

How to encourage young people to get involved in their community life?

- Hildegunn Rye
- Leader of Hedmark youth county council

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Hedmark

- 22 municipalities
- 190.000 inhabitants
- 8 municipalities in the mountainregion from Hedmark and Sør-Trøndelag counties



Hedmark youth county council

- Democratically chosen
- Board of 13 members
- Meeting with all members at least two times a year
- Age: 15 - 23
- Four committees:
 - Culture
 - Transport and regional co-operation
 - Education and health
 - Environment and international co-operation

Youth participation on three levels

- Municipality: Members chosen through school. From 13-18 years old.
- Youth council choose two members to the county council
- County: 44 members + leader of youth county council.
- National: Youth parliament annually. Two representatives from each county.

How do we get what we want?

- Speak in the County Council
- Lobbying
- Media
- Stop talking – start doing!



STOR FORSKJELL: – Det er stor forskjell for oss ungdommer på en hundrelapp og en femtilapp, mener Oda Oldertreen (til venstre) og Hildegunn Rye. Foto: Guril Bergersen

Kjemper for femtilappen

Ungdommens fylkesting protesterer mot forslaget om å øke satsen for Trygt hjem for en femtilapp.

From youth council to party politics

- Politic neutrality
- Learn political processes
- Networking
- Norway's youngest mayor was member of the youth county council in Hedmark!



How do we get youth involvement?

- Power and influence!
- Fun, not only politics
- Learning by doing
- Let us meet YOU
- Confidence



When is our involvement vital?

- All the time!
- Involve youth with different backgrounds
- Councils in the municipalities and the county

Good practise

- Taxi instead of bus
- Culture card
- Teaching evaluation



HEDMARK
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The Highlands and Hedmark

Similarities:

- Close link with local council
- Regular Executive Meeting(board meeting)
- Speaking rights at council meetings
- Political neutral
- Potential to develop future leaders and politicians

Differences

- Full time paid Youth Convener
- Voting rights on council committees

Thank you for your attention!

