

Autens

Autens is an educational consultancy dedicated to inspire and develop education models, innovative learning spaces, and school buildings for the future. They provide consultancy for visionary projects and are very concerned that in today's fast-paced and ever-changing world that education is adaptable and fit for purpose. They work on large and small projects, mainly in Denmark but also in the UK.

Autens is often commissioned to facilitate and lead innovation. They engage a range of stakeholders including teaching staff, students and parents to inspire change; to design learning spaces; to offer advice and run transformational projects, including rebuilding and new-building of schools.

Key message: **INCLUDE THE LEARNERS!**

“It's fun, it's meaningful – and it's the right thing to do!”



Autens is a strong advocate for learning to take place in inspiring environments and have ambitious expectations of merging beauty within practical parameters. They believe learning should be joyful and the learning environment and activities that take place within this should reflect this. Autens is as much focused on the outside environment as inside.



They are beginning to redefine the concepts of school and are very innovative in their approach, taking into account the challenges presented by research as well as the changing dynamics of society. Autens avoid transformations which are superficial and tokenistic but encourage leaders to focus on the individual needs of each and every learner so that learners are able to develop skills that are going to be relevant in a 21st Century workplace.

Autens encapsulates the Danish traditions of democracy and are very insistent that to execute effective change management, teachers and students need to be at the forefront of the initiatives. They argue that involving and empowering all stakeholders elicits smoother and more creative outcomes.

Autens was founded in 2005 by **Lene Jensby Lange**, one of Denmark's leading specialists in future learning, school development & learning space design.



She is dedicated to improving life and learning for children through the innovation of schools and learning spaces within them. She strongly believes that creativity should play an essential role in nurturing and inspiring children. She also believes that children should be seen as individuals and by recognizing and valuing their uniqueness, you open the door to their future success. Lene is often invited to give talks, contribute with advice or facilitate workshops for teachers, heads, boards of governors, local authorities in relation to school transformation, learning space design or building new schools or colleges.

Lene is supported by a great team of people who all bring their different skills to the organization.

Thornbojn Berqvist is an innovations and office manager who works to promote new ideas and entrepreneurship in schools and education through networking and building relationships.



He is particularly skilled in reorganizing and developing school areas.

Mette Hauch works directly with schools focusing on how to create learning environments that are fit for 21st century life, including digital perspectives. **Lisa Schmidt Larsen** is the architect and creative co-ordinator who creates designs, plans and visualisations. Autens is supported by other partners **Alexander Gyr** who uses his technological skills to enable the 3D virtual reality of schools and learning environments. **Mike Davies** who works with school leaders to enable school transformation, and **Mads O. Bonne** provides strategic design and design-thinking as well as communication and social entrepreneurship.

Autens is an organization that is completely committed to improving life-long benefits to children and inspire teachers and leaders to challenge their ideas about school and education,



(and their staff work tirelessly to achieve this end).