Opportunities for young adults to participate in Liechtenstein

How multi-layered offerings promote participation

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Introduction
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• Overview
• Where am I?
• For youth from adults
• Permanent organizations of youth for youth

• Topics of young people
• Recommendations / Experiences
• Open questions / discussion
Overview
Where am I?
Children & Youth Information

Children and young people receive information about rights, opportunities and offers.

- Protection of minors
- Dissemination of information material
- Events

Children & Youth Survey

Children and adolescents take a stand on concrete questions. The municipality takes up the issue with loyalty. Questions are answered.

- Questionnaire
- Moderated group discussion on a given topic
- Public discussion events

Children & Youth Dialogue

Children and adolescents are given advice and bring in what is really important to them. This can lead to initiatives.

- Young people formulate essential concerns
- Measures and initiatives are outlined
- Presentation and discussion of the results with or to decision-makers
- Young people receive an appointment to reply
**Youth team**

Young people join together to form a group and realize their ideas in cooperation with the country and/or the municipality.

- Young people become active together
- Networking in the municipality at state level
- Implementation of concrete plans

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**Participation days**

Children and young people are invited to develop projects and implement them with the support of adults. Young people receive information about the resulting implementation measures, young people are invited to develop projects and implement these with the help of adults and specified coaches.

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**Youth forum**

Young people form a formally anchored team with rights and duties to help shape the community or the country.

- Youth members advise various bodies such as e.g. kijub
- Municipality and state decide rights and duties
- Young people elect the board
For youth from adults
Aha

- Youth information
- Contact point for questions of all kinds
- Consulting for stays abroad

- Founded in 1999
- 2002-2004: Concept development on behalf of the government
Kijub
Liechtenstein

- Financial support and advice for projects
- Advising the Government
- Statutory audit
Speaking, developing and deciding together

**Aims:**

- Increase participation of young people in political and social decisions
- Boosting networked child and youth policies
- Call for political integration of young people's interests and opinions
- Publicizing topics relevant to children and young people
- Support in participative projects by and for children and young people
Aims

To offer open youth work in a technically centralized way

- Support on the way to independence
- Children and adolescents integrated into the community on a partnership basis
- In the center:
  - Promotion of the aptitude initiative
  - Taking responsibility

Each municipality is independent and gets its own expert!
Permanent organizations of youth for youth
Jubel - History

- 2007 Start Jubel
- 2 years limited pilot phase
- Program Jubel well established
- 2009 Order Government Continuation

- 2007-2013 - very good development
- Participation in events & projects
2016: Concept completely revised

- Increasing focus on political education

Events:
- More space for the implementation of project ideas
- Fewer project presentations, more dialogue and exchange

- Continuing education for young people:
- Learning of planning and decision-making processes
Aims

• Participation of young people
• Involvement in the decisions for the world of tomorrow
• Raising awareness of politics and society
Challenges

• puberty
• career choice
• School burdens etc..
• There is a lack of knowledge about one's own co-determination and participation rights.
More space is needed for young people to experience political education. In principle, everyone is in demand because youth participation always depends strongly on the extent to which adults (can) allow such participation.

But how?

What has come of it?
Jugendrat
Liechtenstein

• founding
  • Start with Easyvote
  • Projects - hands-on politics, youth sessions

• Destination ?
  • Bring young people to vote
  • Non-partisan and politically neutral
  • provide a platform
Projects / current topics of young people
• Climate change
• Digitalisation
• Spare time
• Mobility
Recommendations/Experiences
• Listening, Speaking and Inviting
• Change and make visible
• Include in decisions
• Delegate responsibility
• Work digitally and be open-minded
“Information, participation and co-determination in the form of youth participation enable young people to be involved in today's issues at an early stage and thus prepare them in the best possible way for tomorrow's opportunities and challenges.” – Michael Schädler