

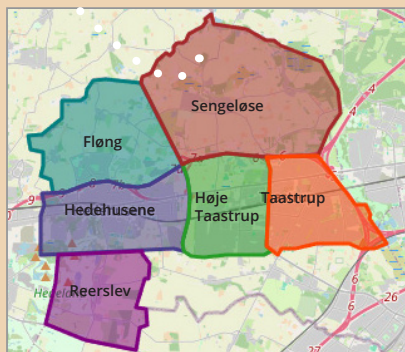
The Six Local Communities – A Living Laboratory for Research and Project Work

Explore Høje-Taastrup Municipality through Real-World Challenges

How does integration shape local communities? What distinguishes life in a railway town such as Taastrup from that in a village like Sengeløse?

As a student at Roskilde University (RUC), you have the opportunity to explore questions such as these through a new long-term collaboration with the Høje-Taastrup Tourist Association.

The partnership is built around the Association's extensive digital database, containing detailed information about the municipality's six local communities, including cultural heritage, local history,



places of interest, community organisations, businesses, and other local stakeholders. The database provides a solid foundation for academic study and project work, enabling you to combine theoretical knowledge with real-world challenges and contribute to the understanding and development of local communities.

The six local communities provide an excellent basis for social science research because they:

- vary in size, demographics and urban structure
- combine urban, suburban and rural environments
- include businesses, residential neighbourhoods and cultural assets
- possess strong and distinctive local identities
- are supported by a comprehensive digital knowledge base

The diversity of the six local districts provides an excellent basis for studies and analyses within areas such as:

- Democracy
- Local identity
- Communication
- Functionality
- Well-being and quality of life
- Business and entrepreneurship
- Sustainability
- Community and social cohesion
- Mobility
- Integration
- Culture and local history



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Examples of 15 Project Opportunities

The 15 projects presented on pages 2–3 illustrate a range of potential research topics. **Projects 6, 7 and 11** have been identified as the highest priorities by local politicians and community representatives. However, students are encouraged to choose from any of the 15 themes presented in this brochure.

