



Folkecenter News

Our Trainees to the SB56

Being a trainee in Folkecenter does not only mean to work on a project; from day 1, trainees are treated like integral part of the team, meaning that they often have the chance to take part in activities which normally would be reserved to employees only. Sometimes, these activities are pushing them outside their comfort zone and, although nobody is forced to do something against their will, we try to encourage them to take steps, even if they are not 100% sure... overall, Folkecenter is also about that: discover new capacities and learn from practice (even if that implies making mistakes).

As you may know, as part of our activities we are often attending the UN climate negotiations, mostly in the form of yearly COP meetings. Nevertheless, smaller (and less demanding) UN events are taking place also during the rest of the year, such as the SB56 meeting (56th session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation), which took place in Bonn, from 6 to 16 of June. This meeting, happening yearly, is a sort of “pre-COP” and, although it is not the same experience as a full COP event, it can give a good understanding on how these negotiations work.

Since some of our trainees were interested in attending, we applied for passes and we managed to get some (even if not enough), which they could use. Therefore, Anaëlle, Luisa and Unai started to plan their journey to Bonn.

The trip was done by train and, once there, they rented a campervan where they lived for a whole week...an alternative approach to conventional renting, more in line with the tiny house concept.

Despite not being exactly what they expected, the trainees really enjoyed the trip: they could learn a lot from the different side events and they also had the chance to meet several interesting people, among which Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which whom they even had a small talk!

After a week of “high-level life”, they came back to Folkecenter...exhausted, but happy!

If you also are interesting in becoming a Folkecenter trainee, you can find all the information [here](#).



From left: Unai, Anaëlle, Patricia Espinosa - Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, Luisa and Mrs. Espinosa's husband



From left: the UNFCCC SB56 conference hall; Luisa says hello from their moving house

Jane is Nominated for a Prize!

We are happy to inform you that our Director, Jane Kruse, has been nominated for the Roger Léron Award 2022! This award celebrates individuals who have significantly contributed to the energy transition at the local or regional level and who have also made a difference at the European level.

Her profile can be found on <https://fedarene.org/jane-kruse/>

The award ceremony will take place on September 27th, in Brussels, during the [European Sustainable Energy Week](#).

We trully hope that Jane will be the winner!

JANE KRUSE

ROGER LÉRON NOMINEE 2022



In Greece to Learn about Energy Communities

June was a travelling month for Unai, one of our trainees: first, at the beginning of the month, he joined the SB56 conference in Bonn together with Anaëlle and Luisa and next, between 28 and 30 June, he travelled to Thessaloniki, in Greece. It was not just a leisure trip, though (we hope he had some fun as well!), but it was strictly related with his work in Folkecenter.

Unai's internship in Folkecenter is actually part of his education and, while here, he is writing his Master thesis on energy communities; his task is to make a benchmark of the energy communities in the Balkan area and, to do that, he is in close contact with [Electra energy](#), a social cooperative based in Greece.

Unai went to Greece to participate to a summer school ([Citizen Energy Summer School](#)) on the topic, present the results of his research and learn from other people working in the field.



Practical tools were also discussed during the event

"I got so many new insights, ideas and friends." he says "It was a big chance to get to know a lot of fundamental knowledge about the development of energy communities"

Now that he is back, he is finalizing his thesis, taking into account the inputs got from the summer school; as soon as he is done with his examination, we will publish his findings on our page.

Meanwhile, if you want to learn more about energy communities, you can always take a look at our [brochure](#) on the topic!

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Presentations about energy communities

New Staff Members in Folkecenter!



Mathias Dyreborg Bruun

Former volunteer in Folkecenter, Mathias is now officially part of our team! He will, among other things, take care of the biodome and of the [kitchen garden](#) that he started



Artem Melanchenko

Artem is a very young worker from Ukraine, and we are happy that we can hire him at the Folkecenter. His tasks consist of practical work, both indoors and outdoors, which is carrying out brilliantly



