

Conference

# Citizen Driven Climate Solutions

- empowerment, democracy and local communities

5. november 2025 / Maskinhallen, Sundholmsvej 28A, Amager

Arrival and Registration 8.30-9.00

9.00-9.30

## Conference Opening

- **Artistic Performance**  
*how far are you willing to bend?*
- **A Changing Climate**  
*polar ice sheets and the rising seas*
- **Opening Speech**
- **Welcome**  
*conference format and programme*
- **About COPE**  
*local climate action plans*

Elise Bjerkelund Reine,  
Contortionist



Nanna B. Karlsson, Professor,  
Department of Glaciology and Climate, GEUS

Mikkel Balskilde Hansen, Head of Section,  
City of Copenhagen

Jacob Hartmann, Moderator,  
City of Copenhagen

Øystein Leonardsen, COPE  
Lead Partner, City of Copenhagen

*Fast and  
focused  
presentations  
- all followed by  
slow and plentiful  
time for small group  
reflections*

9.30-12.00

## Community Building, Empowerment and Democracy

- **Citizen Gardens and Seeds for Community Building**  
*creating engagement and green spaces*
- **Through Garden to Community**  
*empowering citizens and reclaiming public space*
- **Move Green**  
*bicycle racks, lanes, and green spaces*
- **When Society is Tipping in the Right Direction**  
*how local action can create big social change*
- **How to Bring Science Into Democratic Decisionmaking**  
*barriers and ways forward*
- **Panel Discussion**  
*from local action to political action for major societal changes*

*COPE Partners*  
Lise Nygaard Arre, City of Copenhagen  
Sabrina Largilliere, City of Saint Quentin  
Romain Briet-Prevot, City of Saint Quentin

*COPE Partners*  
Aušra Sičiūnienė, Municipality of Vilnius  
Panagiotis Moumtsakis, Municipality of Kavala

*COPE Partners*  
Claudia Costa, Municipality of Pombal  
Cristina Gabriela Cudrec, Municipality of Bistrita

Rune Baastrup, Director, Democracy X

Laura Horn, Associate Professor,  
Political Economy, Roskilde University

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Mikkel Balskilde Hansen, City of Copenhagen  
Io Chatzivaryti, Municipality of Kavala  
Jacob Hartmann, Moderator

*Expect cross-cutting  
conversations between professionals,  
politicians, and local citizens*

**BREAK**

SydhavnsCompagniet will be serving  
snacks and vegetarian brainfood  
for lunch

LUNCH 12 - 13

13 - 14 Guided Tour by Dedicated Locals to Citizen Driven Projects at Sønderbro

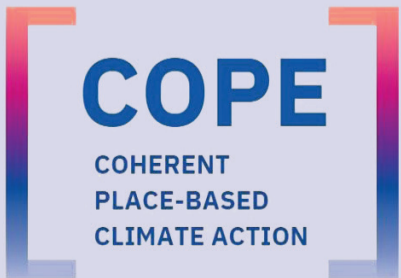
14.00-16.00

Shaping a Possible Future

- **Artistic Performance**  
*the poles are melting*  
  
Mikkel Hobitz Fittenborg,  
Chinese Pole Artist
- **Theater Glimt and the Conference**  
**Venue Maskinhallen**  
  
Lars Gregersen, Director,  
Theater Glimt
- **The Youth Paving the Green Road**  
*Involvement creating engagement of the future*  
  
COPE Partners  
Sotiris Serdenis, Municipality of Korydallos  
Maria Gonzalez, Consensus/Advisor to A Coruña
- **Climate, Care, and Just Transition**  
*building alternate futures collectively*  
  
Vasna Ramasar, Associate Professor,  
Lund University
- **Rethinking Schooling**  
*a regenerative approach to education for youth*  
  
Silje Høegmark, Kaospilot,  
Member of Livskraft
- **A Regenerative Business Model**  
*how Copenhagen's city honey helps plants,  
people, and animals to thrive*  
  
Oliver Maxwell, Director,  
City Bee
- **Reflections and Conclusion of Conference**

This conference marks  
the conclusion of  
the EU-funded project  
COPE (Coherent Place-based  
Climate Action),  
which explores how  
citizen engagement can  
drive a green and just  
transition in  
European cities

16.15 - 17.00 Invitation to honey ceremony at neighboring City Bee



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# Social, cultural and sustainable suppliers to the Conference on Citizen Driven Climate Solutions

Conference catering by SydhavnsCompagniet

## Menu

• Morning

*Shots / sea buckthorn juice*

*Homemade müsli bars*

*Homemade rye bread with dates and dark chocolate*

*Mandarins*

• Lunch

*Samosa*

*Vegetarian pies*

*Pasta salad with hot smoked salmon and goma sea weed tang*

*Broccoli salad with raisins, red onion and sunflower seeds*

*Couscous salad with bell pepper, red onion, parsley and lemon*

*Wholemeal bread with butter*

• Afternoon

*Snack*

*Bramblee mocktail*

**SydhavnsCompagniet** is the conference caterer and works with vulnerable citizens. Sustainability is valued in all aspects of social educational work that include nature and outdoor life, active citizenship, volunteering, user involvement, and local value. In Sydhavnen and in Nørrebro, two drop-in centers with counseling and a community kitchen are operated, as well as "The Old Post Office", as a social economic enterprise with up- and recycling of recycled materials. Respect is shown to everyone - regardless of thought, ethnicity and belief.

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**Madboks** (Foodbox) is a volunteer organization, where a community of 500 volunteers save food surplus from supermarkets and bakeries from becoming waste. Madboks aims to provide better nutrition to improve people's health by making better food more accessible, all while fighting food waste. Every week, food is collected from local supermarkets and packaged into mixed boxes with fruits, veggies, and baked goods, which are then given to people from the local community.

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# Artists

**Elise Bjerkelund Reine** is a circus performer based in Copenhagen. She works with experimental and political circus to push boundaries and norms, aiming to evoke and provoke emotions through taking performative risks. She is educated in Denmark (AFUK) and France (CNAC). After 23 years in the trapeze, and as a contortionist in every conceivable position, she uses her equilibrist circus language to explore topics aimed at an adult audience. Elise is also the founder and artistic director of Feral Festival.

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**Mikkel Hobitz** is a multidisciplinary circus artist who has toured the world with his award-winning performances for the past 15 years. He explores curiosity, trust, and musicality through a unique blend of precision and raw physicality, where play and human connection are at the core of his artistic expression.

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**GLiMT AMAGER** is a small-scale urban theater in Amager Vest, dedicated to creating joy, reflection, and community through contemporary circus, physical theater, and sound walks. GLiMT AMAGER produces performances and circus workshops in Maskinhallen and around the city, where artists and musicians transform familiar urban spaces. We often collaborate with partners to create unique and dynamic activities, including innovative conference experiences where scenic elements create space for reflection on important agendas.

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