



# LOCAL YOUTH XPERTS

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# 08 YOUTH TEAM, GOING WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE

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## **Purpose of the tool**

Decision-makers or the administration collect experiences, advice or concrete solution proposals from children and young people by sending out a group of young adults from the municipality/district. These are young adults whom many young people trust. They are given themes and issues from those who are going to make decisions or prepare the basis for decisions. The aim is to give decision-makers answers from a group or a selection of children and young people whose views they need to hear, in order to make the right decisions.

## **Who can use it**

Decision-makers in the municipal council, executive committee, education and upbringing committee, political advisers and the municipal administration - in cooperation with young adults

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

- Collect experiences, advice or solution proposals from young people in the places where they are, by having trusted young adults go out
- Contribute to children and young people experiencing that their experiences and advice about school, services or activities in the municipality are important to those who are going to decide

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

All

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## Who can collect answers from children and young people

- Young adults aged 18-23 years.
- They are from the municipality/district where they are going to meet young people

## How

- The young adults are divided into different teams or groups, who are given responsibility for different themes, questions or for going to different places in the municipality
- The teams can be given the assignment to return to the same place several times, to build more trust and ensure that the answers they receive are thorough

## Places the teams can go to

- Schools
- Youth clubs and low-threshold services
- McDonald's, Burger King or other cafés / places to eat
- Bus and train stations or other open meeting places
- Parks, skate parks and football pitches

## Themes the teams can ask young people about

- This can be all kinds of themes that decision-makers want to hear children's and young people's views on. When trusted young adults are sent to places where children or young people are, they can also ask about things that are difficult, challenging or frightening

## The team organises events for children and young people

- The team organises events where groups of children or young people are invited to describe how school, services or the municipality are experienced. Children and young people with experience related to the issues concerned are invited to take part
- The events can have themes such as school, youth clubs, health clinics or the street outreach service
- At the events, young people are asked about what is good and what should be done differently by the service/system

## The responsibility of the youth team after they have received advice and ideas

- The team summarises the experiences, advice and/or solution proposals. What is repeated by many young people is gathered in a report that is passed on to the decision-makers or the administration
- The team can invite children and young people to present the answers directly to those who are going to make decisions or to the administration that prepares the knowledge base for the decision