SOCIAL INCLUSION THROUGH ART PROJECTS in the rural area of Fursund 2013 -2017



Art Project Selde /Grasslands

Participatory, bottom up art projects

initiated by the citizens of the villages in Fursund

Visual artists:

Birgitte Kristensen & Lene Noer

Mission as described by the citizens:

 turn around the negative development and draw positive attention to the village

Challenges:

- Identify and attune ideas and expectations for the result of the project
- establish mutual respect by aknowledging the integrity of the citizens and holding on to our own
- Get as many people on board as possible and involve them, make them engaged stakeholders

Where?





What did we do? We bought a condemned house



Tore it down





and rebuild the foundation by local brick layers

RESULT:



Skivevej 13 – a platform for the future By Birgitte Kristensen

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Tyverl og stoffer er der blevet mere af, når 100.000 mennesker mødes på Roskilde Festival. Men der er påfaldende lidt vold. Roskilde Festival, Side 3

KRITIK DEBAT NAVNE

Da Skivevej 13 blev til kunst

For ikke så lang tid siden stod der et hus og var ved at skvatte sammen midt på Skivevej i den nordjyske landsby Selde. Nu er kun soklen tilbage. Og det skulle forestille at være kunst. I Selde erman lidt i tvivl.

BYUDVIKLING

Publicity in a

newspaper,

among many

other medias

accomplished:

Selde became

World famous

National

Mission

pen fortwiller muner byersent af forpustelse, ende han altid med at fortryde det underwejs. Alligerei kunne han ikke sige nej, da kunstneren Birgiste Kristensen tidligere i



fir spurgte, om han side ville hjælpe med at for vandle et forladt, falde-færdigt frus på Skorevej thats hemby landsby en Seide wel Limfor den, til et konceptuelt

Det er ellers skke lige der, Burne Christensen går og beskæftger ng med til daglig.

ablen prøv at se på hende. Det er skipe en kotmåe, du siger nej til, så simpelt er dec. Og så gik jeg jo i gange, siger han, og siår ud med armen mod en kvande med store briller og lese bukser, der tripper smånerwst rundt i nærheden.

Over 150 af byens godt 350 indbygger er medt frem og kigger med. Der er ikke mange minutær, til det hele går i gang. ån langbord med ternet dug er stillet op med frake blomster i små brune vases. Langs hovedgaden er metalpropper blewe taget op affortowet, og så er der blewe sat flagstænger op hele vejen ned ad ve jen. Mellem de mange gange dannebrog findes byens borgere samlet, nogle på medbragte stole og skamler, age så man-

De har afiparriet gaden - vux for farme gang nogeninde - og alle ingger amme we og venter på, at det skal gå i pang. For der skråt over vejen fra det gamle soloenter lyser en stor hvid klods op under som merens grå skyet. Det er, hvad der er tilba ge af Skiweej 1), hunet, der langt tilbage i tiden var liktol-butik, siden hjem for flere af byens indbyggere og til sidst nættnes en ruin. Nu er der kun en sokkel tilbage hvidmalet og med markerede novaufor skelle, så man kan se den gamle rumind deling, og bvor dørene var

Det er byens nye permanente kunstwerk. Og ganske mange af indbyggerne sporger sig self, hand det nu egentlig skall

Råber ad fjernsynet

Selde er en lille by, der ligger ved Limfjorsig. No med at mit den nom sidme stop inden fletgen til Fun. Men byen er ikke helt et stop på samme måde, som indbyggerne kunne ønske sig. Tyed inedecat t u.b. Der måtte geme komme flere mennesker ind forbi. Det er der faknisk brug for. Søndag aften blev

Selv om samfundet Selde ligerien mas-sern af landsbyer over hele landet er untaler, gris og band. der gree fra fraflyningen, butskideden, skolebukningerne og den generelle afvik-ling, der rammer masser af områder, som



Fer Sallings grønne marker blod og reed og nattesøvn for at opbygge, ja, så er Selde altså jitke et sted, hvor man iar tænktsig atgive op. Tidligere i år samlede indbyggerne en laber ud i Limfjorden, ligger

resiter nu er kunst.

halv million kronet sammen til at købe Brugsens bygninget, så butikken ikke skulle lukke, og spoler vi halvandet år til-bage, var to tredjedele af byens indbygge-re så rasende over fremunlängen af deres by, at de skrew under på en fælles klage til DR. Magazinet Tenge' hande i et troprogrum vort billeder af Seldes byskift, gene-rel elendighed og forhidne frum Kipper ind over binanden. Og det var ikke engang huse i Selde, de viste i ferneten. Deret gallen byen, og ideen gik i alsin enkeltfor felte byens borgere, at detec eger hed ud på at gare lidt som på Madeira,

Men okay, et enkelt hus fra DK's sammenklin var faktok fra Selde. Skiverei tit. det trætte gule hus midt på hovedgaden.

