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LATVIA'S EXPERIENCE



Civic education initiative, learning by doing, participation



First time in 2025 as a pilot project - limited locations and late results



It was organized in 15 randomly selected municipalities, involving 16-17-year-old young people. Voting was conducted online.



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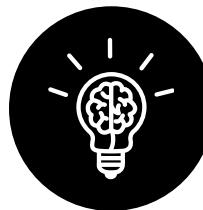
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MAIN CHALLENGES



Lack of basic knowledge among young people. More attention must be given to developing critical thinking and information analysis skills – these are essential for making conscious voting choices.



Lack of understanding in society that young people are equal members with their own voice and choice. Fear from sides of teachers and politicians.



Democratic participation requires systematic effort – the education system and related sectors must prepare young people not only for election day but for life in a democracy.

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February 12

A cooperation memorandum was signed, and 15 municipalities were selected.



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February - March

Young people participated in think-tanking sessions drafting demands for political parties.



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SOME SUGGESTIONS



24h public WC and tram service in Rīga, bicycle infrastructure to suburbs, transform pedestrian tunnels into spaces of culture, public transport lines on streets



More paid internships, lectures on mental health and media literacy, free lunch in school, support for new businesses



more sports infrastructure, water filling stations close to sports and free time spots, more sitting opportunities in parks, social inclusion and support for seniors

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March

Political parties familiarized themselves with the ideas developed by youth.



April - May 19

Young people explored municipal work and learned about party programs.



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May 19 - 31

Young people voted digitally, only in one city
in paper, simulating real municipal elections.



June 7, 20.01

Results were published and
commented on by experts.



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SELECTED MUNICIPALITIES

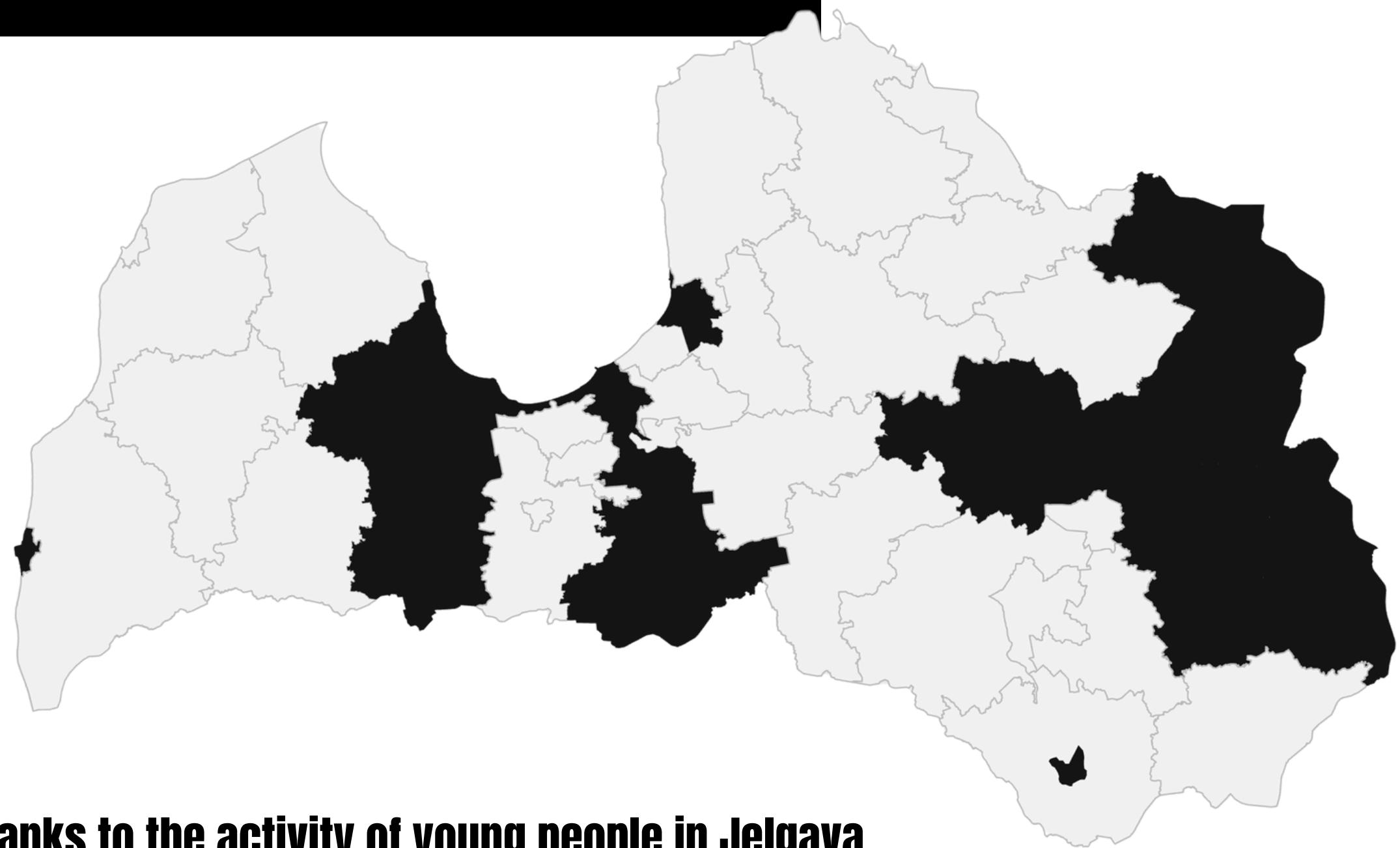
- Alūksne Municipality
- Balvi Municipality
- Bauska Municipality
- Daugavpils City Municipality
- Dobele Municipality
- Jūrmala City Municipality
- Kekava Municipality
- Liepāja City Municipality
- Ludza Municipality
- Madona Municipality
- Rēzekne Municipality
- Rēzekne City Municipality
- Riga City Municipality
- Saulkrasti Municipality
- Tukums Municipality



