

# Exploring outdoor play and activities for social and cultural sustainability in and across cultures

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## Background

Play and activities are of specific interest when investigating children's lived sustainability. Outdoor play is an important activity in young children's development as well as their use of cultural artefacts, and children in outdoor play are deeply engaged, exploring experiences, relations and their physical context. The transformative and renewal processes in outdoor play are regarded as essential for sustainability

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## Research question

How children's outdoor play and activities provide conditions for social and cultural sustainability in and across Norway, Denmark and China?

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## Expected results

1. To identify conditions for children's outdoor play and activities that promote learning and development of skills and knowledge related to sustainable lifestyles, and to the feeling of belonging to the place they live
  2. To explore conditions and traditions in the way teachers, parents and children within and across different cultures view children's being, becoming and belonging
  3. To provide broader, wider and diverse perspectives for teachers and children to act locally and think/reflect globally
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**Subject Field:** This study investigates children's play activities and use of cultural artefacts during outdoor playtime in nature and on the kindergarten playground.

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