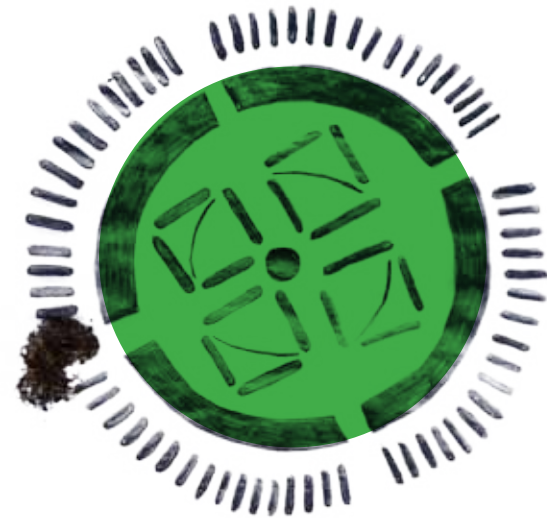


A new campus

THOMAS DYBDAHL, "IF WE WANT IT, ITS RIGHT", QUOTING ARNE NÆSS:

"HOW CAN MY, WHAT WE CALL QUALITY OF LIFE, BE MAINTAINED OR GROW? AND QUALITY OF LIFE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT YOU HAVE, BUT WHAT YOU FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE AND HOW THAT FEELS; WHAT IS IT THAT MAKES US HAPPY?"

LISTEN!





Samsborg

Samsborg will be a unique campus that will host educational processes about sustainable development.

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Samsøe has a vision to create a unique shared space and meeting place for sustainable transition and community improvement on Samsøe and in the world. The concept of sustainability will be further unfolded and explored in the years to come on Samsøe as we will focus on a great number of initiatives which will further the island's green transition. The new meeting place will be pivotal both to the Energy Academy and to the comprehensive strategy for Samsøe's development as a sustainable local community.

The Energy Academy's strategy for the development of the island is about green education and training, satellite islands and cities, fossil free island and local and international partnerships. We wish to build on the many activities we are already offering all the year round. First and foremost the 5000 yearly visitors from Denmark and abroad who pay a visit to the Energy Academy, some of which are energy tourists, others schoolchildren and students and yet others are our collaborators from educational institutions, organisations and businesses

from all over the world.

It takes new thinking to create a unique building, and we have an ambition to move frontiers through world-class architecture and to employ a new energy standard in the construction of the building, what we call '2025 passive plus'.

The meeting place "Samsborg" will be placed by the Energy Academy, where the new physical possibilities will strengthen the Academy's development strategy since new and extended activities will demand new facilities in the shape of overnight accommodation and learning spaces. At the same time, the new meeting place will markedly set itself apart from the existing possibilities on Samsøe and will thus contribute to the general development of the island.

The Energy Academy and the corporation Samsøe Energy Hotel, which consists of a number of local businesses and organisations, have in collaboration with LAG Læsø, Samsø and Ærø and the Municipality of Samsøe started the preparation of the concept development and the prospectus material as the foundation for the realisation of "Samsborg".



Statements from the stakeholders

Below we offer a glimpse into the intentions with the new meeting place as seen from the perspective of the Municipality of Samsøe and the involved firm of contractors NCC.

Mette Løkke, director of business and tourism, Samsøe Municipality, says: "Samsøe is known and loved as a holiday island, as Denmark's renewable energy island, and as Denmark's vegetable garden. All important brands for Samsøe. The

greater part of the island's jobs are in tourism and food production. The Municipality of Samsøe wishes to create growth and development through new thinking and innovation as well as to create synergy between the three areas. It is crucial that we build the concept of sustainability into the future business development strategy. The municipality's intention with 'Samsborg' is to create a lighthouse that will make the island's development possibilities visible. In our work

with the development of 'Samsborg' we have the ambition that 'Samsborg' will come to physically comprise both nature, farming, sustainability and renewable energy.

