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Online participation in Kópavogur

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Overview

- Public participation and participatory democracy in Kópavogur
- Pre-Covid online solutions
 - Participatory budgeting program
 - Online gathering of ideas
- Covid – Online solutions
 - What is the expected outcome
 - Participation ladder
 - The stakeholder groups
 - Case study
- Next months or years
 - Permanent changes?
 - Adjust each time



Public participation and participatory democracy in Kópavogur

- Political goodwill
 - Political interest in involving the public in Kópavogur has been growing for years
- Several methods tried and tested
 - Public meetings in various forms
 - Project related elections



Public participation and participatory democracy

- In 2019, a full time project manager hired
 - Responsible for public participation and public democracy, in cooperation with other departments
 - Purpose: to increase not just equality, but equity



Pre-Covid Online Solutions

- Participatory budgeting program
- Okkar Kópavogur
 - Public budgeting project
 - 200 m ISK every 2 yrs
 - The public suggests new projects and the prioritization of already planned projects
 - Public election, limited to inhabitants of Kópavogur



Participatory budgeting program

- Many municipalities in Iceland done a version of the same, i.e. Hverfið mitt in Reykjavík
- In Kópavogur since 2016
- Relatively simple, well known, well regarded
- Eases the way into other online participation?



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OKKAR KÓPAVOGUR

Taktu þátt



Okkar Kópavogur 2017

Hugmyndasöfnun er lokið. Kosningar verða í byrjun árs 2018. Kynntur þér framlagðar hugmyndir frá íbúum.

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Digranes

Digranes er fjölmennasta hverfi Kópavogs og er það umlukið dölunum tveimur, Kópavogs- og Fossvogsdal. Taktu þátt í að gera hverfið enn betra.

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Linda- og Salahverfi

Fífuhvammur samanstendur af Linda- og Salahverfi þar sem aðgengi er gott að íþrótt- og útivistarsvæðum. Taktu þátt í að gera hverfið enn betra.

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Vatnsendi

Vatnsendi samanstendur af Kórum, Hvörfum og Þingum. Hverfið er í mikilli nálægð við glæsileg útivistarsvæði, Elliðavatn og Heiðmörk. Taktu þátt í að gera hverfið enn betra.

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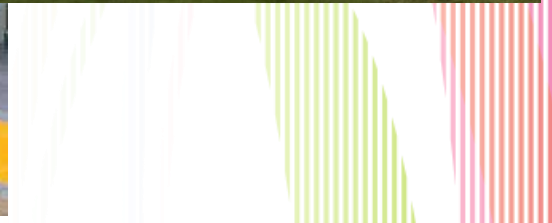
Kársnes

Kársnes er elsta hverfi Kópavogs. Strandlengjan og Borgarholtið eru helstu kennileiti hverfisins. Taktu þátt í að gera hverfið enn betra.

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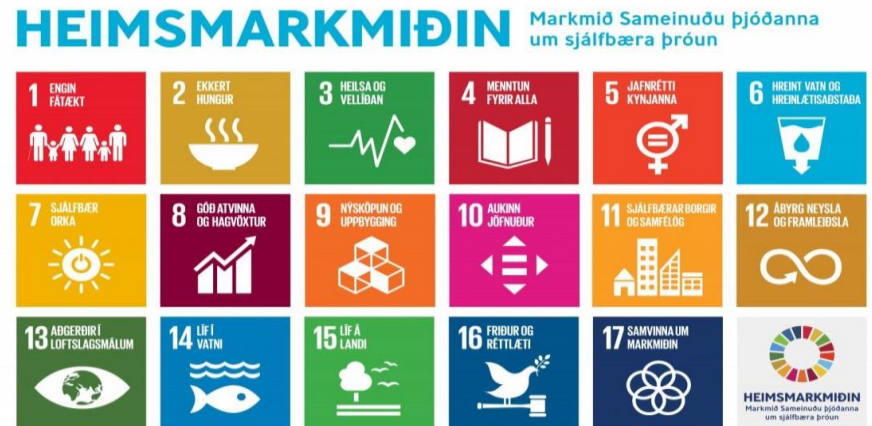
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Pre-Covid online solutions – Online gathering of ideas

- UN's SDGs implemented in Kópavogur
 - Public asked for ideas





HEIMSMARKMIÐIN

Markmið Sameinuðu þjóðanna um sjálfbæra þróun



▶ 0:00 / 1:22

Heimsmarkmiðin í Kópavogi

Hvað finnst þér? Taktu þátt í að innleiða Heimsmarkmið Sameinuðu þjóðanna (HM) í Kópavogi. Smelltu á HM1-17 og komdu með ábendingar um hvað bærinn á að leggja áherslu á við innleiðingu hvers markmiðs, bæta við markmiði eða sleppa markmiði. Opið frá 06.09. 2019. Sjá: www.kopavogur.is/heimsmarkmidin

