

Election program 2023-27 for Luster SV

For the many, not for the few

Luster SV is a socialistic and inclusive party that works for distributing our resources so that they benefit everyone. Our society needs a multitude of people with different backgrounds, opinions, identities, and interests. Luster SV works *for* inclusion and *against* prejudice, discrimination, and oppression. We want a well-founded community and a municipality that ensures a safe and sound everyday life for its inhabitants. The climate crisis, environmental destruction, and environmental inequalities are the major challenges of our time. The Socialist Left Party (SV) is running for election in Luster to reduce inequality, strengthen welfare and fight against climate change and the nature crisis.

Upbringing and education

A good childhood lasts a lifetime. Kindergarten and school are important arenas for making a good start in life and reducing social and economic differences, as well as achieving inclusion and understanding.

Luster SV will:

- work for a free core time at SFO (after-school program) for grades 1-4 and reduce the price of holiday SFO
- work to reduce the price of kindergarten places
- work to ensure that Luster municipality becomes a pioneering municipality with an increased, safe basic staffing in kindergartens and schools
- pilot project with a coherent school day where SFO and leisure activities become a part of the day
- ensure that the municipality has adequate available kindergarten places to ensure flexibility
- ensure that Luster municipality will continue to be an active and proactive Nynorsk municipality in education
- focus on targeted work for good mental health and work against bullying.

Inclusion and diversity

Luster municipality shall be a good municipality for all, and the municipality must work purposefully with inclusion work. We should not let people fall outside of society but ensure that everyone is valued and seen. Inclusion efforts are aimed at education, work, leisure, and where people meet.

Luster SV will:

- facilitate a diverse and varied settlement
- ensure that the municipality has a targeted effort to strengthen the inclusion work, also towards different organizations
- ensure that Sogn Cultural School is an important arena for inclusion
- ensure that the municipality of Luster shall flag with the Sami flag on Sami's national day the 6th of February and flag with the rainbow flag when celebrating Pride
- strengthen the work in the municipality against discrimination, violence, and harassment based on gender, gender expression, ethnicity, religion, life stance, disability, and sexual orientation

- work to ensure that the municipality has routines for the competence development of staff in kindergartens, child welfare services, and the basic school on LGBT issues and cultural diversity so that children are met in a good and inclusive manner
- ensure that the library has a wide selection of queer literature, queer films, and information material about LGBT people, which replicates the diversity of the population
- ensure that the municipality of Luster will offer neutral ceremonial rooms, for instance for burials
- ensure a good Nynorsk educational offer for adult immigrants
- ensure that Luster adult education and the refugee service are given sufficient resources to make a good introduction to the community
- ensure that the municipality still offers many quality language internships
- ensure participation in working life for adult immigrants and other workers who need adaptations.

Work, welfare, and health

The labor market and the welfare society need each other to function. Luster SV finds it particularly important to listen to those who are influenced by current decisions and priorities.

Luster SV will:

- work for a full-time culture with permanent and full-time positions. It is important to eliminate involuntary part-time work
- ensure that the municipality of Luster is a good training company for apprentices
- ensure that the health and care services in the municipality remain municipal. We say no to privatization
- have an age-friendly municipality. It is important to ensure that the home services have enough resources to give those living at home a good and safe service
- encourage contact and cooperation between the schools and care- and healthcare services
- strengthen efforts to prevent sexual harassment and ensure good reporting systems
- ensure that the municipality is a safe employer that has a good dialogue with the union representative
- ensure and strengthen the decentralized dental health service in the municipality.

Culture for all

Everyone, regardless of economic, social, cultural, or ethnic background and age, should be allowed to participate in, create and experience art and cultural expressions, regardless of where one lives in the municipality. People's finances or health should not be an obstacle to taking part in cultural life, whether it is as a performer or audience.

Luster SV will:

- strengthen sports and cultural life in the municipality
- ensure that everyone has equal access to create, participate, and experience art and culture, regardless of background, gender, functional ability, religion, sexual orientation, and age
- maintain and strengthen the leisure fund (kulturfond) so that everyone aged 0-18 years can participate in leisure activities regardless of finances
- develop venues that are beneficial for concerts and other events
- work to ensure that Sogn Cultural School hosts an offer that everyone can benefit from

- support various development projects like *Kulturen i naturen (The Culture in Nature)*
- ensure that the cultural heritage in the municipality is protected and preserved.