Joachim Plaether Kjeldsen

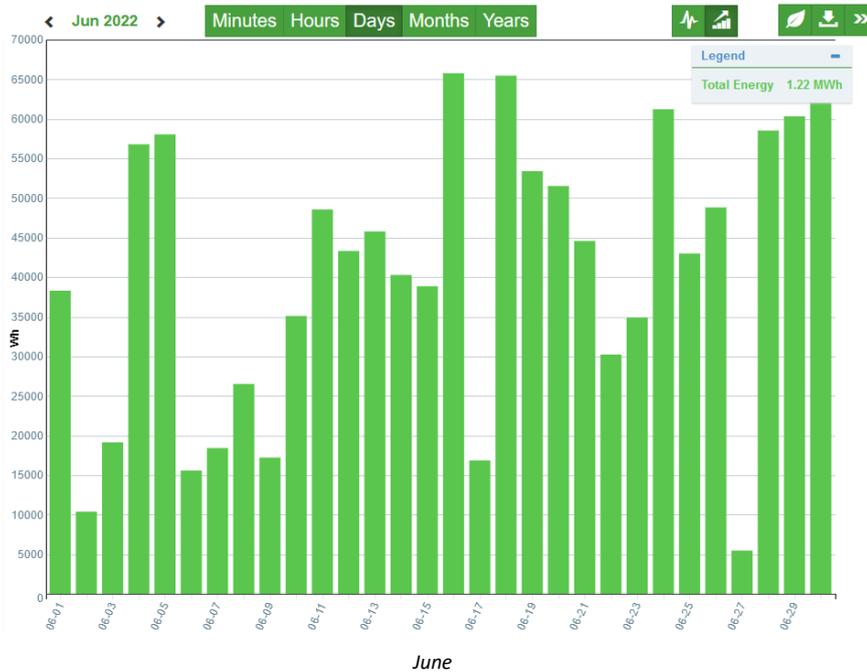
Joachim is our new media person and he is the one behind all the latest videos you have probably seen on our social media. You can find all his works in Folkecenter on our [Youtube channel](#)



Olha Melanchenko

Also coming from Ukraine, Olha will help us keeping Folkecenter clean

PV Test Station at Folkecenter



Total energy produced in June:

1220 kWh

Total energy produced in 2022:

5620 kWh

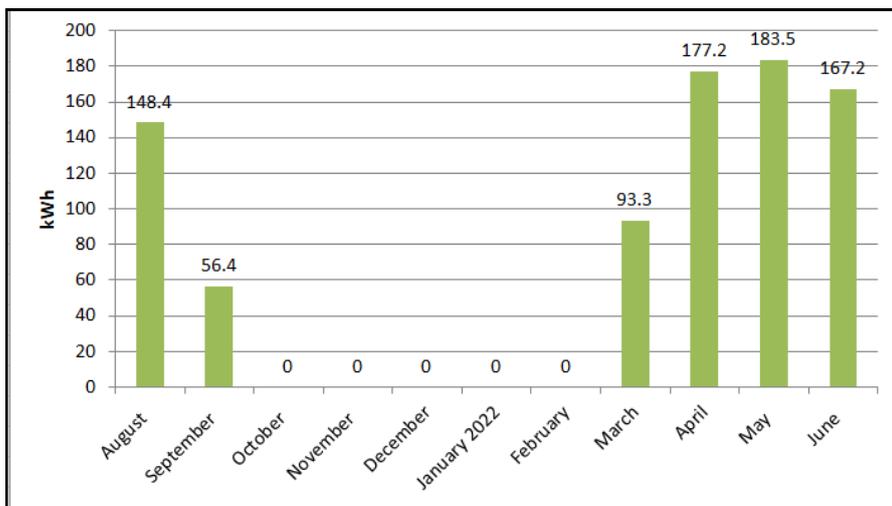
Total energy produced from 2012:

87690 kWh

Total CO₂ saved from 2012:

66 tons

Sebastian's PV System (1.4 kW)



The system was installed in May 2020 by [Sebastian Salcebo Alba](#)

* Please note: from October 2021 to middle of March 2022 the production was 0. We found out that the communication cable was cut, so it was not able to transmit the data

Total energy produced in June:

167.2 kWh*

Total energy produced in 2022:

621.0 kWh*

Total energy produced since May 2020:

2422 kWh*

Total CO₂ saved:

2507 kg*

Folkecenter Membership

Did you know that Folkecenter has a group of supporters who sustain us for some activities (e.g. Excursions with the trainees)? If you like what we are doing, you might be interested in becoming part of this group. As Folkecenter supporter, you have the right to participate to our yearly general assembly, which elects 6 out of 11 board members. In this way, you will not only follow Folkecenter's activities, but also influence the decisions.

Being a Folkecenter Supporter can cost as little as 100 DKK/year (14 €). You can find more information on our webpage ([English](#) | [Dansk](#)).



E-Mobility in Folkecenter

Vehicle	Picture	Purchased	Km	Regenerated energy	Kg CO2 saved
Nissan e-NV200		February 2019	22,112	13% (2,874 km for free!)	3,029
Streetscooter		September 2015	14,286	-	1,957

Meet the Trainee

Rasmus Nørbæk Krag

Rasmus just finished his internship few days ago and, after the holidays, he will go back at the VIA University College (DK) and complete his degree on Global Business Engineering.