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**Thanks to the activity of young people in Jelgava,
Signālvēlēšanas also took place in person in three Jelgava schools.**

RESULTS

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS:
23 463

TOTAL VOTES CAST:
2000 (8.52%)



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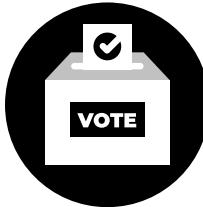


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27.75%	Ludza Municipality
26.39%	Alūksne Municipality
23.92%	Balvi Municipality
21.34%	Daugavpils City Municipality
19.15%	Rēzekne City Municipality
15.87%	Rēzekne Municipality
14.52%	Bauska Municipality
14.17%	Dobele Municipality
11.99%	Madona Municipality
10.39%	Liepāja City Municipality
9.9%	Ķekava Municipality
8.14%	Tukums Municipality
3.7%	Rīga City Municipality
2.95%	Jūrmala City Municipality
2.12%	Saulkrasti Municipality



FUTURE PLANS



The 15th Saeima (*Parliament of Latvia*) elections will take place on October 3, 2026.



***Signālvēlēšanas* is planned for September 14-27, 2026, in all schools across Latvia. Large edu support.**



Participants will be high school students, and voting will take place in person.



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NORDIC EXPERIENCE

FINLAND

School elections (*kouluaalit*) are held before national elections. In 2023, a record 90,435 students participated.

NORWAY

Since 1989, school elections (*Skolevalgprosjektet*) have been systematically organized in highschools before national elections.

SWEDEN

School elections are also organized in schools before national elections.

DENMARK

School elections (*skolevalg*) are usually held simultaneously with or shortly before national elections.

ICELAND

No nationwide school elections are held, but some schools organize them as part of civic education programs.



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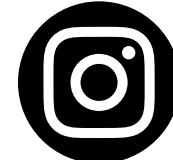


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