



Vejen offers a peaceful family life for those who love nature, space and history

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Vejen Municipality is a great place to live if you want a peaceful, safe and not too hectic life for your family. Its small communities make it easy to connect with people and if you enjoy getting out in the nature, there are plenty of opportunities for fresh air. In Vejen Municipality you are never too far away from water and forests in your daily life.

There are many sporting and cultural activities available which are run by the local associations (foreninger). This is a very popular Danish way to enjoy your hobbies and make new friends. Hanna Kretzschmar, the newcomer guide in Vejen Municipality, fell in love with the history of the region: the beautiful surroundings of the river Kongeåen; the Ancient Road Hærvejen (which offers fantastic hiking and biking experiences); the oldest high school in Denmark and several other monuments that remind her about the power of a community thinking and working together.

“If you want to live in a peaceful area and still have access to big cities like Esbjerg, Aarhus, Vejle or Hamburg, and at the same time want to have a job within a short driving distance, then Vejen Municipality is a good choice for you. It is a great place for people who want to settle here for a longer time.” – says Hanna.



Many companies in the agricultural sector are located in this region and a great number of jobs are waiting for newcomers on farms and in food production – providing a stable background to help families to settle in.

Well-established support system for newcomers in Vejen Municipality

“I was born and raised in Denmark, but I have lived in different areas. From the island of Fyn we moved to the very tight-knit community of Bornholm when I was a child, and later I lived different places in Southern-Denmark, which again is another culture to live in. I had a sister who lived many years in England and I lived for a short period in Jerusalem and for about a year in London when I was young





All in all, I empathise a lot with the newcomers who come to Denmark and Vejen Municipality and try to establish their new life here. I know that it is really challenging in many fields of life – and of course if you are an international, it can be even more difficult because of the lack of language knowledge and because of the cultural differences.” - says Hanna.

She's been working in her position for several years and part of her job is to guide newcomers to find information about the issues that occur when they move to the region. The support system works very well because of the good cooperation of the different actors. In the beginning the Citizen Service (Borgerservice) guides families regarding the official questions and documents (CPR, NemID, etc.).

The farms and companies which attract employees to the region, often support their new employees when they start work. Besides this, some internationals work and live close to each other, so they get a lot of support from their own communities as well.

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You can reach out to Hanna Kretzschmar, the newcomer guide in Vejen Municipality at +45 7996 6104 or hk@vejen.dk. If you want to learn more about the area visit our homepage www.boligvejenen.inst.vejen.dk. If you want to learn more about the activities in Vejen, please visit <http://www.visitvejen.dk> and if you wish to be closer to the local community and to be updated about its news and programs, join the new Facebook group Vejen Kommune Internationals & Friends.

Message from Hanna

“I understand well that integrating to a new place and new community is hard and takes a lot of time – and not only for internationals, but for Danes, too. My best advice to internationals is to start learning Danish as soon as you can. It will take time, but the local people appreciate your effort a lot and you will feel more comfortable as well when you can cope with some basic situations. My other suggestion to all newcomers - Danes and internationals - is to find a sport or cultural activity that you feel passionate about and join a local association. It is a great place to meet like-minded people and to make your relationships stronger.”

Newcomers mostly come to Hanna with questions about renting a house or a flat, and sometimes questions about day-care possibilities for their children or about activities for their families.

In these cases, she directs them to the right contact persons, so that the problems can be resolved first hand by the relevant professionals.

She believes that it is an interesting and heart-warming task to provide this guidance in the beginning, so newcomers, by time, know how to handle their own problems independently.



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