



Human being in the center, not the structures

Have you ever wondered why young people do not get to visit whichever youth centre they want? Have you been worried for a friend or relative that has been passed around the social or healthcare system? Are you worried about your children's school? The questions the Åland liberals have asked themselves are: Why are there so many boundaries in public Åland? Why are we sent between different service providers? Why don't we use our smart resources in a smart way?

It is time to remove boundaries and build bridges with the public Åland! We want to do this to ensure your parent's elderly care, to ensure quality schooling and childcare and to provide equal treatment in social services. In order to fulfil the needs of the municipality, this should be stated in the municipality budget treatment, to ensure a comprehensive service where all Åland is part of and joint planning. Should this become available as the structural barriers are removed, the long-term liberals goal is that Åland should consist of one mainland municipality and one archipelago municipality. This would mean a much greater focus on the whole, for the benefit of all Ålanders.

THAT`S WHY WE WANT TO:

- actively work for fewer municipalities; with one permanent Åland, and one archipelago municipality

The individual is the focus of the liberals social policy. We want to provide the service when and where you need it. We also see the urgent need to adopt early preventative measures - in school, in healthcare and in social care. Much has been done, but much is also left to do. We recognise that there is good social and healthcare in place, but we also recognise the need for knowledge, competence and experience in our staff. Knowledge, competence and experience are the main ingredients for creating a socially resilient society. Every employee should be able to access what they are entitled to. We also see that the work on gender equality must continue, the greatest emphasis being is that we work against violence in close relationships. We see that participation strengthens wellbeing and that we need to work with all Ålanders and give both young and old the opportunity to influence society.

THAT`S WHY WE WANT TO:

- deliver municipal services near where you live
- support the construction of social housing for seniors around Åland
- the Liberals promise investment support for both public and private stakeholders
- to expand student health to include youth health. For all young people, we want youth health management - everything from health checks, to preventive treatment and conversation therapy
- introduce health coaching and a subjective right for the authorities to coordinate social, and healthcare with you in the centre (have Rules of Procedure in which individuals has as many rights as possible)
- implement equal pay and introduce wage programs that ensures that everyone`s knowledge is used in public organisations; we want to create structures to support this
- We hope to introduce expert nurses in healthcare
- Professionalise The board of ÅHS, in whole or in part
- Provide you with e-health and technology in healthcare flexible employment

Some groups in society need our special attention. Those who need the help of the community should get it.

THAT`S WHY WE WANT TO:

- modernise the discrimination law
- create employment rather than grants
- review addiction care with a focus on user perspective
- focus on family policy - evaluate and remedy
- collaborate so that all schools have access to a psychologist and curator
- create a new disability law
- make sure everyone can afford upper secondary education, this requires special efforts for archipelago youth
- expand the range of healthcare with service notes
- introduce a joint high-cost protection for social services and care at ÅHS
- improve support to related carers
- develop support for the elderly living at home with the help of technology, preventive measures and by requiring all municipalities to provide 24-hour home service around the clock
- provide personnel who are fluent in Finnish or other languages, in order to speak to patients, clients and children in their mother tongue, if necessary

Entrepreneurship, innovation and creativity, a strong Åland

Business is the basis of the Åland welfare. The business sector provides employment, tax revenue and puts Åland on the map. We see the need for Åland to get a new Viking Line, the Bank of Åland or Optinova. We note that competition is stiff for companies in Åland today and explicitly global. Companies must therefore be able to recruit the best experts to both their boards and workforce.

We see great need for business development and for increased exports, but it is the entrepreneurs who are the experts in the development of the Åland business enterprise.

WE LISTEN TO THEM AND SO WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT:

- companies have their choice of language as their internal business language
- the companies themselves choose who should sit on it's board
- the involvement of experts and skilled labor must be favored. This requires a modernization of the land acquisition rules, without, for that matter, releasing everything freely

We liberals fight poverty, not wealth. We want to stimulate all types of entrepreneurs. Alongside the large companies, there is an enormous breadth of Åland entrepreneurs contributing to better GDP and employment. Active business in the whole of Åland is also the best regional policy. Costs for electricity, water and waste must therefore be kept down to create better competition, because many entrepreneurs are affected by these costs. Good infrastructure is also central to many different types of companies and to a modern society. The Liberals want to continue investing in digitalisation, road networks and are in favor of a tunnel investigation in the following steps, which could without delay lead to quick decisions on implementation. We see that we need to run a responsible public economy that creates stability. A long-term sustainable economy is an obvious goal for us.

