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With a very big astonishment I have read news about Your plans to close down a Skovbornehave in Grenaa witch was four us a very big inspiration for opening and running first Polish forest kindergarten in 2015.

Together with my family in 2013 we have come to Denmark to visit Djursland kindergartens and to have inspiration to run an institution for kids in Poland in a different way. Thanks to SFOF we could visit Grenaa Skovbornehave and meet ale pedagogic workers. In Poland kindergartens are over clumped by the lessons of singing, dancing, karate, games, playing guitar ect. Kids don't have time to free playing wit themselves or with adults or go outside and be close to the nature, they don't have time for it. Very often we have kindergartens for 200 kids but the playground not fit them all in one time, and the playground not include trees ect.

After visiting Djurslands kindergartens we knew that we would like to have similar kindergarten in Poland and one of our main inspirations was Grenaa skovbornehave, we have done a lot of pictures due to our visit so we could repeat a lot of solutions in our place. Me and our main worker have come to Grenaa Skovbornehave in 2016 to spent a week in the kindergarten to shadow how staff is working, ask all questions abut the education in forest. All Staff was so helpful and so professional we have come back to Poland again full of inspiration. Until today we are in contact with Birgitte who is always so helpful and she always gives us a lot of ideas for work with kids.

Very often parents and visitors of our kindergarten are asking me from where I have took the idea of that kind of place for kids and I am always so proud to say that I could be and learn from Your kindergarten.

Closing down such a wonderful forest kindergarten will be a very big lose for your community.

In the Times were we are all looking on differences of other was should be proud and give opportunity to exist and parents to young kids to have a choice of different kinds of kindergartens. We can also notice that kids raised up in

forest kindergarten are more likely to look after they environment, nature around them because of the close bond between them.

It will be a big lose for kids and parents but also it will be shame that so professional and well trained pedagogic personnel won't be able to use all his skills because there is no forest kindergarten in your area.

In Poland now very popular is "hygge" and being close to the nature, I think that kind of wisdom came to us from Scandinavia and it is very disappointing that after so many years of of giving such a good model to other countries you would like to change something what is giving such a good results. Danish people are the happiest in the world and looking on the kids after running for nearly 6 years forest kindergarten I know that forest and being close to the nature is one of the biggest steps to be happy, so please consider all before your calculation will show that you should close down such a treasure as You have for so many years.

With a big hope and greetings from Poland, wishing You all the best

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