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DEMOS: Universal prevention of extremism and building culture for democratic competences



Background: Our experiences

- Radicalization and violent extremism
- Foreign fighters travelling to Syria and Iraq
- The Nordic Resistance Movement
- What about extremist attitudes?



→ *How can we prevent extremism and hate, and strengthen democracy and citizenship among children and youth – through arenas such as schools, youth clubs and libraries?*





Democracy guides in Fredrikstad

Workshops for youth



Deep debate – an arena for exploring complicated societal issues

... and debates in youth clubs



Democracy camp 2021



And we want to try out...

- Dialogue theatre as a means to practice democracy
- To improve our student democracy
- Improve the subject «Democracy in practice»
- Use trips to Utøya, Centre of 22nd of July and Al Noor-mosque in schools
- Support youth clubs, libraries and schools in their projects



Groups:

What phenomena, attitudes, values and trends can be a threat to democracy and culture for democratic competences in Europe today? How can we work to counter these?

How can we contribute so that more youths and young adults engage in local communities, politics and societal issues? If we are arranging informal or formal education settings, programs or workshops, how should they be to facilitate engagement? To want youth to join and participate? What methods should we use? Didactics? Themes?

A community of disagreement is a group (of friends, class, school, working place, local community) where it is possible to disagree and have different values, to state your opinion and discuss, without this resulting in the group breaking up or the togetherness is broken up. How can we build or strengthen such communities of disagreement? At school? In other arenas? Where can we "practice" democracy? In what ways?

What do we want?

- Strengthen existing programmes
- Further cooperation and knowledge
- Municipality and civil society
- Learn better ways of working and increase quality
- Involve youth on all levels

Guiding principles

- For youth – with youth
- We practice democracy – through action
- A joint effort
- Real democracy - transparency