Business, agriculture, and value creation

A varied working life is important for people to choose to live in Luster. We need both private and public workplaces so that Luster can continue as a migrant municipality. Agriculture in Luster is a very important industry for the entire municipality. We need both the full-time farmer, the part-time farmer, and small-scale agriculture.

Luster SV will:

- work for sustainable development in businesses
- be an attractive municipality for the establishment of new businesses
- facilitate more apprenticeships, both in the private and the public sector
- secure Sogndal airport as a prerequisite for a vibrant business community in Luster and the entire region
- work to get Sogndal Airport involved in any project with electric passenger aircraft
- ensure that the municipality is an active player in ensuring good conditions for local food production and agriculture
- ensure that the municipality secures and supports the sustainable business development that takes place in local agriculture
- protect the topsoil in the municipality
- ensure sustainable agriculture and forestry

Climate and environment

Nature is a source of life, health, and value creation. We must take care of our protected areas and sustainably protect our natural resources, also for the generations that come after us.

Luster SV will:

- use the status as a national park municipality more actively
- stand up for the protection of the Sognefjord
- ban light fishing in the Lustrafjord to protect the Lustrafjord herring, sea otter, and wild salmon
- protect the Flahamarskjeret (in the Lustrafjord)
- set emission requirements for cruise ships in the Lustrafjord
- work to prevent further development of natural areas and agricultural areas
- be restrictive to new areas for cabin construction
- work against windmills in the mountains and protect our waterways
- be restrictive in using energy and space for data storage
- protect the mire as a climate and natural resource and species and natural diversity in the mire
- facilitate sustainable tourism
- ensure everyone's access to nature experiences
- set environmental requirements for suppliers the municipality buys goods and services from
- advocate for a project where the municipality installs solar cells on municipal roofs
- ensure a good charging network for electric cars in the municipality.

Democracy

A people's government is carried on by broad public involvement, access to knowledge, and closeness between the governed and the governed. SV Luster wishes to get most people involved in local politics.

Luster SV will:

- ensure that it should be easy for residents to meet the municipality and influence municipal processes
- ensure that the municipality and municipal democracy systematically invites its residents to open meetings on political matters
- stimulate recruitment efforts to achieve a more representative people's government, where especially young people and new immigrants are important target groups
- ensure that the municipality of Luster shall remain its own municipality. SV Luster demands a public vote if the issue is raised during the period
- ensure that the municipality of Luster shall maintain and strengthen cooperation with neighboring municipalities.

Emergency preparedness and safety

One of the most important tasks of the municipality is to ensure that residents can live safely. Climate change and more extreme weather conditions increase the need for emergency preparedness. In recent years, we have seen more centralization of emergency services, and with it comes challenges making it necessary that the municipality take steps to secure the municipality in extreme cases.

Luster SV will:

- ensure good pedestrian and cycle paths in the municipality
- prioritize the well-maintained care of the municipal roads, protect roads from avalanches, and work for yellow lines
- build more avalanche- and flood protection for the future
- strengthen rescue preparedness on our fjords in light of cruise tourism in the area
- work to ensure that the ambulance services still have a base in the municipality
- work to ensure that voluntary emergency preparedness organizations have good conditions in the municipality.

Housing and communities

How one lives is fundamental for us as human beings. Luster needs a housing policy that allows for building community, peace in everyday life, and the possibility to participate in activities. Near the village center, there is necessary to focus on solving challenges related to traffic for pedestrians. It should be safe to grow up in Luster, and therefore it should also be safe to travel to and from school, training, and visits with friends.

Luster SV will:

- facilitate housing construction that meets different needs in the same neighborhood
- ensure that in the case of new construction, priority space is given to the recreation area and intergenerational meeting places

- focus on age-friendly housing, especially in the vicinity of the village center in the municipality
- ensure that the municipality offers tenant housing in different sizes to people in different phases of life
- that the municipality takes an active part in the development of the downtown area and ensures good areas for activity and social life
- increase and support the initiative *Rent to own (leie til eige)* and give more people the opportunity to buy their own homes.