

The Danish youth association (Ungdommens Naturvidenskabelige Forening, UNF) works for dissemination of natural science and technology among children and young people

UNF is a voluntary association, which since 1944 has had the purpose to expand knowledge of and the interest in natural science and technology. We want to share our fascination of life and the universe and create the excitement that makes young people keen to explore and seek more knowledge.

Activities in UNF

Each year we arrange between 140 and 150 events all over Denmark with more than 9,000 participants, primarily children and young people. The events are a broad variety of activities such as interesting conferences, science shows, lectures, study tours at companies and hands-on workshops.

Our activities contribute in giving young people an understanding of the world they are part of and by participating in our activities, more young people get interested in signing up for a scientific and technological education – and also in the future, Denmark will be able to participate in finding innovative solutions to the world's challenges. Our activities are a supplement to the education system as we are possible to communicate the latest knowledge which often is not a possibility or resources are lacking in the primary, secondary or high school.

In this way, UNF is able to, in a different way, to stimulate and engage children and youth to get better understanding and insight and encourage their interest in exploring the world.

An association of voluntary forces

Nearly 350 young dedicated volunteers, primarily students, plan the activities. All are eager to pass on their own excitement and interest in natural science. The value of our activities are thus considerably higher than the costs related to the event.

Target group

The target group is mainly high school students where many teachers include the lecturers as an extra perspective to the teaching. In the last couple of years, we have also made events for 7th to 10th grade where the level has been adapted and the presenters are much younger.