

Energiakademiet

I 2007 åbnede Energiakademiet, som er tegnet af Arkitema og bygget af lokale håndværkere. Stedet er et demonstrations- og forsamlingshus for lokalbefolkningen og for gæster med interesse for vedvarende energi, 'community power' og bæredygtig udvikling. Energiakademiet er også et projekthus og har mange forskellige opgaver i forhold til fortsat at udvikle Samsø og blive fossilfri ø i 2030. Det kræver fokus på både 'best practice' og 'next practice'. Akademiet har en fast udstilling og arrangerer workshops, konferencer og kurser, når 5000 forskere, firmaer, politikere, journalister, skoleelever og energiturister fra hele verden hvert år besøger Samsø for at se den vedvarende energi-ø og lære af de lokale erfaringer.



Lokal energi på Samsø



Vidste du, at:

- Samsø i 1997 blev udnævnt til Vedvarende Energi-ø og på 10 år blev selvforsyndende med vedvarende energi.
 - Samsøs elforbrug i dag dækkes 100 % af 11 landbaserede vindmøller, ligesom 70 % af varmen kommer fra vedvarende energikilder.
 - Mere end halvdelen af de private oliefyr i de cirka 2000 husstande på Samsø er erstattet af pillefyr, solvarmeanlæg og varmepumper.
 - 10 havvindmøller syd for Samsø producerer så meget overskud, at de kompenserer for den del af varmen, som stadig kommer fra bl.a. oliefyr. Samsø kan altså i dag bryste sig af at være 100 % CO₂-neutral.

Lokalt ejerskab

Vindmøller er smukkere, når man selv er medejer og tjener penge, mens vinden blæser. Det økonomiske ejerskab er – sammen med lederskab og fællesskab – helt centrale omdrejnings-punkter for den grønne omstilling på Samsø. Energiakademiet har gennem årene opbygget en unik viden om, hvad der skal til for at skabe forandringer til gavn for os selv, kloden og fremtiden. Den viden efterspørges af flere og flere både i og uden for Danmark.

90 % af vindmøllerne på Samsø er ejet af lokal-befolkningen, og det har krævet risikovillighed, betydelige investeringer og en stor tillid mellem borgere og aktører. Energiakademiet samarbejder med en række aktører i Danmark, Europa, Japan, Afrika og USA om lokal omstilling til vedvarende energi.

Golfbanen males grøn

Samsø har en af landets smukkest golfbaner, som ligger på den fede muld i Langemark og Besser. Golfbanen er drevet af lokale ildsjæle, der som nogle af de første i verden er i gang med en bæredygtig omstilling af både maskiner og græs. Det går så godt, at Samsø golfbane bliver demonstrationsmodel for andre golfbaner i Danmark og verden. Energiakademiet står for uddanelse og opkvalificering af 'green keepers' i Danmark.

Nye pumper sparer 30 % el

Alle lokalsamfund har mange pumper, som bruges til at cirkulere vand til f.eks. køleanlæg, fjern- og centralvarme. Samsø Kommune, Grundfoss og Energiakademiet samarbejder om at gøre Samsø til demonstrationssted for, hvordan elektricitetsforbruget kan reduceres med 30 % ved at udskifte ældre pumper med nye. Hvis Samsø kan, kan alle andre også – og tænk, hvad man kunne spare både økonomisk og ressourcemæssigt.

Partnerskaber som disse er nødvendige for den fortsatte udvikling mod et mere grønt og bæredygtigt samfund, og netop partnerskaber – herunder satellitøer og -byer – er derfor et afgørende indsatsområde for Energiakademiet.

Fossilfri ø i 2030

Samsø skal være fossilfri i 2030 og dermed helt udskifte kul, olie og benzin med vedvarende energikilder. Det sker i samarbejde med bl.a. PlanEnergi. Der er formuleret syv målsætninger for Samsø, herunder at halvdelen af de lokale biler skal være eldrevne om 7 år, og at forbrug til opvarmning i private husholdninger skal sænkes med 33 %. Samsingerne har iværksat deres egen elbilsforening.