No	Title	Theme / Content	Focus Areas	Potential Research Questions / Issues
1	Local Democracy and Civic Participation	How democracy and civic engagement work in individual neighborhoods The project can analyze how citizens participate in local decisions, communities, and activities, as well as how interaction functions between citizens, the municipality, businesses, and associations.	Democracy, Communication, Forms of Participation, Social Relations, Local Identity	Do citizens feel heard? Who actively participates in the local community? How does collaboration
2	Social Cohesion and Community	What creates a strong local community? An investigation into what creates a sense of belonging, identity, and community in individual neighborhoods. Focus can be placed on social relations, volunteering, neighborliness, association life, and local meeting places. The project can compare differences between railway towns, suburban housing areas, and rural villages. Volunteering, Social Relations, Local Identity, Integration, Trust and Community How strong is neighborliness? What role do associations and local dedicated individuals play? How are new citizens integrated? How do housing types affect community?	Local Identity, Culture and Local History, Communication, Community	What makes the neighborhood unique? What makes citizens proud of their area? How does local identity arise? How do history and culture affect the experience of the neighborhood?
3	Neighborhood Identity and Local Pride	How local identity and pride emerge An analysis of the factors that make citizens proud of their neighborhood, and how identity is formed through history, culture, architecture, communities, and local narratives.	Local Identity, Culture and Local History, Communication, Community	What makes the neighborhood unique? What makes citizens proud of their area? How does local identity arise? How do history and culture affect the experience of the neighborhood?
4	Sustainability and Green Transition	Sustainability and Green Transition An investigation into how individual neighborhoods can contribute to the green transition and sustainable development. Topics can include transport habits, green mobility, energy consumption, waste sorting, green areas, and climate adaptation. The project can also analyze citizen attitudes and behavior regarding climate and environment.	Sustainability, Mobility, Urban Development, Well-being	How can transport, energy, and waste be handled more sustainably? How can the neighborhood be developed more sustainably? How to engage citizens in the green transition? Which solutions work best locally?
5	Functionality and Everyday Life	The neighborhood's function in daily life The project analyzes how well the neighborhood functions in daily life for children, youth, families, seniors, and working citizens. Focus areas can include access to services, institutions, culture, leisure, transport, and public functions.	Functionality, Mobility, Well-being, Urban Development	Do citizens have access to necessary functions and services? How do transport and everyday logistics work? Are activities or facilities missing?
6	Youth, Well-being, and Belonging	Young people's relationship to the neighborhood The project explores how young people experience their neighborhood, and whether they feel a sense of belonging, community, and well-being. Focus can be placed on youth culture, leisure life, social meeting places, digital communities, and youth expectations for the future.	Well-being, Community, Integration, Communication	Do young people feel a sense of belonging to the neighborhood? Are activities or meeting places missing? How do young people use public spaces and social media?
7	Integration and Diversity	Social and cultural relations The project analyzes how different social and cultural groups live together and participate in the local community. Focus can be on integration, inclusion, social differences, the significance of housing areas, and participation in association life and communities.	Integration, Community, Well-being, Democracy	Are there parallel communities? How is inclusion created? What barriers exist? What role do schools, housing areas, and associations play?
8	The Role of Businesses in the Local Community	Local business life and engagement The project examines how businesses can contribute to local identity, community, and well-being. Focus can be on collaboration between businesses, associations, and citizens, as well as corporate social responsibility and local engagement.	Business Life, Community, Communication, Well-being	Do businesses have a local connection? How do workplaces affect the neighborhood? How can businesses support local activities and communities?
9	Communication and Digital Communities	Digital communication and participation The project analyzes how digital platforms, social media, and digital solutions affect the local community. Focus can be on local information sharing, digital communities, QR solutions, and citizen communication.	Communication, Community, Democracy, Local Identity	How do citizens communicate locally? Can digital platforms strengthen community and participation? Who is digitally excluded?
10	Public Spaces, Mobility, and Safety	The physical surroundings and facilities of the neighborhood The project investigates how citizens use urban spaces, parks, pathways, stations, and public meeting places, and how this impacts well-being, mobility, and perceived safety. It can cover both physical design and citizens' perception of the neighborhood.	Mobility, Well-being, Functionality, Urban Development	Where do citizens feel safe or unsafe? How do transport and access to public spaces work? How does physical design influence citizen behavior?
11	Rural Village vs. Railway Town	How rural areas and railway towns differ The project compares rural areas with railway towns in the municipality and analyzes how urban structure influences community, identity, mobility, service, and well-being.	Community, Identity, Service, Social Relations, Sustainability, Mobility	How do villages and railway towns differ? How does urban structure affect social relations and daily life?
12	Cultural Heritage, Local History, and Volunteering	History, culture, and local resources The project investigates how local history, cultural environments, volunteering, and local dedicated individuals contribute to identity and cohesion in the neighborhood. Focus can be on historical environments, local traditions, activities, and volunteer networks.	Culture and Local History, Community, Well-being, Local Identity	How does cultural heritage strengthen community? What role do volunteers and dedicated individuals play? How is local history communicated?
13	The Attractive Neighborhood	Attractiveness and quality of life The project analyzes what makes a neighborhood attractive to live, work, and engage in. It can combine factors such as well-being, mobility, leisure life, sustainability, culture, services, community, and identity.	Well-being, Functionality, Urban Development, Community	What makes a neighborhood attractive? How can quality of life and sense of belonging be strengthened? Which factors matter most to citizens?
14	The Neighborhood of the Future 2035–2050	Future development and vision The project works with visionary analyses of how neighborhoods can develop leading up to 2035–2050 regarding climate, digitalization, housing types, mobility, demographics, and communities.	Sustainability, Urban Development, Mobility, Functionality	How will climate and technology affect the local community of the future? How can neighborhoods be developed more sustainably and attractively?
15	Mapping the Neighborhood's Resources and Ecosystem	Interplay in the local community The project maps the interplay between citizens, businesses, associations, institutions, culture, facilities, and green areas in individual neighborhoods. The purpose is to create a complete overview of local strengths, gaps, and potential.	Communication, Community, Business Life, Functionality	How does the neighborhood function as an interconnected community? Where are the strengths, gaps, and untapped resources? How can collaboration between local actors be strengthened?

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What Will You Gain by Working with Us?

- **Work with Real Cases**
Address genuine challenges and opportunities rather than purely theoretical assignments.
- **Develop Your Own Ideas**
Apply your academic knowledge, analytical skills and creativity to develop innovative and sustainable solutions.
- **Access to Local Knowledge**
Benefit from access to our digital database, local residents, community leaders, voluntary organisations, cultural institutions and businesses.
- **Create Meaningful Impact**

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Estimated Profile of the Communities in Høje-Taastrup Municipality (2025)

District	Residents (approx.)	Businesses / jobs (approx.)	Associations / Organisations (min.)	Local Stakeholders (min.)	Facilities (min.)
Taastrup	20,000	1,200 / 20,000	24	10	149
Høje Taastrup	18,000	900 / 14,000	15	4	95
Hedehusene	15,000	500 / 7,000	3	7	91
Fløng	3,500	150 / 1,500	14	5	38
Sengeløse	2,500	30 / 1,000	18	6	64
Reerslev	1,500	20 / 500	15	5	49
Municipality Total	60,000	2,800 / 44,000	99	37	486

* Including approximately 32,000 inbound commuters. Approximately 22,000 residents commute out of the municipality for work.

** Excluding municipal institutions.

The figures are based on our website.



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