Nuer det forsvundet De folk fra byen sidste år tog kontakt til Kunstakadement i Authur for at here, om de kunne finde nogle kunstnere, der var med på at lære et projekt i byen, drænne borgerne om et fremtidigt Selde, det var modernykket på en helt anden måde, end det tru er endt: Den oprindelige idé opstod hos parrer

Herman Jensen og Gunhúd Juhr, der har

Viville forst have noget folkeligt

Gunhild July

initiativtager.

rydpå har de lagt mærke til, hvordan der odligere undseelige gade Rua Santa Ma ma er blevet et turnstmænnigt tilløbeinde he, fordi alle gadedørene er bleret ud-

msykket af forskelinge kunsmete. Det var lidt det samme, man gerne ville have til Seide, så folk ude fra hovedrejen ville dreje af og kære ind til byen for at op-lere alle dørene. Men da de fik kontakt med en flok kunnmere fra Aarhus, og kunsterne tog til byen og begyndte at holde borgermadet og få detes egne sdeet - ju, så gik det altså på en helt anden måde. om Gunfuld Juhr nger:

«VI ville først have noget dekorativt og folkeligt, men Birgiste Kristensen lavet ik-

Hjorte, fasaner og en enkelt ræv har denes gang ornitring it is Weds but lidt uden for Seide. Det er da også et hjem, hvor naturen er rykket en dog toeget tær på. Så tær, at der vokser brænden alder i potteplante-ne indenfor i stuebuset, den eneste af gåtdenz bygninger, der ikke er styrret sam men. Derinde forsøger äva 7ved at rydde op i en shurrelse, der hir været hård ved hende de senere år Hun selv fik by hofte i 1000 - samme St, bendes mand fik kon



2014 UTOPIA by Marianne Jørgensen



Our goals

- To use art as a turning point in village survival, making them more lively and attractive
- To improve life quality for the citizens, enhance inclusion and diversity of ethnicity
- To debate the life conditions in rural areas
- To question the Danish Plan Law
- To make great artworks!

No Thanks!

One of the conditions, the citizens have added to our contract, is that they have veto-right, they can reject any work of art, if they cannot accept it

BUT:

Quote Kjeld Rasmussen:

Don't give us what we want, give us something we would never have thought of!

Methods and experiences

- How it works

Thorough Research



Project ingredients, based on experience

 Formal and informal meetings with the local societies and citizens several times a month WE try to create a relaxed and Playful Atmosphere in ordrer to Lure people out of their comfort Zones and thus be more inventive



Project ingredients, based on experience

Workshops with local citizens, developing and mapping ideas





Individual Interviews



Project ingredients, based on experience

 Arranging events locally to enhance co-creation and co-operation

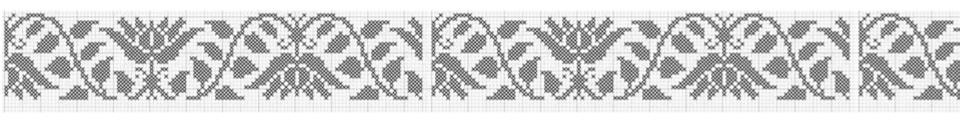
like Swan song for an abandoned house





"wake"







A flower bed designed by a young Icelander , inspired by local embroidery patterns

The "grumpiest" farmer in Selde (in the local opinion)
Paints a hedge pole on his field as part of a project creating a
Line in the landscape. He immidiately condoned the project when asked..



