



Young data (ungdata)

Youth survey

The majority of the regional intoxication competence centers has a long history of performing survey based youth research for local communities. NOVA and the former program for youth research (Ungforsk), has a equivalent history that goes back to the 1980s. Many communes also have conducted their own youth surveys.

These surveys have all had a component that involves topics such as intoxicants, tobacco and other forms for criminal and antisocial behavior like violence and bullying. In addition to these topics, the survey to a varying degree also covers the youth's lifestyle and life situation. Topics like parents, physical activity, sport and outdoor life, organizations, technology, friends, social networks, sexuality and intimacy. Cultural values, religious view, politics and mental health are also to some extent mentioned.

Young data uses a survey that is composed by a basic questionnaire, but it also gives all communes the possibility to create and shape the survey to their own use after the basics.

Every commune has to some degree their own culture and environment for the children. Therefore they may have their own problem areas, that they want to focus on in the survey (Ex. Drugs, alcohol, school..). Other communes experience a big amount of relocating youth, and may want to use the survey to find out why.

The topics of the youth survey preformed in Sandnes consisted of;

- Family
- School
- Friends
- Criminal behavior
- Uses of tobacco, drugs and alcohol
- Anti social behavior (violence, bullying...)
- Activities (leisure, sports...)
- Social network
- Physical and mental health
- Their own future
- Technology
- Politics (takes base in the new commune plan)
- Use of the city center – "How is it to be young in Sandnes?"

