



AGDER
fylkeskommune

Agder youth council

Participation councils in Agder county

- Senior Citizen Council- Adopted by law in 1991
- Advisory Council for People with Disabilities- Adopted by law in 2005
- Youth Advisory Council- adopted by law in 2019
- Advisory Council for equality, inclusion and diversity- Not adopted by law, but an additional council in Agder.

Participation and influence

- According to the Local Government Act, county municipalities are required to have a youth council.
- The council shall ensure that youths have their say in matters concerning them.
- Since youths under the age of 18 don't have the right to vote or can stand for election themselves, there are few opportunities to have a say and influence political decisions.
- This does not mean that politicians must do as the youth council says, but they must know what the youth think before they make decisions.

Conference for municipal youth councils (UFT)

- In January every year we arrange a conference where all the municipal youth councils are invited to send two of their members to participate.
- The result: We gather around 50 young people in the age 15-19 on this yearly event.
- This is where the regional youth council is elected.



Youth Advisory Council 2021



Speaking time in the County Council

All four participative councils share one hour of speaking time in the County Council where they can talk about topics that are important to them.



A national youth council – a cooperation of all 11 regional youth council