- En enkelt af Samsøs havvindmøller hvert år producerer strøm svarende til 2000 husstandes elforbrug. En landbaseret vindmølle producerer strøm svarende til 600 hustandes forbrug.
 - Vindmøllerne på Samsø har krævet en investering på 300 mio. kroner, og at 3700 samsinge personligt har investeret 70 % af i de alt 440 mio. i vedvarende energi.
 - Samsø Energiakademi har solvarmeanlæg, solceller og genanvendelse af regnvand.
 - Medier fra hele verden har besøgt Samsø for at fortælle den gode historie. Se indslag og artikler fra River Cottage, The New Yorker og mange flere på www.energiakademiet.dk



Energy Academy

The Energy Academy opened in 2007 and is built by local craftsmen. The house is a demonstration and meeting place for local citizens, guests and visitors with an interest in sustainable energy, community power and sustainable development. The Academy is also an organization working on many different projects related to the continuous development of Samsoe and on Samsoe becoming a fossil free island by 2030. This work requires focus on 'next practice' as well as 'best practice'. The Academy has an ongoing exhibition and arranges workshops, conferences and courses. Each year 5000 scientists, companies, politicians, journalists, school children and energy tourists from all over the world visit Samsoe to see the sustainable energy island and learn from the local experiences.

Local energy at Samsoe



Did you know that:

- In 1997 Samsoe became Denmark's (first) Sustainable Energy Island and achieved self-sufficiency in sustainable energy within 10 years.
- 100% of Samsoe's electricity consumption is generated by 11 land-based windmills, and 70 % of the heat comes from sustainable energy sources.
- More than half the private oil-fired boilers in the island's 2000 households have been replaced by eco-heat, solar heat plants and heat pumps.
- 10 offshore windmills south of Samsoe produce so much energy that they compensate for the heat, which is still generated by e.g. oil-fired boilers and the islanders' private transportation in petrol and diesel-powered vehicles.

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Local ownership

Windmills are much prettier when you are a co-owner, making money when the wind is blowing. Ownership, leadership and community power are all essential elements of the green transition of Samsoe. Over the years, the Energy Academy has gathered unique knowledge about what it takes to create sustainable change for the benefit of ourselves, the planet and future generations. This hands-on knowledge is in increasing demand both nationally and globally. 90 % of the windmills on Samsoe are owned by the local people. Risk-taking, substantial investments and trust between the citizens and other actors are part of the success. The Energy Academy cooperates with many actors in Denmark, Europe, Japan, Africa and the US on local transitions and sustainable energy solutions.

The golf course is painted green

Samsøe has one of Denmark's most beautiful golf courses, located on the farmland of Langemark and Besser. The golf course is managed by local citizens and is as one of the first in the world to have both sustainable greens and machinery for maintenance. The green golf course has become an inspiring prototype for other golf courses in Denmark and abroad. The Energy Academy is responsible for educating and qualifying the greenkeepers on Samsoe and in Denmark.

New pumps save 30 % electricity

All local communities use pumps to circulate water for cooling, distant and central heating. The municipality of Samsoe, the company Grundfoss and the Academy collaborate to make Samsoe an example of how consumption of electricity can be reduced by 30 % by replacing older pumps with new ones. If Samsoe can achieve this, then everybody else can – and imagine the savings, both in economic terms as well as resource wise. Partnerships such as this are necessary in order to develop greener and more sustainable communities – creating partnerships, including satellite islands and cities, is therefore an important task for the Energy Academy.

Fossil free island by 2030

Samsoe's vision is to be independent of fossil fuels by 2030. Coal, oil and gas will be replaced by sustainable energy in cooperation with PlanEnergi. Seven goals have been formulated to realize the vision, for example, half the local cars must be electric by 2020 and heating in local households must be reduced by 33 %. The local islanders have recently established their own electric cars' union.



MULTI-FUNCTIONAL BIOGAS PLANT

To become fossil free Samsoe will establish a multi-functional biogas plant to produce biogas for transportation. The plant will be able to digest all forms of organic materials, fluid and solid, and will be able to produce different types of fertilizers. The plant will have both a conventional and an organic section. This biogas plant will become the heart of all future management of organic waste and other biomass as well as acting as the redistributing plant.

SOLAR CELLS

Samsoe is the municipality in Denmark which has the most solar cells per inhabitant.

The island is therefore proud to be 100 % CO₂ neutral.

- One of Samsoe's offshore windmills produces electricity covering 2000 households' electricity consumption. A land-based windmill covers the consumption of 600 households.
- The wind power on Samsoe has demanded an investment of 40 million EURO. 3700 local citizens have personally invested 70 % of the total 58 million EURO in sustainable energy.
- The Energy Academy has a solar heat plant, solar cells and reuses rain water.
- Media from all over the world have visited Samsoe to document the great story. Watch interviews and read articles from River Cottage, The New Yorker and many more at www.energiakademiet.dk

