



LOCAL YOUTH XPERTS

SCHOOL

09 OPEN DIALOGUES FOR ADVICE

Purpose of the tool

Decision-makers collect experiences, advice or concrete solution proposals from children and young people by organising open dialogues. The dialogues are organised in places that children and young people can experience as safe. The dialogues can be open to everyone or only to children and young people with a specific type of experience. The aim is that decision-makers learn from different groups of children and young people what is important to them, 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 administration.

What the tool can be used for

- Decision-makers collect experiences, advice and solution proposals by organising dialogues for children and young people on different themes, to achieve 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

Who can be invited

- Larger groups of children and young people
- Children and young people with a specific experience

Themes for the dialogue can for example be

- How the mental health services in the municipality feel
- Which changes are needed in the School Health Service
- Which leisure activities the municipality lacks
- How to prevent violence and youth crime
- What kind of help young people who abuse drugs need
- What the municipality can do so that fewer young people spend time in the town centre in the evenings
- What schools in the municipality can do for better learning
- What schools in the municipality can do for better well-being

How invitations can be made

- The decision-makers who are going to take part in the dialogue can make a short video where they provide information about the dialogue and why they are organising it.
- If the dialogues are to be open to all children and young people, information about the dialogue meeting and the theme is posted on social media.
- If the dialogue is for children and young people with a specific type of experience, information is sent to children and young people through health services, the street outreach service / youth outreach service, child protection services, the police.
- Information is provided about why the decision-makers are there and what they are going to do with the answers they receive.

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Places where the dialogues can be organised

- Primary or lower secondary schools
- Youth clubs
- Low-threshold services
- Cultural venues
- Football pitches or skate parks

How the dialogues can be carried out

- Start with one or more energisers, something to get to know each other a bit
- Provide information about why they are there and what the answers will be used for
- Invite those who take part to talk about what is good, what should be done differently and to give advice on what the municipality should do better in the future

The responsibility of the decision-makers after they have received advice and ideas

- Leave information on how children and young people can get in touch if they have more to contribute or have questions
- Post information on social media about how the advice from children and young people has been included in the process