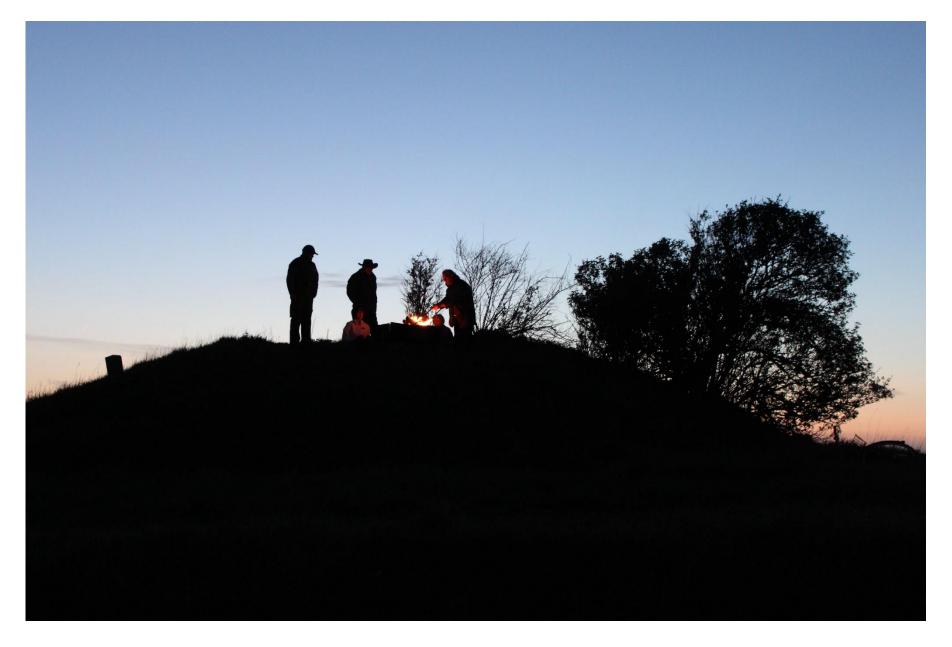




Acrobats from the local Cirkus Factory– performed by young people from the area



Bonfires on the 11 stone age burial mounds – like they did in the old days



Project ingredients, based on experience

Lots of coffee and cake visits



Project ingredients, based on experience

 Communication! through all possible medias, bulletin boards in the shops, and personal delivery when necessary



Snail mail invitation



Project ingredients, based on experience

Mark every milestone with a feast



Inauguration by Skive's Mayor June 2013



Residents of Selde take the platform in use



Celebration in the main street

Method conclusion:

- Long term processes: Come as often as possible at least 2 times every month
- **Egality**: make people own the project 50/50.
- Be an intern: Visit people in their homes, listen to their stories
 be curious and attentive: learn.
- Personal contact: Don't rely on digital communication make hand outs and invitations and distribute them via snail mail
- Take part = working time: Attend in local activities and events
- Appoint "mentors", who know who is who and where to get things, and make them work closely with one artist
- Identify local skills and experiences
- Acknowlegde skills : Ask for favours and remember to also give them
- GRAB REALITY and BUILd TRUST = Accountability

And very very importantly:

- Remember to bestow people who engage in the projects with lots of praise and recognition!
- The artists should not forget who is at the bottom of this project >>artist celebrates the participants
- Participants take steps in their personal life they never had expected (sing in front of an audience etc).
- Artists and Citizens need each other in the process



Quote Hans Jørgen: It is not so much the art, it's being together with the artists, that changes ones perspectives



Why does art work as an inclusion tool?

- Though none of this was originally planned for, or part of our assignment, looking back we see to our surprise that the inclusive effect has been perhaps the most important impact of the projects
- Because of our role as outsiders and nonjudgmental practitioners we became catalysts for deconstructing ingrown conflicts, and reconstructing social coherence."

- We came with an open mind and respect for the local citizens, and
- we were very humble towards the trust they had in us.
- We came with questions: we had nothing to sell. Only to offer our skills.
- We tell the stories of people who are not heard or seen.

Most of what we do is tangible and down to earth.

We have a strong focus on the imminent task And inspire people to work in a flow

We are grateful for every helping hand and not so occupied with social status.

We depend on team-work, a diversity of skills and know-how, whoever possesses it.

We are curious

about the locality, about the mindsets of the people living there and their stories,

for the old people it is a welcome chance to tell them.

Every society, however small, benefits from being looked upon with fresh eyes—it's like when you have new guests in your home, you suddenly notice things that you have grown so accustomed to, that you no longer notice them—sometimes that is a little discomforting....it can result in some cleaning up

Long term Impact?

The population is now increasing because the village has become visible to the world, even famous

Citizens who haven't spoken to each other for decades have become best friends

A lot of new activities are coming to life

People in the villages are really proud of What they have accomplished

Thank you for your attention



Hope to see you in Ostergaard medieval castle – location for Fursund Rural Forum 1 – 3 september 2017