Melina Blome (25, Germany) has been trainee at Folkecenter between the middle of April and the middle of July. With a bachelor in Management of Renewable Energies and a Master in Business Management and Entrepreneurship in Renewable Energies, she decided that she wanted to try to see the renewable field in a context different from the academic one, to which she is used. For this reason, after the recommendation of a former trainee, she decided to come to Folkecenter for three months. Her interest in energy was more on a general level, so she carried out different tasks during her period here: her main tasks were to conduct a research on recycling possibilities for PV panels, to analyze the funding possibilities and make a cost analysis of a developing aid project that Folkecenter wants to run in Africa, and to support the development of a market strategy for the Sun Generator.

The period at Folkecenter was very important for her and make her understand that it is important to follow your vision and to try to accomplish it as much as possible. She realized that there will always a way, and “if not, just try harder”.

Now Melina is back in Munich, but she already misses the relaxing and inspiring atmosphere of the center, characteristics she will never forget.



Upcoming Events

Sun Generator Workshop

The Sun Generator workshop is at its fourth edition. Come and join us for learning how to construct your own 250 W Sun Generator. Info and registration to jk@folkecenter.dk

6-7 September 2017

“Best Practices –Way Forward”

The seminar will present the results of a 4-year project about renewable energy and climate change mitigation in Uganda. More information can be found [here](#).

16 September 2017

“Build your own Tiny House”

Join this workshop to learn more about tiny houses and how to build your own. More information can be found [here](#).

30 September 2017