



European Capital of Democracy
Webinar #7

Cities Teach: Democratic, Social &
Digital Inclusion

Best Practice

Participation Workshop

**Create
your City!**



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Help to shape



Have a say



Take part



Since 2019, the Innovation Centre Linz has had an office in Pfarrgasse and the online platform [innovation.linz.at](https://www.innovation.linz.at), where citizens have the opportunity to help shape the city with constructive suggestions.

Initial situation

- COVID, war, climate crisis - today's young people are facing serious challenges. Rarely has the future been so uncertain, they are afraid, they are dystopian.
- Riots at Halloween 2022 in the center of the City of Linz
- **Create your City! aims to rekindle courage and encourage positive thinking.**
- The aim is to motivate young people (aged 11-20) to take part in social life and actively shape their city.



Initial situation

- One particular focus is on young people who are about to become eligible to vote (in Austria: at the age of 16).
- At the Innovationshauptplatz, this group has the opportunity to participate digitally and take part in events and formats.
- In cooperation with our project partner the 'Ministry for Curiosity and Future Studies', we are asking the questions:
 - What do you like about the city of Linz?**
 - What would you like to change?**



Ministerium
für Neugier &
Zukunftslust

What if?

The Ministry for Curiosity & Future Lust is a non-profit initiative by proactive for the cultivation of epistemic curiosity in business and society and the associated desire for the future.

www.neugierundzukunftslust.at

Handwritten notes on a board:

- Stress (stress)
- alleine unterwegs sein
- Wenig Parkplätze
- abends unterwegs sein
- Umwelt
- Alle Menschen sollen sich nicht ernstgenommen
- STAU
- Hotze n der Stadt!
- wenig Hygiene (am Bus terminal)
- Sicherheit im Verkehr
- ORIENTIERUNG
- Menschen werden nicht AKZEPTIERT
- gibt im HB fast keine getränkelabende Toiletten



‘It all starts in Linz‘



The workshop begins in the foyer of the Old Town Hall, where an aerial photograph of the city is displayed on the floor, on which the pupils first locate themselves in response to questions such as ‘Where is your school?’, ‘Where are you at home?’, ‘Which places in Linz do you particularly like, which ones not at all? And why?’

Practising municipal council



The workshop then moves to the municipal council chamber. After a brief introduction to the activities and composition of the municipal council, the participants work in small groups to develop arguments in favour of and against the city of Linz. Similar to a municipal council meeting, these are then debated in a panel discussion. Mayor Klaus Luger also takes time for the young people in the workshop.

For preparation and follow-up, participants also receive a brochure as accompanying material with links to [videos of the City Senate members](#) and information on the workshop topics.



Developing ideas



In the final part of the workshop, the problems identified serve as a basis for developing ideas on how the city of Linz can be made more liveable. The pupils are provided with various materials, from flipcharts to Lego, to visualise their ideas in the best possible way and present them to each other.

After the workshop



After the workshop, the ideas developed can be submitted to the participation platform via innovation.linz.at.

With sufficient support from the community, the proposals will then actually reach the relevant experts at Linz City Council and, depending on the possibilities, may even be implemented or even discussed in the real Linz City Council.



List

Map

163 suggestions

Newest ▾



Resuscitation Day

Thomas Kloimstein
3 days ago

53/50 0



New club for day and night - 808 Club

André
2 months ago

Answers 0



The help house

Sophie wieser
2 months ago

Expired 0



Brave Hearts Retreat

AL N
2 months ago

Expired 0



New pump track in Linz Pichling near the skate park, Schwaigaustraße...

Christian Ries
2 months ago

Answers 3



Children's museum for democracy and against racism

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2 months ago

Answers 7



STOP the unchecked consumption of land in the Linz/Dornach...

Search proposal

STATUS

All 163

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Answered84

Expired76

Unsuitable1

TOPIC TAGS

Nature and biodiversity

Cleanliness and waste

Sustainable development

Mobility

Energy and technology

Labor, economy and tourism

Living

Public spaces and buildings

Security

Education and youth

Culture, sport and events

Health and well-being

Social Inclusion

Development of the community





Children's museum

Johanna Euler-Wegerer
6 months ago

Expired 4



Make street music possible by eliminating the 50 euro daily fee

Christina Rittenschober
7 months ago

Answers 9

Lack of public transport connections

Gabriele Kössler
7 months ago

Expired 0



Redesign of Wiener Str./Musiktheater underpass

Jürgen Bonath
7 months ago

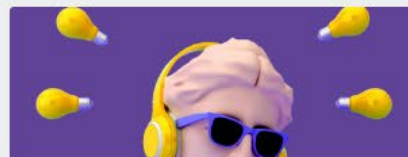
Answers 10



Public toilets

Mia Lanzerstorfer
7 months ago

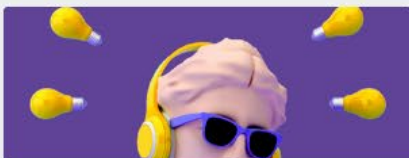
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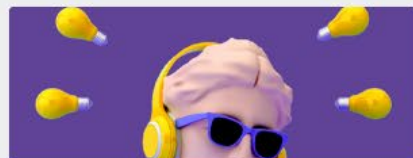
Fiber optics for Pachmayrstrasse

Innovation Capital Linz
7 months ago

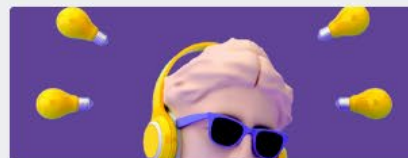
Answers 0



Lederergasse cycle path



Open day in Linz



Fighting the garbage in



Impact

- **Young people show a remarkable openness to participation and a desire to actively make a difference and shape things.** They want their voices to be heard and taken seriously.
- The feedback from the teachers is extremely positive, as they can observe changes in the pupils.
- Even those who were previously considered difficult take the format seriously and participate.
- The main aim of the project is to promote positive narratives and instil an optimistic mindset in young people.

Impact

- **No matter what age or type of school - the young people deal with similar topics every time:** Affordable housing, mental health, social coexistence, environmental and climate protection, racism and diversity.
- They discuss these topics in depth and realise that political decisions affect their personal environment.
- The participation workshop is so popular that all dates in 2024 (the workshop takes place once a month) are already fully booked.
- **By the end of 2024, over 500 young people will have taken part in Create your City.**





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