

Libraries As Vehicles For Democratic Participation



Democratic Confidence

Democratic Self-confidence

A Democratic Society Needs

Culture of participation

Literacy

Safe space for democratic participation

Facilitation of dialogue and public debate

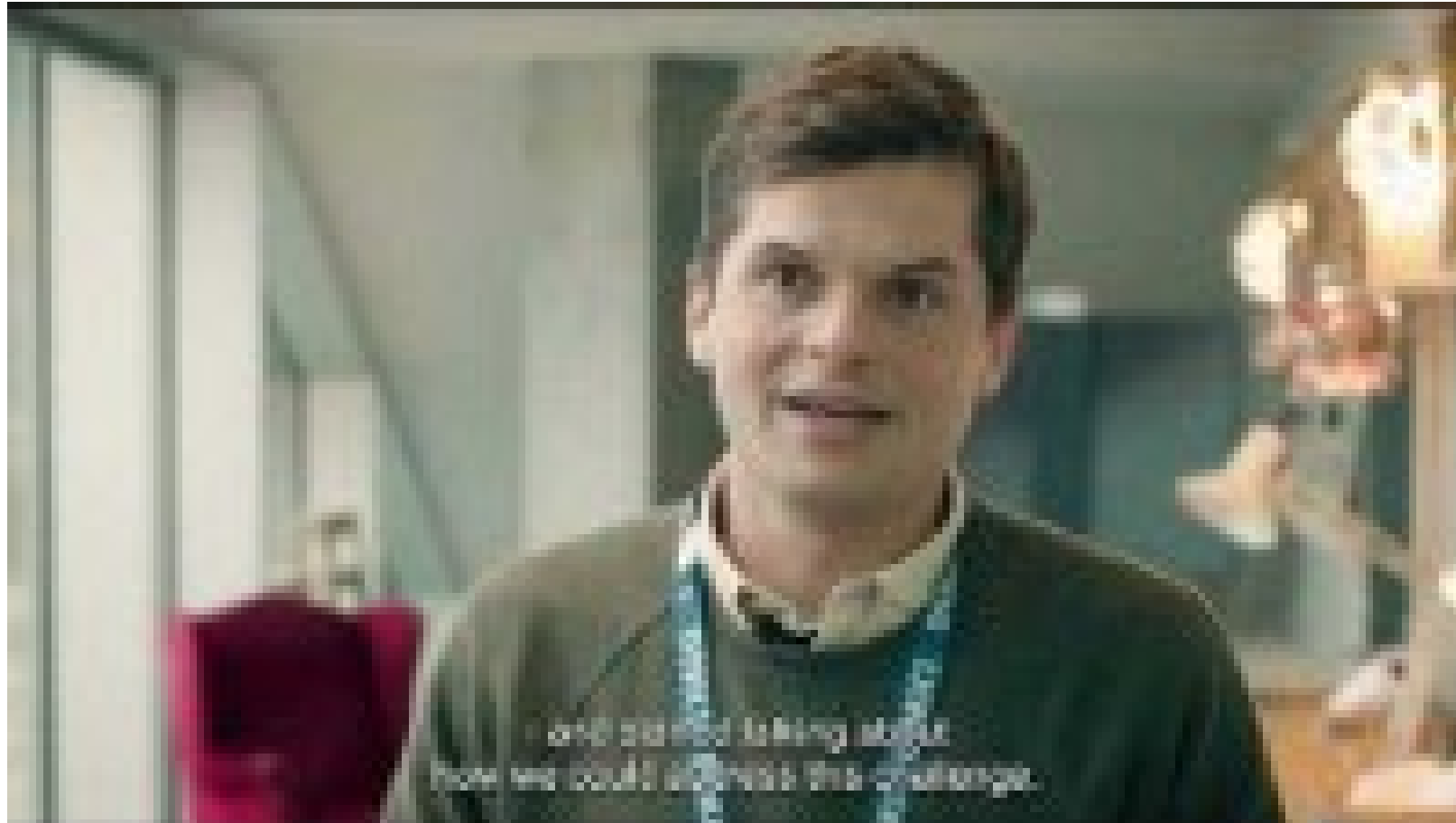
Support for local communities



The Europe Challenge

A community of people without homes are reimagining how libraries can cater for everyone in the city of Aarhus, Denmark.

Europe Challenge





What are our dreams in Gellerup?
Gellerup library branch, January
2023

DEMOCRACY FITNESS

Which democracy muscles have you trained today?

MOBILISATION

In a democracy, a sense of community is needed. Making room for other people's ideas strengthens the collective.



COMPROMISE

In a democracy, there is room for diversity. You must know how to compromise so everyone feels they are getting more than they are giving.



ACTIVE LISTENING

In a democracy, everyone has a voice. You must be able to listen without prejudice and learn from others.



DISAGREEMENT

In a democracy, we often disagree. You must be able to accept disagreement, as it makes us all the more wiser about one another.



EMPATHY

In a democracy, there is room for everyone. You need to accept individual diversity and be empathetic towards others.



ACTIVIST

In a democracy, you can actively engage with whatever you are passionate about. See it take off!



VERBAL CONFIDENCE

In a democracy, we all have a voice. You need to get to know your own voice in order to use it meaningfully.



CURIOSITY

In a democracy, we need to learn from each other. You must poke around and leave no stone unturned.



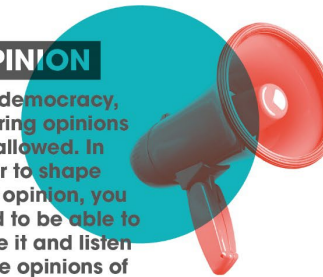
COURAGE

In a democracy, participation is important. You should find the courage to come as you are. You already have the guts to do it.



OPINION

In a democracy, differing opinions are allowed. In order to shape your opinion, you need to be able to voice it and listen to the opinions of others.



Democracy Fitness is a training concept which challenges the traditional understanding of democracy. Democracy is something one needs to train - and it should be fun, challenging and meaningful all at the same time. Learn more at www.demokratifitness.dk/en