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Pre-Covid online solutions – Online gathering of ideas

- Convention on the Rights of the Child implemented in Kópavogur
 - On the way to become a Child Friendly City
 - The public asked for input online





Pre-Covid online solutions – Online gathering of ideas

- The yearly budget
 - Citizens asked for input
 - Everyone got a personal answer
 - Many of the ideas put into effect

Betra Ísland

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INNSKRÁ

Fjárhagsáætlun 2020 Viltu hafa áhrif?

Kópavogsbær leit að til Kópavogsbúa varðandi gerð fjárhagsáætlunar 2020. Gáttin var opin í 2 vikur í september 2019 og sendu fjólmargir íbúar inn hugmyndir varðandi rekstur, hagræðingu og útgjöld Kópavogsbæjar. Uppýsingar um rekstur og útgjöld: <https://ifa.kopavogur.is>

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Grunnskólar

Nú grunnskólar eru rekin af Kópavogsbæ. Sendu inn ábendingu varðandi rekstur, hagræðingu og útgjöld grunnskóla Kópavogsbæjar.

Umhverfis- og skipulagsmál

Undir umhverfis- og skipulagsmál falla meðal annars framkvæmdir, græn svæði og skipulag bæjarinn. Sendu inn ábendingu varðandi rekstur, hagræðingu og útgjöld umhverfis- og skipulagsmála Kópavogsbæjar.

Íþrótt- og tómsundamál

Undir íþrótt- og tómsundamál falla íþróttafélag, íþróttamannvirkni, sundlaugar, félagsmóttölvur, unglinga, skúlamál og fleira. Sendu inn ábendingu varðandi rekstur, hagræðingu og útgjöld íþrótt- og...

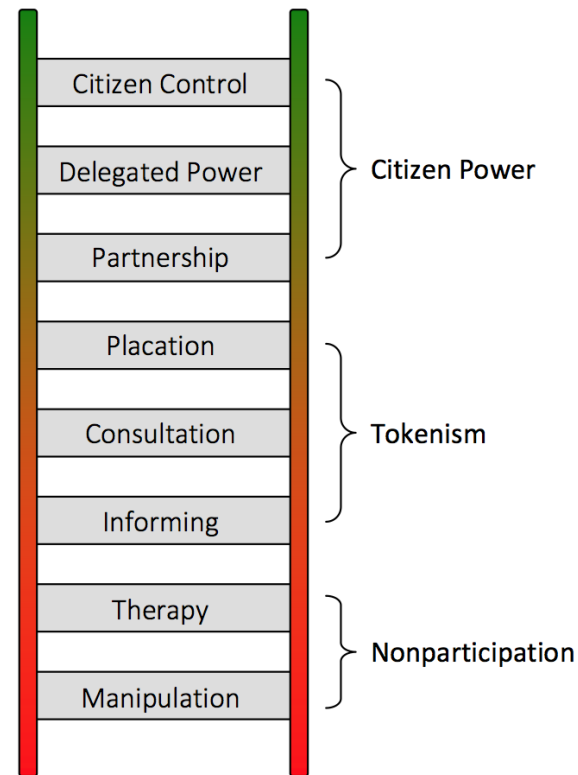
Leikskólar og dagvistun

Nútíðan leikskólar eru rekin af Kópavogsbæ og tveir leikskólar eru þjónusturekinir. Auk þess eru dagfórnir starfandi í bænum. Sendu inn ábendingu varðandi rekstur, hagræðingu og útgjöld leikskóla og...



Covid – Online solutions

- What is the expected outcome?
- Participation ladder
- This is key before choosing a method



