

Within your school system – what are your possibilities and options as a teacher to have more focus on the soft skills?

I would....

In theory, our curriculum allows for the possibility to teach soft skills. Giving more autonomy to teachers. However, the options or routes to do this are blocked by financial constraints, traditional views and approaches and lack of time.

In Norway and Denmark we are very free to choose our own way to teach - like method. But sometimes we need good ideas how to develop our projects. And we have to give the students enough time to work with the soft skills.

I can choose my own Methods of teaching, I can use feedback and evaluation to identify success and improvement in soft skills development. There is a lot of variety in the way I can teach the same topic in order to Focus on whichever skills I want to

We could bet the soft skills into the curriculum aims. Soft skills are often implemented into the subject without pointing them out. Local businesses and people National STEM ambassadors who will visit schools and deliver talks to students.

One idea is to involve local businesses that are physically close to your school and make the students engage with them to get a real life perspective on the future jobmarket. Another idea is to introduce the students to different themes/ subjects to

I can design my lessons however I want. So I can focus on soft skills as long as I teach the contents from the curriculum.

In the UK soft skill comes second after curriculum content. It's like this in Norway and Denmark as well, but to a different degree. In Norway it seems to be an initiative for change in regards to the new curriculum starting fall 2020.

Denmark - Grade 5 teaching and learning forum
Norway - New national curriculum telling you what you need to teach and the skills, but not the method. Don't define the skills. UK - KS5 and 4 examination based quite set. More flexibility with younger.

Within your school system – what are your possibilities and options to involve local businesses and society even more in your teaching?

Visiting local industry and meeting employers in their own settings not in school.

It is a possibility and we are encouraged to do this but we are constrained by time and finances

Businesses are more open and willing to work with schools now than ever. They can influence the education system. Older students will be more receptive to a future employer than to a teacher.

We could make Exhibitions With students' work. We could invite local businesses into School, and set up School-business partnerships. Of course, we are restricted by Money and time!

Create events and invite local companies to school - also invite local politicians as they can influence the laws that can help change the system for the students and thus their future

In Verdal we have lots of options when it comes to involving local businesses. Transport costs might be a problem.

Norway - very good, use it all the time. Denmark - companies very interested but practicalities are difficult. UK - opportunities but limited time and curriculum pressures.