WE THEREFORE WANT TO:

- reduce electricity costs by continuing to develop wind power and review the opportunities for capital injection to Kraftnät Åland
- promote Åland as a place of residence and strengthen, and Åland as a tourist destination
- increase the proportion of EU funds in Åland
- form a growth and sustainability fund for innovation, research and for investing public funds during recession
- modernise the alcohol legislation for a more competitive restaurant and beverage industry
- simplify the regulations on archipelago traffic in order to provide archipelago residents, businessmen and visitors with better service. Åland traffic must be given a clear service assignment
- strengthen local food production from farm to table

Good education, opportunities for lifelong learning and a vibrant cultural life are important keys for strengthening Åland`s competitiveness and for creating a dynamic Åland.

WE THEREFORE WANT TO:

- investigate how the systems can be made more flexible for more learners to get through high school. HUTH students will be given the opportunity to graduate in four years
- ensure programming is integrated into the teaching
- create more qualified internships and summer jobs in landscape management
- introduce a Masters programme in nursing
- continue to strengthen the hospitality industry in culture and sport
- upgrade nature tourism
- share and spread the knowledge of the elderly about our cultural heritage



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The environment and climate require action

Climate and environmental issues must be taken seriously. We are therefore pleased to see all the initiatives from both private individuals and companies. Private individuals flying less, phasing out plastic bags and energy-saving measures are important, we give a great deal to all those who invest, and it should be easy to do the right thing.

We liberals want to focus on issues that we can influence and that have positive effects on the environment, both globally and at home. A possible climate tax for the EU is a very important issue, there is great potential for climate action.

THAT`S WHY WE WANT TO:

- expand public transport in general and deliver traffic on the shoulder Finström - Jomala - Mariehamn
- look at the possibilities for green tax exchange, we want to take over the vehicle tax.

We need to work knowledge-based and cross-sectoral to reach an environmentally sustainable society.

WHICH IS WHY WE WANT TO:

- introduce climate and environmental knowledge into the curriculum
- actively phase out fossil fuels and oil-based products - Åland should become self-sufficient in electricity
- create a new bachelor`s degree program at Åland University that focuses on environmental and climate technology., We have the vision that in the long term, the university could become a hub for Baltic research
- neutralise archipelago traffic
- strengthen the sustainability work of public authorities
- create an environment and climate adaptable ÅHS, which has high energy consumption around the clock, large quantities of waste and handles many environmentally hazardous substances
- create service lines that complement public transport and travel services
- initiate a Nordic collaboration to increase the proportion of products that can be pledged
- establish a climate team

In building technology, very rapid development is taking place where new materials are constantly being produced. The forest has great potential and with new cellulose technology you manage to we can produce the most outstanding products. We believe that the forest is the new Nokia and we have the opportunity to participate in that development.

THEREFORE, WE WANT TO:

- Ensure the real estate agency will build climate- smart, mostly in wood. Existing buildings must be climate-adapted
- analyse Åland`s opportunities to participate in wood-based innovations, we are willing to invest funds for this

We find that growth and sustainability can no longer be separated, they are connected - companies of the future are sustainable. Circular economy is about utilizing the available materials and reducing waste. Here, there is great potential in ideas that increase competitiveness and reduce our ecological footprint. For example, if we were to utilize our local products and produce bone meal, we could build local cycles that reduce imports, and thus the leaching of nutrients while reducing the cost of waste and building new businesses that employ the Ålanders.

THEREFORE, WE WANT TO:

- renovate and reuse what would otherwise would have been waste - this also strengthens employment
- support technological development that contributes to sustainable development
- work together with primary industries to reduce the ecological footprint of Åland
- support circular financial investments such as fish and bone factories, recycling of water and digestion of sludge residues

To be able to protect rare biotopes, secure future water supplies and strengthen, for example, the game of fishermen, we need to plan together; neither animals, flowers nor water know our municipal boundaries. The Baltic Sea is our blue living room and the health of the sea must be prioritised.

THAT`S WHY WE WANT TO:

- have a comprehensive Åland community planning
- ensure safe drinking water
- plant more wetlands
- establish a new water act
- strengthen animal protection with modern animal welfare legislation
- develop a strategy to preserve biodiversity
- use more locally produced food in public kitchens
- produce goods and services with a clear sustainability perspective
- include climate and environmental initiatives in upcoming LBU programs
- strengthen our focus on wildlife in collaboration with local role-players
- strengthen the strategic work to counter the eutrophication of the Baltic Sea.



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