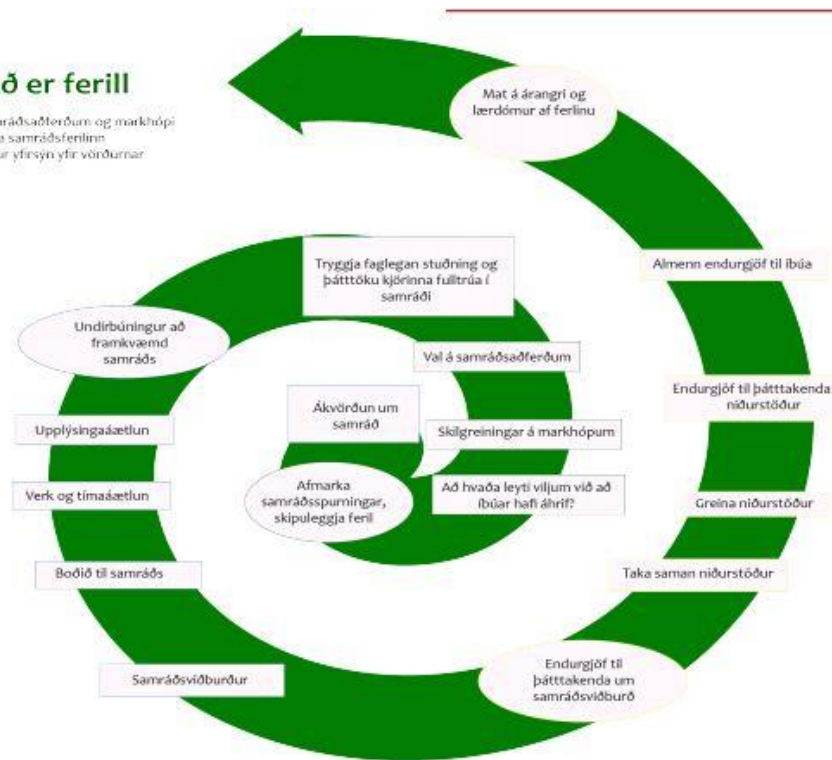


Covid – Online solutions

Íbúasamráð er ferill

Óháð þátttökustigi, samráðsaðferðum og markhópi þarf alltaf að skipuleggja samráðsferlinn fyrirfram. Spirallinn gefur yfirsýn yfir vörðurnar á leiðinni.

- Importance of doing the groundwork
 - Who are the stakeholders?
 - Who is the intended public?
 - What are their capacities?





Covid – Online solutions

- Case study - New downtown in Kópavogur
 - Legally bound introduction
 - Public meetings have to happen
 - Material made available
 - The public can send in comments
 - Are addressed and/or answered





Covid – Online solutions

- Case study – New downtown in Kópavogur
 - Before, a public meeting
 - Between 17:00 and 18:30
 - Well advertised
 - Material made available online and in print in the City Hall, library etc.





Covid – Online solutions

- Case study – New downtown in Kópavogur
 - No public meeting possible
 - Online meeting
 - Questions made possible
 - A recording of the meeting means that later viewing is possible
 - Has proved very popular
 - The time to hand in comments extended greatly





Covid – Online solutions

- Case study – New downtown in Kópavogur
 - Special attention given to the elderly people
 - A senior citizen apartment building in the area
 - Many are house-bound
 - No access to computers, printers etc.





Covid – Online solutions

- Case study – New downtown in Kópavogur
 - Solutions
 - Booklet printed and handed out
 - Personal phone calls offered
 - Meeting can be viewed at any time
 - Extra material offered
 - Hand delivered to their mailbox





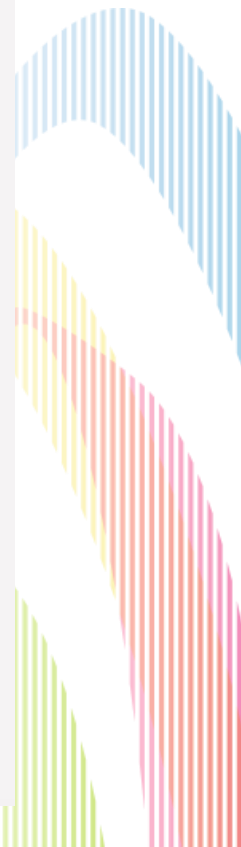
Covid – Online solutions

- Case study – New downtown in Kópavogur
 - Still in the lowest rungs of the participation ladders
 - Lots of extra consultation has occurred before, i.e. smaller meetings with inhabitants etc.
 - Availability and information access greatly improved
 - Meets with approval from the public





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Next months or years

- Each time, we look to what the intention is with the public participation
- Then, we look at the stakeholder groups and their capabilities
 - Is online possible? Is online preferable?
- Then, develop appropriate methods



Next months

- Methods continue to evolve
 - Positive for those who are interested in online solutions to public participatory democracy
- Both us and the public getting more creative
 - Breakout rooms allow for discussions





Next months or years

- Democracy can never appease all and neither is it meant to
 - “Democratic elections! It’s all about these rude people, my neighbours, who participated in these democratic elections!”
 - A citizen in Kópavogur who has never participated in Okkar Kópavogur, though he knows the project well



Thank you.





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