National Museum of Denmark - strategy 2019-2024

Purpose	To teach us about the present Why do we need to spend millions of kroner preserving our national history? Because history is a short cut to understanding what's happening here and now. And Denmark's largest museum of cultural history must be able to tell our story - in the present tense. For unless we understand the present, the past becomes a purely academic exercise. Expert knowledge and business acumen The National Museum has probably to some extent been living in the past. Not surprisingly. We stand on a solid foundation of expert knowledge, but commercially the museum is not a viable enterprise. Both our finances and our role in society need strengthening significantly if we are to survive in the long term. We therefore need to take a great leap forward - into the present. We must take a business approach to everything we do, without compromising on our excellence as a knowledge institution. And no, this does not spell the death of research. After all, we live only as long as we learn.		
Initiatives			
	The National Museum must put its visitors first - and foremost. From our research and curating work to our knowledge dissemination activities, it's all about making the narrative about ourselves attractive to a wide audience.	We're in this together. Artefacts and all. We're all part of the story that needs to be told, and we - all the various departments and museums - must work closely together to bring the exhibits to life.	Research can change people's view of the world. Keeping this in mind, we need to communicate in the present tense and provoke reflection. Because seeing is believing.

