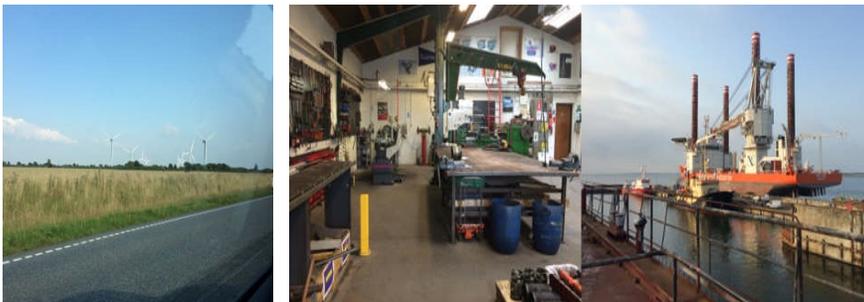


With this paper I hope to share the experiences and knowledge I gained after given the opportunity to travel overseas to Denmark. The trip gave me insight to another culture and how their countries educational system and industry evolved into what it is today. While there we were able to check some neat things in Denmark.



Denmark as a whole is a thriving country with many educational prospects that lead to self-sustaining careers, benefits that benefit the vast majority of its citizens, and a green mind set with it being the top country in renewable energy. Right when I stepped into Copenhagen it was evident that the people took the environment very seriously. The streets were riddled with bikes, there were very few cars to be seen and once we left to the city of Esbjerg we got a taste of how extensive their railway system was. While on that train we also had the pleasure of seeing huge farms full of wind turbines that provide the country on average with 90 percent of its energy.



Denmark has an incredible educational system. It is structured so that students learn their regular studies as well as getting exposed to technical skills. Doing this helps students get a jump on knowing what they want to peruse at a younger age. Did I mention it's free? Oh and that the government pays for you to learn. It's a four year program with about two years spent interning at companies to practice the theory learned in the classroom.



While I attend the welding program at Bellingham Technical College I have always been interested in engines which we saw in masses, and big ones at that. The industry in Esbjerg relies heavily on resources provided by the sea. Their marine industry is booming. We got to take tours of many shops and manufacturing facilities. Granly Diesel was where I got to work on some boats that the company contracts. What impressed me the most was the amount of knowledge that needed to be attained in order to be a ship fitter. You have to know about the mechanics of large engines and also welding. For the short amount of time I was there I learned a lot. Denmark was pretty awesome and I will definitely return. Thank you Scan | Design Foundation for allowing us this outstanding opportunity.