With 'Samsborg' Samsøe Municipality wishes to create a whole new type of sustainable tourism as well as a new form of overnight accommodation and meeting place. Furthermore, it will be a space where the meal, and thus the produce of the island, is in focus. A place that gives you the feeling of home at the same time as you are out experiencing. Physically, 'Samsborg' will become a unique building which will express the essence of the special Samsøe spirit with roots deep into the history of Samsøe. Meanwhile, 'Samsborg' will display the newest technology and lead the way in the building activities of the future. In a global society we need meaningful involvement and presence. 'Samsborg' will become a modern example of how you create the possibilities for meaningful meetings between people in a sustainable context. A completely unique building which will in itself be reason enough to visit Samsøe."

Martin Manthorpe, Senior Vice President for strategy and business development, NCC Denmark: "The intention with our involvement in the new campus is to build a striking piece of architecture with a deep meaning. We wish the project to be a part of the development of our field through its example of courage and at the same time bring into focus the debate about city versus country and the exchange between the two. Another reason why we are preoc-

cupied with this collaboration is that we are working intensely with developing future forms of working, of living and of being at home, in which context we wish to bring the so-called 'third room' up for debate. The third room is the idea of the covered house, where the outer façade is separated from the inner and creates a space between inside and outside – as in a greenhouse.

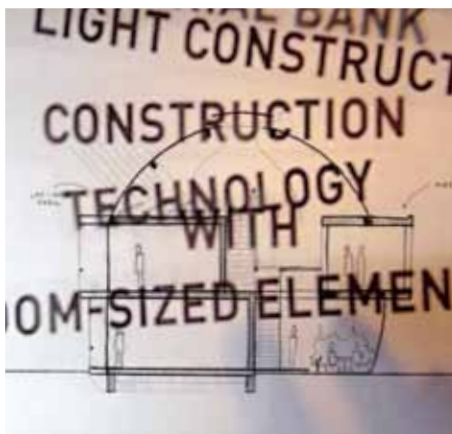
This might become one of the solutions to the requirements of still more energy intensive buildings, where the walls will become thicker and thicker if we keep thinking traditionally. Lastly, our intention is to continue to work with the experiences we collected through our project 'Dome of Visions', which is a way of working with places for bonfires in the context of the debate about the transformation from the industrial society to the sustainable society of the future. This meeting place for businesses, political institutions and culture was tested with 'Dome of Visions' in Copenhagen and Aarhus all through 2013.

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Pictures above are from the present movie about Samsborg. Watch [here](#). Contact Michael Larsen, manager, at mil@energiakademiet.dk for more info.

Workshop steps

Be in silence for 2 min.

Round 1:
Images, metaphors, feelings

Round 2:
Gestures from each of you

Round 3:
Your gestures become a sculpture when put together, hold this shape, and when the feeling comes, move into a new sculpture. From this shape tell the group what it felt like to move into the new shape

Discuss:
A round of generative dialogue ...
What did we discover together?



Embodied data

Discoveries from a workshop on the second day of the Next Practice symposium led by Art of Hosting facilitator Mary-Alice Arthur on the ideas for the new campus. After a brief presentation from Martin Manthorpe, NCC, participants were asked to do as described to the right, and it created data to further the development process – not only from the mind, but also from the heart/emotions/body.

Discoveries

Halfdan Murrholm and IIDA Tetsunari illustrate an opening up of energy and moving together in their gesture (see picture). Below are some of the comments and questions on the new campus idea from the symposium's participants:

- How can it attract people?
- Design it in a way so you're part of the eco-system
- Where is the center? You just go around and around ...
- The circle is too closed
- I can't get inside of it, it doesn't seem open
- I miss the sound of the wind
- In the center we need a small dome where we can have the fireplace
- Is there a place where you can be alone and not be watched?
- I like Cph. Airport where you can check in and out from the long isles with lots of lights
- The shape/structure is not right