



# LOCAL YOUTH XPERTS

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SCHOOL

# 05 YOUTH TEAM ON A POLITICAL ASSIGNMENT

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## **Purpose of the tool**

To make the path shorter between decision-makers and children and young people. The decision-makers collect answers from selections of children and young people, with the help of a youth team.

## **Who can use it**

Decision-makers in the municipal council, executive committee, education and upbringing committee, and their advisers.

## **What the tool can be used for**

- A group of adults who have been pointed out as safe by young people are invited as part of a team which, together with the mayor/deputy mayor, will collect advice from young people. They are called a youth team.
- Decision-makers travel out to places where children and young people under 18 years are. Where they go is decided by which groups of children they need answers from.
- Children and young people under 18 years are invited to contribute advice and ideas for the best possible municipality for those who are going to live in the municipality in the future.

## **Which children and young people can take part**

All

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## How to find adults for the youth team

- Adults who have been pointed out as safe are selected for the youth team
- Their background can be social pedagogues, football coaches, employees at youth clubs, the street outreach service, or teachers
- The team is changed after each youth month
- The mayor or deputy mayor leads the team

## The team organises youth month

- Youth month is organised one to two times a year
- The aim of youth month is to collect advice from young people in the municipality on a specific theme

## How the theme for youth month is decided

- The theme is decided based on what the municipality is working on and needs advice from young people about
- Examples of themes can for example be:
  - Which changes are needed in the School Health Service
  - What schools in the municipality can do for better well-being
  - How to get more people to attend activities in the municipality

## The task of the team is to

- Travel out to events where children and young people are, schools and clubs, to collect advice on the theme for youth month
- Be out "on the street" to reach those who are not in school or youth clubs
- Be on social media to build trust with young people

## After youth month

- The youth team goes through the advice they have received from the young people and sees what is repeated among many young people
- The advice that is repeated among many young people is included in what the municipality decides
- The youth team posts on social media how they have used the advice from the young people