

## NATIONALBANKENS JUBILÆUMSFONDS LEGAT

**25.000 DKK goes to Alexandra-Georgiana Dumitras for the project *LIBERAL – Resurges, responsibility and resilience to cultivate sustainability in Struer***

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Once in a while you encounter a thesis project of a completely outstanding quality – a project that, so to speak, *knocks your socks off*. The project you are to be presented with now is of such a standard.

Now..... what makes this project stand out so clearly?

The quick answer is that it does everything that a good thesis project is supposed to do - and then adds much more. The project is an overwhelming expression of ideas, complex and intriguing proposals - all presented with a richness and depth that is rarely seen.

Then add to this a humour and wit that gently takes you by the hand as the project unfolds. This is truly an amazing project.

The project is daring in its concept. From a bird's eye perspective and without any prejudices it addresses the problems of the decline of rural Denmark. What is to happen to those left behind and how can a positive future development be stimulated?

These are not easy questions to deal with and consequently there are only complex answers.

The project proposal should not be seen as directly buildable. It cannot be built tomorrow. It is merely playing a very important game.

A game of "*what if*" – A game of vision – A game of creativity.



What it does is that it torpedoed the political discussion totally by proposing a new urban area in the city of Struer with the name LIBERAL.

The project explores the relocation of Danish liberalist ideals to the isolated communities along the west coast of Denmark.

- It does this by promoting a hybridised utopian urban model that aims to cultivate equality, sustainability and empowerment.

Such a paradigm shift can only send shockwaves through the political establishment as the project draws upon ideas of franchising Christiania as a self-governing system and also points towards the Danish allotment culture (kolonihaver) as a way of sustainable living. All this is stirred together to a powerful cocktail with a touch of patriotism represented by the Danish flag as a direct model for designing new allotment houses. Furthermore, the project pays its respect to Her Majesty the Queen for her liberal views on smoking habits.

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Nobody seems to go free in this project. In one way or another, it steps on everybody's toes. However, this is done with a smile and a humour that excellently contrasts the deep sincerity of the project.

With her project *LIBERAL – Resurges, responsibility and resilience to cultivate sustainability in Struer* **Alexandra-Georgiana Dumitras** receives Nationalbankens Jubilæumsfonds grant of 25.000 DKK.