Aged 26, he came to Folkecenter in February because he wanted to work with renewable energies and because he liked the philosophy that we have here: *"I think a lot of other companies make products for renewable energies" he explains, "but they are mostly focusing on large production. On the other hand, in Folkecenter there is a more general perspective of renewables as whole mindset. Furthermore, I wanted to try a more loose structure – like the one of an NGO – before considering conventional companies"*.

When he came to Folkecenter, Rasmus had a broad interest in renewables, with energy efficiency being the focus. In general, he wanted to understand how to make the industry run on clean energy; this meant that he got involved in a number of project, focusing on different topics: *"My very first project was about aeroponics, but then I scrapped that, as I realized I was not very interested. Instead, my main project became to create energy from human motion and store it."*

On top of that, Rasmus was also involved in the installation of the [solar-battery system for the tiny house](#), and in replacing the batteries of the straw-bale house. *"I was also helping Daniele Pagani in the marketing part and in meetings for projects, which was very interesting for me, because I could get an insight also on project management."*

By being in Folkecenter, Rasmus achieved his goal of getting a broad understanding of renewables, but also to self-manage the time: *"Once I got stuck for a month on a problem of the project and after that I learned to decide when it's the right moment to move on and leave the issue behind" he explains, "and I will take this learning with me when working on larger projects."*

Overall, he liked a lot the atmosphere, which he defined loose, in contrast with the one of many companies, where there are a lot of deadlines; *"In companies you work for them, here you work for yourself" he says. "I also liked the possibility of interacting with so many countries and I am very thankful of that!"*

On the question whether he would recommend Folkecenter to fellow students, he answers: *"Yeah, but I would also say that they should know how work independently and be curious enough to search information and solutions by yourself. You can get it here, but you need to be proactive, because you are working on your own project"*.

A funny episode during his internship? *"Actually I have two", he says, "The first was trying to explain to the internationals why are shops closing so early in Denmark and the concept of work-life balance...it was funny to see that they could understand it! The second was when I found out that Elon Musk was here...at first I didn't believe it!"*

We are happy you enjoyed your internship Rasmus! Best of luck for your career!



Video Interview



[Anaëlle Quiniou](#)



[Ramiro Camilo Dominguez Grass](#)

All the interviews can be found on our [Youtube channel](#).

Current Trainees in Folkecenter



Chloë Ligat
(France)



Louis Marie
(France)



Philippine Follain
(France)



Anaëlle Quiniou
(France)



Cyril Okereafor
(Nigeria)



Luisa Haas
(Germany)



Alvaro Andres Ponce Tobon
(Colombia + Basque Country - Spain)



Unai Aragon Moran
(Basque Country - Spain)



Adrian Chan
(Canada)

Upcoming Events

Nordic Folkecenter at the Danish Climate Summit

Let's talk about the climate! Nordic Folkecenter is participating at the danish climate summit in Middelfart, 1-3 of September 2022. The theme this year for the climate summit is "Climate Action Together", and climate action involves renewable energy for sure. With funds from Tuborgfondets "Ta' Ordet"-pool we are bringing our trainees, know how, best practice and knowledge about renewable energy to the climate summit - and of course super cool merchandise, demonstrations, models and big smiles, so we can have a chat about, show and let people debate the possibilities with renewable energy, sustainable buildings, biodiversity and UN Goals.

You can read more about the danish climate summit on <https://klimafolkemoedet.dk/>

We look forward to seeing you 1-3 of September 2022 in Middelfart, Denmark.



01-03 September 2022

Renewable Energy Conference in Istanbul

We are supporting the conference “Technologies and Options for Securing Energy & Food Flows in View of the Ukrainian Crisis”, which will take place in Istanbul on 20-23 September. Info and registration on <http://www.folkecenterevents.net/>

The mission of the conference is to enlighten the crucial role and the framework “Technical Innovations of Renewable Energy” needed in the “Field of Food and Energy Security in Rural and Urban Area”.



20 – 23 September 2022

7th International Conference on Small & Medium Wind Energy

After six successful editions (both online and in presence), Folkecenter and the [Small Test and Resource Centre for Small Wind Turbines](#) are organizing the seventh conference

with focus on small and medium energy.

The event will gather national and international experts from the industry, who will discuss about a wide range of topics

within the small and medium wind industry. The conference will take place both in person and virtually in the period 21-23 September 2022. It is now possible to register your participation on folkecenterevents.net.

Should you be interested in being a speaker, please submit your proposal [here](#).



21-23 September 2022

International Renewable Energy Conference - 40 years of Folkecenter

Next year Folkecenter will have the 40th year anniversary. To celebrate the occasion, we are organizing an international conference which will be take place in Folkecenter on 21-23 June 2023. More information will follow



21 – 23 June 2023