



LEGO® Fan Weekend 2012

The LEGO experience

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A new edition of LEGO Fan Weekend event was held in Skaerbaek, Denmark, on 29 and 30 September 2012. This last edition brought nearly 350 AFOLs from 25 different countries to the convention, making it the most international of all events of fans of LEGO® constructions held to date.

As in the previous editions of last years, several members of the HispaBrick Magazine® staff went to the event. There we saw the great growth and the level reached this year. One of the main features of this event was the great involvement of members of The LEGO® Company in the organization. It was more than a spectacular exhibition of the MOCs made by attendees. Furthermore we were given several workshops, lectures and activities developed throughout the event.

The LEGO Fan Weekend is an AFOL oriented event, organized for the enjoyment of the fans, with large numbers of members of LUGs from many countries. This make it stand out as one of the most important events for fans of LEGO® constructions worldwide. Details like the housing system, shops, activities,

lectures, workshops and the exposition were a good starting point for the different LUGs to share their creations to the rest of the world, and to learn about the evolution of the LEGO hobby in many of the countries represented in the event. Furthermore, this event is a unique opportunity to meet some of the leading builders of the international community, especially at European level and also to meet some of the members of the LEGO® company design team.

The most striking part of the event was the exhibition of MOCs and dioramas made by AFOL attendees, which was gorgeous. Due to the large number of attendees it was possible to see a great variety of dioramas and constructions. From giant mosaics, dioramas of all kinds, even large buildings, to many types of incredible MOCs which were located in the two halls enabled for the exhibition. A lot of attention was given to the many dioramas on scales larger or smaller than minifig scale. Often, most of the dioramas which can be seen in local events are oriented to minifig scale. Also striking was the amount and variety of Technic and Mindstorm MOCs and the huge



GBC, which was another highlight of the exhibition. Hundreds of constructions were exhibited at the LEGO® Fan Weekend 2012, and it would take many articles to comment them, even if we only paid attention to the ones we liked most.

Some of the most important features of the event, and the ones I want to emphasize more, were the various talks that were offered throughout the event by different members of the LEGO® company. They were really interesting, with many details and comments about the activities, production problems, design, successes and failures of the company's products. Some of the questions related to these aspects, posed by AFOL attendees, were answered in these talks. Another activity to highlight was the common meal with all participants and members of the TLC staff. In addition to being

able to share the experience with other attendees, we could attend new talks and the presentation of new sets. There was also the possibility to participate in several workshops on various aspects of the activities of the LEGO® company, but these were restricted to a limited number of attendees.

From the point of view of HispaBrick Magazine® the large number of participants from many different countries allowed us to establish new friendships and contacts in order to collaborate in future articles for the magazine. Although we all share the same hobby, it's interesting to see the way people build with LEGO® pieces and organize their LUGs in different countries. A unique experience.

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