



#### Experiences from Denmark 40 years with digital life in Schools



## Who am I?

- Teacher and Engineer
- Technology Integrator and interpreter
- Still exploring how Technology can makes sense in Education.
- Director at Leba Innovation & Investor at NCT



## My background

#### The early years 1979-2001 – against all odds

- Teacher Math, Science, Computer science, chemistry, graduated 1979
- 12 years as a teacher mainly K12
- Since 1980 working with IT integrating for Commodore.
- Developer of educational software and programs for Commodore
- Computers and robotics in school the Turtle and Lego.
- Leading Comm. National Library of educational software



8 Kb memory – no storage. External diskdrive





#### First School computer setup 1980

3 x Commodoer PET, one double Floppy disk drive and later one printer. Store IT, MANAGE IT Total 1980 value > 20.000 Euro



2 x 512KB floppy disks . 13 KG,





#### My first portable

An Attraktion whereever I turned up with it, and my Valiant Turtle, teaching computer Sciences and Robotics







## It in education matures 2000-

From difficult to use technology driven by nerds to becoming useful tools – GUI's, mobile and wireless

- 2001: Project lead IBM bringing laptops and WIFI into 75 schools.
- IT Project lead at Danish Government Development school
- Adviser for Danish schools
- IT trainer for mainly teacher. Helping bringin IT into Education. Trying to prevent that they do the opposite.
- Founder of Iteo.
- Invented "The Free Learning space" Makerspaces like setup
- Infrastructure and WIFI architect, schools, healthcare
- Developing a range of device storage solutions Leba Innovation
- Founder, investor and first draft designer of cloud-based system supporting most needs in schools from the cloud. Currently 500.000 users. Nordic Cloud Technologies
- Following the Digitalization process in many countries
- Network all over Europe



# Why are we developing school like we do in Denmark?



# LETÍS TALK ABOUT SCHOOL

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#### SCHOOL – What is it good for? How to crack this one?

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#### Passing it on to next generation – that's what school is about?

Preparing next generation for not only living and coping in the society, but developing it, driving it forward.

That's school and that's the very basic for democracy,

#### Do we do that well??

We are still using the same concept as when schools were invented around year 1800



Can we really prepare children for life using that old concept?

# Try to think how much society have changed and how little school has



## This way new technology changes nothing



concept

Same old

We need to do much better than that



# Why digitalize schools ?





Digitalisation is NOT a technological project.

lt is a pedagogical one.

> Important point to get your priorities right

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## Computers – Tablets – Laptops

Computer can be efficient to pass *knowledge* Computers brings information at your fingertips Computers can train simple skills Computer can simulate Computers are often motivating – witch is dangerous Computers must never become education automatization Computers sets us free – education everywhere Computers are valuable in Learnnig Spaces

Do they bring us 21. century competences ?????

# NO



# **Computers in School**



Not at cheese bell system that defines itself

Sociaty are digitalized – so must School



# The Education vision to think of children as empty bottles that must be filled up with knowledge – are long gone.





# What problems do we face in Education?



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#### The challenge we face

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## Vitus, 6 years old First day in school - 0. grade

 Vitus will spend the next 12 – 18 years in the Education system.

What do we put in he's backpack to prepare him for the future?

How will the society look when he graduates?

 In what kind of society will he be spending hers worklife until 2090?



### School must prepare him to crack a "digital nut" And we do not even know how it looks and works



# How can we do that?

# Education is the very base for Democracy

Lack of or bad education is the soil where dictators grow

# What will be the major driver in the change of our society

It biometrics

Climate considerations

Easy digital access for everyone

Drones

Blockchain

Robots

Internet of things

Artificial intelligence (AI)

Fast internet

Battery technology

Data-centers and cloud

Alternative energy production

Easy access to massive computer power

Statements:

Face reconition in China: Al development are mainly done in US and ASIA Billion Chinese will be identified within 6 seconds AI will take 50% of all jobs?

65% of all jobs in 2030 does not exist today

Next level social network will influent all jobs?

No jobs without operating computers?

Technology development is an exponential curve?

It is all happening right now?



# **Taxonomies of Learning**

What is your ambition?

