CLIMATE CHANGE GREEN FUTURE?

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Green future – close to you (Norwegian 4H)

Happy cows are most of the year staying outside in the green valleys close to the fjords in Western Norway

What is 4H?

Norwegian 4H is a national wide, ideal voluntary member organizations for children and youth which is politically independent. 4H stands for hjerne (brain), hjerte (heart), hender (hands) and helse (health). 4H runs a lot of courses in the “green” field and is a member of the study association Studieforbundet natur og miljø (nature and environments).

GOALS, LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
THROUGH GREEN FUTURE, 4H INVITES YOU TO FOUR WEEKEND GATHERINGS WITH DIFFERENT THEMES.
TOPICS FOR THE COLLECTIONS ARE SHEEP AND LAMBS, MEADOW PRODUCTION, AND IN GENERAL ABOUT NATURAL USE AND NATURAL USE EDUCATION.
GOAL: GAIN KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE, AND EXPERIENCE WITH VARIOUS TYPES OF INDUSTRIES AND COMPANIES AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS.

Green Future

A course approved for 8-48 hours, and for 5-15 participants.

Local production of honey as a part of the learning prosess

Norwegian Folk High Schools and climate change

An old building at Fredtun Folk High School. The first folk high school in Norway was established in 1964.

What is a folk high school?

- The first folk high school was estabished in Denmark around 1840
- These schools are boarding schools, the «24 hours open school»
- There are folk high schools in all the Nordic countries (Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Iceland)
- There are around 80 folk high schools in Norway
- The schools offer a variety of themes, including efforts for climate change and green future.

What is a folk high school?

Folk high schools are often called the world's freest schools. These schools have no grades, no rigid curriculum and no exams. You learn better without this kind of pressure. At a folk high school, you get to practice what you learn, not merely immerse yourself in its theory. Supervised and encouraged by dedicated teachers, you find yourself a member of a small class of only 10 to 20 students. A folk high school year lasts normally nine months, from August to May. Most students attend folk high schools right after graduating from upper secondary chool.

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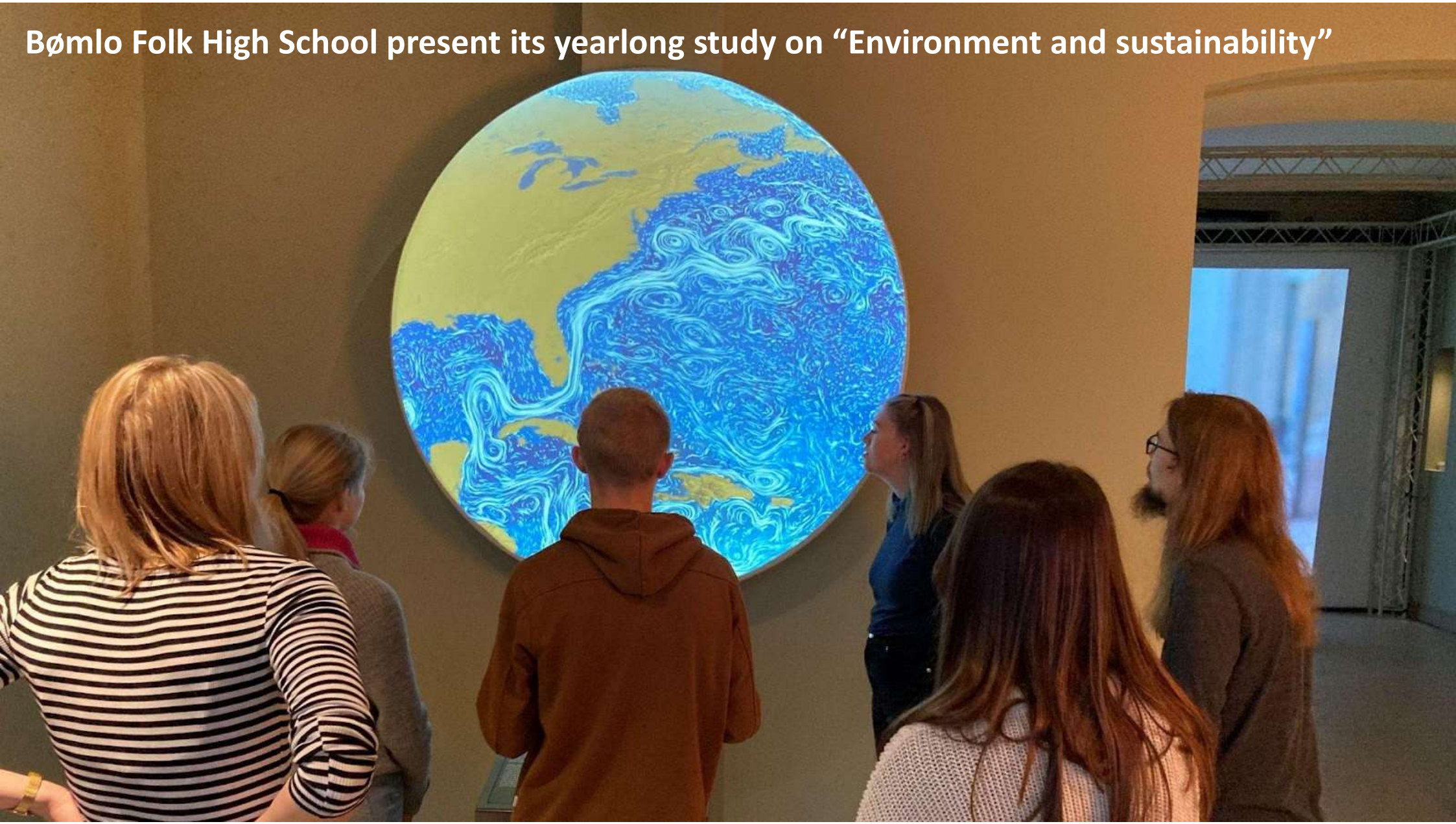
Bømlo Folk High School present its yearlong study on “Environment and sustainability”



The course “Organic Smallholding” is by Fosen Folk High School presented like this

"Do you dream of having your own farm, growing your own food, and raising livestock? This course will teach you the foundations of sustainable small-scale agriculture."

The Study Circle method and climate change

The tradition – when, how an why

- Popular enlightenment following the Enlightenment period in Europe
- Ricing democracy and emancipation
- 150 year's tradition
- Books were rare
- Take the teaching and learning needs in their own hands
- For the people, through and with the people

The metthod – action learning

- Self directed learning
- Experiental learning
- Learning by sharing
- Learning in small groups
- Leadership more than teaching
- Shared responsibility
- Local development and action based

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Dakujem!