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*On the basic concepts of  
Nordic tradition of adult education*

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# *Nordic tradition of adult education*

**Folk enlightenment**

**Enlightenment**

**Bildung**

**Popular adult education**

**Freedom**

**Liberal adult education**

**Folk, people**

state of the art ?

**quality**

**citizenship**

**productivity**

**collaboration**

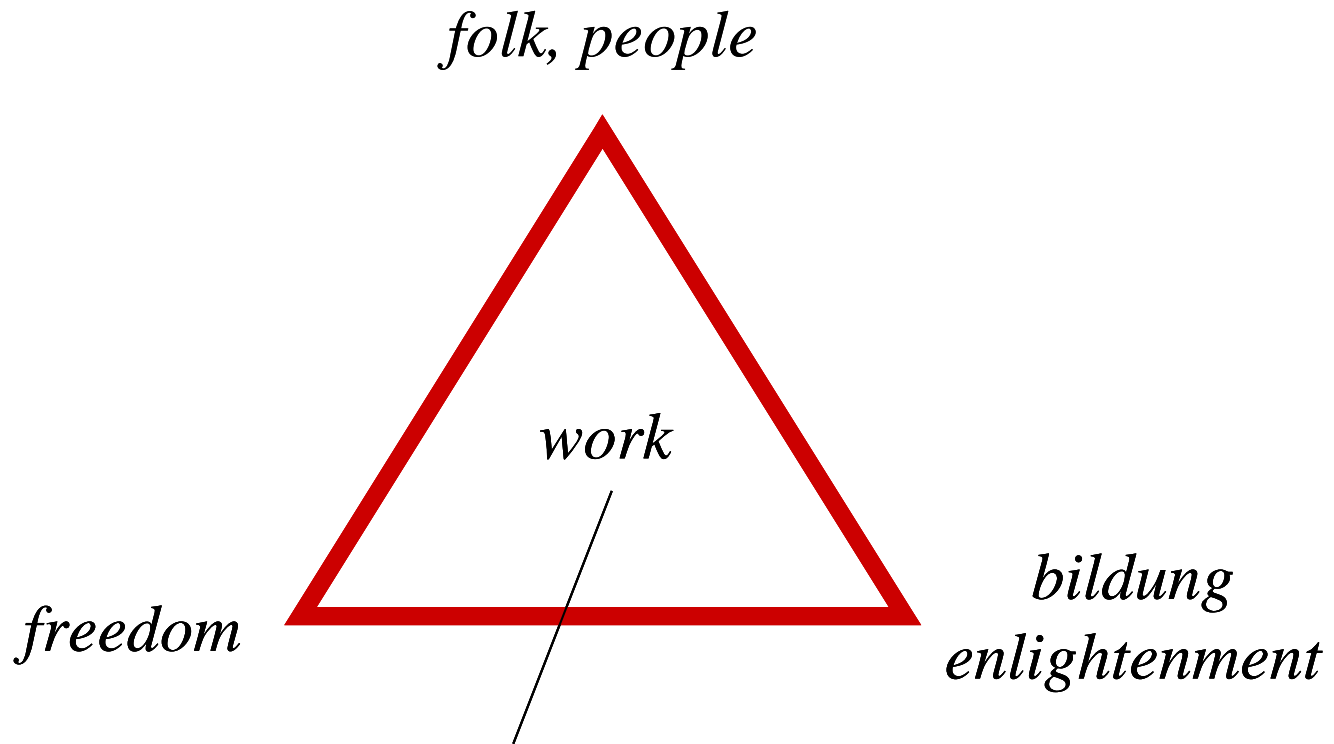
**profitability**

**belonging**

**efficiency**

**Social care/commitment**

# *The concepts*



On becoming human beings and citizens

# *The concept of freedom*



# *The source of enlightenment*

*Korsgaard 2000*

*From above*

God: *The holy bible*

*From outside*

Nature: *Encyclopedia*

*From inside*

The individual

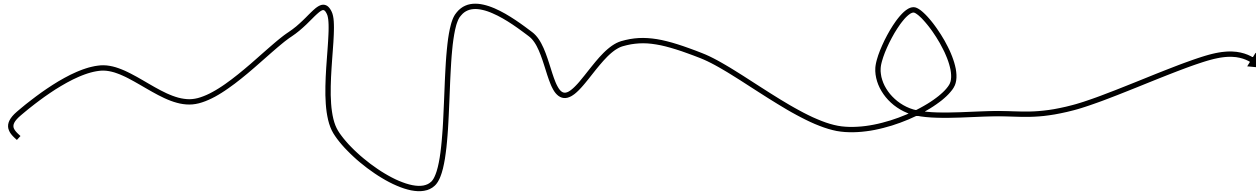
*From below*

The people: *Folk songs*

Working class: *Communist manifesto*

# *The concept of bildung*

*free and endless process of development*



*becoming someone*

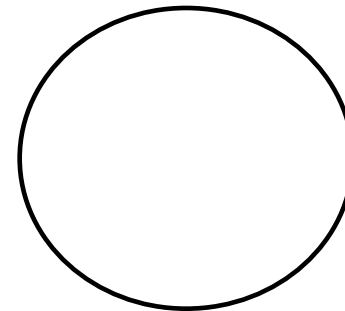
*the process of developing oneself*

*a settled goal or a model*



*becoming something*

*project of becoming a citizen*



# *The concept of folk*

## **Social**

*a group with certain characteristics*

## **Political**

*citizens functioning in a civil society*

## **Ethnical**

*culture, history, traditions and mentality.*

*Participants in a study circle*

*Inhabitants in a peoples home*

*Peasents – human beings – adults*

# *The four dimensions of Nordic tradition of adult education*

