



# **Example of good practise**

The Maritime Kalvø

Inclusion of all social groups

Denmark 2023



Early St. Hans Eve, arranged by the Maritime Kalvø Association

Social Inclusion – Social Cohesion – Active Citizenship

## **SUMMARY**

Name	Inclusion in Maritime Kalvø
Summary description of idea and activities	The idea is to reach out to vulnerable groups and individuals who - due to their social, economic, or cultural background - are usually excluded from participating in cultural life.
Country observed	Denmark
Year observed	2023
Programme area (Social inclusion/ Active Citizenship/Environmental sustainability)	Social inclusion Social cohesion Active citizenship
Specific topic	<ul> <li>In order to create cohesion, it is important:</li> <li>To have a positive attitude and acceptance that "you are different".</li> <li>To be attentive and outreach.</li> <li>To build mutual trust and recognition between different social, economic, age and cultural groups.</li> </ul>
Beneficiaries of the activities	All groups of citizens that get the opportunity to be together and share common interests with many different social groups in the local community.
Can these activities be applied to other beneficiaries: yes/no	Yes, communities based on openness and mutual trust is imperative to strengthen the social capital in our societies.
What type of beneficiaries: ALL, or specific ones?	All citizens
If specific ones, which?	No specific

## Inclusion at Maritime Kalvø.

The interviewee is chairman of the association "Det Maritime Kalvø". See The association is a mixture of a local history association, where volunteers gather historical knowledge about an area and a museum association, where volunteers run a small museum. See <a href="https://www.calloe.dk/">https://www.calloe.dk/</a>

The association is a member of the Cultural Council in Aabenraa, and it is situated on an island called Kalvø. The island has been used for millennia, as evidenced by the many finds of burial mounds from the Viking Age and flint tools.

### The inclusion case in Maritime Kalvø

Det Maritime Kalvø wants to reach out to vulnerable groups and individuals who - due to their social, economic, or cultural background - are usually excluded from participating in cultural life. By means of specially organized activities and together with the organisation Save the Children, the association aims to attract participants (active/volunteers) with other social, economic, or cultural backgrounds in their activities. Latest pensioners, children, and immigrants.

#### Type of activity

The association's challenges are to reach out and include disadvantaged and potentially socially excluded groups. By doing activities with Save the Children, the association has close contact with immigrants and children in financially disadvantaged families.

In order to create cohesion, the interviewee tells the organisation find it important:

- To have a positive attitude and acceptance that "you are different".
- To be attentive and outreach.
- To build mutual trust and recognition between different social, economic, age and cultural groups. *Active citizenship & democracy*

When asked, what factors he believes need to be in place during the activities to make them successful in terms of social inclusion and cohesion, the chairman answers: Understanding and acceptance. When asked in what way the activities contributed to building and strengthening democratic values, and what are the main factors for this to happen, the chairman replied: Openness, which was also the answer to the way the activities helped to build and strengthen democratic values.



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