

KaosPilots Switzerland

The school for social innovation,
social entrepreneurship
and change management



For 20 years, the KaosPilot school in Aarhus, Denmark, has been training young people to become social entrepreneurs, creative leaders and inspiring change makers who are sought after around the world. In collaboration with KaosPilot Denmark, the Bernese consulting firm *changels* now brings this renowned, unusual and multiply awarded program to Switzerland.

The KaosPilot curriculum encompasses a three-year full time education in social innovation and change management. The program understands itself as an alternative to more-established business schools: It is a markedly practice-oriented program that empowers young people to become the far-sighted and playful leaders of tomorrow who crave for contributing to positive social change in our turbulent times.

In a world that is changing faster than we can blink an eye, a need arises for educational programs that enable young people to navigate such complex spaces and times. This is what KaosPilots do – and more: They are tomorrow's compassionate, playful and streetwise leaders who dare think the unthinkable to work towards positive and sustainable social change.

KaosPilot is an action-oriented three-year fulltime program comparable to a bachelor's degree. However, its curriculum cannot be completed within the safety of a school's walls. From day one, students are required to deal with real life and challenges. Therefore, upon completing the program, a KaosPilot can draw on a rich set of well-reflected experiences in creative leadership, project, process and business design. As the comprehensive 2011 alumni survey carried out by KaosPilot Denmark demonstrates, this puts KaosPilot graduates in prime position for their future professional lives: virtually every KaosPilot is employed, and a third of all students has founded their own business – a much higher rate than graduates of some of the world's most renowned business schools.

KaosPilot is not a school where students can just tick off the compulsory course program to get their degree. Instead, future KaosPilots have to take responsibility for their own learning process. They have to be ready to reflect their values, and need to bring with them the urge to create their own ideas and teach them how to fly. And because we believe that social change can only happen through personal growth and enterprise, KaosPilot students have to be prepared to bring in and develop their own personalities – there is no hiding here.

Value-based leadership and social entrepreneurship – two new ways of thinking about entrepreneurship that can help us meet today's challenges – are at the core of the KaosPilot mindset. As such the program contributes to the implementation of the *Principles for Responsible Management Education* formulated by the UNO in 2007. Indeed the program was awarded by UNESCO as an “especially noticeable educational initiative” in that same year. This is only one among many awards the KaosPilot school and graduates have been granted. Moreover, the KaosPilot pedagogical concept has inspired many schools and drawn the attention of numerous educational scientists and studies.

In close collaboration with KaosPilot Denmark, the Swiss association KaosPilots Switzerland starts the KaosPilot program in Switzerland on October 1, 2012. The school will adopt the curriculum by KaosPilot Denmark while at the same time creating a deeply local school that engages with what is happening in Switzerland.

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