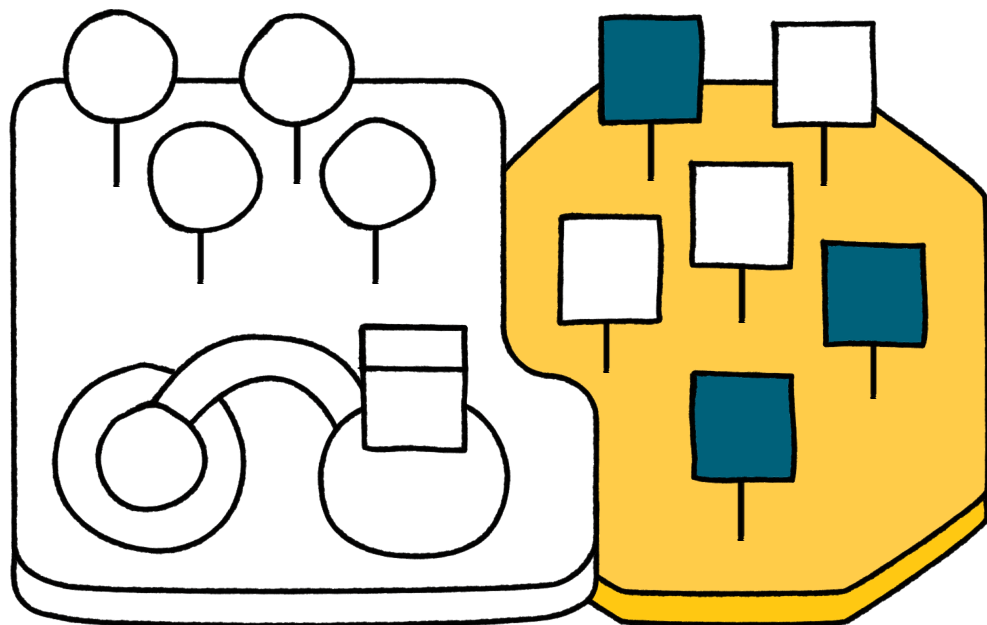


Lyss

EVALyss – evaluating political aims with children



Time frame

Not specified



Institutional framework



Structure-related quality criteria

Strategic orientation
Efficacy review
Participation and identification

Stakeholders

Political legislative
Political executive
Extra-curricular education

The starting point

The Lyss and environs children's and young people's agency headed up the EVALyss project in the schools of the Lyss municipality alongside the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences' social work department. The EVALyss project had the objective of securing the participation of children and young people in the political process. This was done using a survey of ideas and perspectives on the draft political legislature aims from children and young people. The project team created guidelines for carrying out workshops to find out the ideas and perspectives of children and young people.

Aims

- Children and young people are given the opportunity to participate in political processes in an age-appropriate way.
- Guidelines are developed to set out how to get children involved in the political legislature aims.

Target group

- Municipal council (executive) and department heads of Lyss municipality
- Children and young people in Lyss

Project progression

A steering group supervised the project. It comprised the director of the children's and young people's agency, a local councillor from the Social Affairs and Youth department and the head of the Social Affairs and Youth department.

A co-chaired project team created the «Guidelines for the Evaluation of Political Aims with Children and Young People» alongside the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences. Then, age-appropriate workshops were held with two classes each from the lower classes, lower secondary classes and upper classes in order to gather the ideas and perspectives of children and young people. The children and young people presented the results to the entire municipal council at a meeting. The project closed with a visible public event where the children and young people released balloons with their wishes and ideas.

Success factors

- Good collaboration between the children's and young people's agency and the schools/authorities.
- Tenacity when working with political decision-makers.
- Supervision even beyond the project's end (ensuring sustainability, supervising the projects stemming from the ideas, etc.).

Challenges

Incorporating the ideas and wishes in the municipality's legislative aims after hand-over to the municipal council.

Conclusion

The children took part with great enthusiasm and initiative. Many creative and feasible ideas and wishes were collated.

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