#### Difficult to test





Repeating training Less cognitive

High risk for takeover by AI or... We need to head for competences **Every child must become someone – not something** We need to work more holistic We must move to project based learning



# We all do it differently, based on culture, politics and resources





# The Asian way – China *Education on steroids*

#### **Top of Pisa**

Fact learning, Skills Training, tests and control Long school days Lots of homework Stress Low in taxonomi



# The Scandinavian way

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Finland as the most successful



Top of Pisa Number one inclusion Shortest schooldays Longest holidays No Homework

Become someone - not something

Focus on: Read/write, Arithmetic, languages Competences(high tax), Communications, Collaboration, Creativity Responsibility, discipline, reliability, self-motivation Technology understanding and mastering, programming Innovation Empathy High in Taxonomi



# 21. Century Competences, - what are they?

# An American, A Chinese and a Scandinavian would have quite different answers.

You will find many models and theories – in the end culture, politics and resources will influent how you answer this very Centrale question.

- Read/Write, arithmetic, languages
- Creativity
- Communication
- Cooperation
- Critical thinking, validating of information
- Understanding and mastering technology
- Mastering of digital opportunities
- Code of conduct in the digital world.

Personal qualifications

- Self Discipline
- Self motivation
- Responsibility
- Self drive
- Flexible mindset
- Grit
- Innovation
- Empathy



# Carol Dweck

Professor at Stanford University

Research documents that:

Mindset is the most important factor for achieving well in school



# Angela Lee Duckworh

Professor at University of Pennsylvania

Grit is the most important factor to become high-achiever





# Sir Ken Robinson

Education Advisor and Author

TORE IT, MANAGE IT

Sir Ken Robinson, PhD, was an internationally recognized leader in the development of creativity, innovation, and human potential. He advised governments, corporations, education systems, and some of the world's leading cultural organizations. Among his many recognitions, he received the Benjamin Franklin Medal of the Royal Society of Arts, the Nelson Mandela Changemaker Award, and a knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II for services to the arts. He wrote several best-selling books, including *New York Times* best seller *The Element*. He died in 2020.

"The role of a teacher is to facilitate learning"

"I never teach my pupils, I only attempt to provide the conditions in which they can learn."



# **Re-think School**

Do not just bring in new technology into the same old framework

Dare to fail

From teaching to learning

From Classroom school to learning environment

From class teaching to Project Based Learning

Allow different learning profiles



#### Monoculture

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#### Diversity



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Important factors to light the spark of learning

Motivation Enjoy not just endure

**Mindset** Flexible mindset – not Fixed

**Grit** Go persistently for your goal

**Work Holistically** *no scattered education chopped up in pieces* 

Activate students only use traditional teaching if absolutely necessary

Support students different learning profiles

Gillian - remember ,-)

#### AI – it changes everything

- 1. You haven't seen anything yet.
- 2. Al for robots, Lawyers, Doctors ......
- 3. Is that what we have been dreaming of?
- 4. Not just a robot vacuum cleaner but.....
- 5. Why do we not see this as an opportunity?
- 6. The role of education is even more important than ever.
- 7. Changes or adds to our roles
- 8. Just now the biggest change we have seen since the iPhone
- 9. Al is not going to replace anyone but people who uses Al will replace people who don't

#### What is it AI can?

Huge amount of computer power combined with access to enormus amount of data



# The Holy Grail of Education

# Blooms 2 Sigma problem





## Kahn Academy



# Für jeden Schüler, jede Klasse. Tolle Lernerfolge.

Wir sind eine gemeinnützige Organisation mit der Mission, eine kostenlose, erstklassige Ausbildung für jeden, überall, anzubieten.

Lernende	Lehrer	Eltern



# Sal Kahn – Kahn Academy

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## We need to rethink school new ways, focus and new environments.





The further away from the core the decisions are made – the less they will work



# Front runner schools

Fokus on Makerspace inviroments Some even without clasrooms Base for Project based learning Aimes on competences and holistic learning

Challenging for both teacher and children









## The School without Walls

School with no walls: Teaching in open learning environments in Denmark (Learning World: S5E41, 3/3) - YouTube



### Læringshuset https://www.youtube.com/watch ?v=h1lUEJmRlhg



# A remark from a new student

# "This is Disney World Of Schools"





Alemannenschule Wutöschingen

#### Stefan Ruppaner, Schulleiter der Alemannensschule:

"Lehrerausbildung taugt nicht für zeitgemässe Schule"

"Wir halten bei uns sehr wenig Unterricht, weil wir festgestellt haben, dass Unterricht das Lernen behindert."





#### Wir müssen von

#### Schulbereite Kinder

zu

### Kinderbereite Schulen





# Thank you

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