

Election Manifesto

For the Left-Greens and independents in Norðurþing

Family – Environment – community

The V-list of the Left-Green Movement and independents want to create a strong welfare community for the people of Norðurþing where the interest of the family and a healthy environment are the main factors in the decision making and prioritizing of the municipal government. The V-list prioritizes responsible spending of funds. Norðurþing should meet the needs of all age groups and all kinds of families. Everyone should have a place in Norðurþing.

Education and schooling

The V-list emphasizes equality, professionalism, and student wellbeing when it comes to schooling. Taking good care of our youngest inhabitants is an important prerequisite for a healthy community.

- Make school meals in kindergarten free of charge in the first half of the term.
- The V-list took initiative in having kindergartens accept children from the age of 12 months in an earlier term, and will protect this change in the coming term.
- The V-list wants big improvements in the schools' outdoor recreational areas, so that the area can be used for play, and outdoor teaching.
- The V-list wants to help children with different needs and abilities, ensure equality, and help groups in sensitive situations.
- All schools should embrace diversity. The V-list believes that an LGBTQ-friendly community starts in the classroom.
- Let's strengthen preventive measures with an increased emphasis

on equality- and gender studies in schools, and education on the digital community.

- Let's make the working conditions of teachers and students better with more upkeep and better equipment.
- Let's ensure that kindergartens continue to operate in sparsely populated areas.

Welfare

The V-list emphasizes a strong welfare system in the community. The service should increase standards of living and equality regardless of a person's place of residence or conditions. The voices of the people who use these services should always be in the foreground when decisions are made.

- The V-list wants to increase the capacity of hospitals in the area.
- Let's help older people maintain their health, and fight against loneliness.
- Let's ensure that disabled people can participate in society.
- Let's look at all social and welfare services and ensure the integration of different systems.
- Let's ensure that victims of violence get the support and solutions they need.
- Welfare services should be given to people on their own terms.

Culture, recreation, and sports

The V-list emphasizes that cultural, recreational, and sports related activities should be built on the foundations of public health and family needs. Activities should be diverse and meet the demands of inhabitants and guests.

- Let's ensure continuing support for sports related activities in the community.
- We especially want to support public access to sports related activities, with good facilities.
- The V-list wants an E-sports department with the intention of decreasing social isolation amongst children and teenagers.

- The V-list wants all school, recreational and sports related activities for children to take place between 8 AM and 4 PM.
- The V-list has led the charge in ensuring year-round free time for 1.-4. Grade in primary school in Húsavík, and will continue to support that measure.
- Let's promote cooperation between municipalities in running museums and protecting cultural relics.
- The V-list puts emphasis on museum activities and artistic creation, because an emphasis on culture and art is key in creating a fertile community that municipalities should strive towards.

Environmental policies

The V-list sees climate change as the most important issue of our time. The municipalities play an important role in tackling this issue, and protecting the quality of life for future generations. A sustainable usage of natural resources is the foundation of a healthy community and economy. The V list wants to make Norðurþing a leading force in climate action and nature conservation.

- All decisions should be considered through the lens of our climate action goals.
- The V-list wants Norðurþing to be carbon neutral by the year 2040,
- We want a new general plan for Norðurþing where the environment and climate action are in the foreground.
- The V-list wants to work with the government to create wind farms, with the interests of the community in the foreground.
- The V-list is against wind farms built by private investors for profit, such as the plans for Hólaheiði, and will fight against such plans at all levels.
- Permission to build a kelp factory in Húsavík should not be granted until a formal environmental evaluation has been conducted.
- The V-list is positive in regard to increased fish farming on land.
- We want a strong emphasis on the cooperation between Norðurþing and Vatnajökull national park, and the important environmental work and job opportunities that the national park presents.

- The V-list is against harming the nature in delicate areas in Norðurþing with construction. The interests of nature should not be sacrificed for short term profit.
- The V-list wants to decrease the amount of waste produced, as well as increase recycling. A circulation economy should be built in the municipality to increase recycling and reduce carbon emissions.

Employment affairs

Creativity and initiative define the job economy in Norðurþing. A strong and diverse job economy is part of the municipality's resources. The V-list supports innovation and environmentally friendly job creation with social responsibility as a guiding light.

- Norðurþing should be in a leading role in supporting entrepreneurship and innovation.
- Emphasis should be put on Knowledge-driven jobs and the creation of facilities for people who choose to work remotely.
- It's important for more companies to start operating at the industrial zone in Bakki. An emphasis should be placed on companies that work within the Eco-industrial parks framework that Norðurþing and Landsvirkjun have been pursuing.
- The V-list emphasizes above all that Norðurþing create the means necessary for a diverse job economy. This applies to both big and small lines of work.
- The V-list believes it is important for the municipal government of Norðurþing to communicate more with the companies that operate in the area, to hear their ideas about what should be done, and what is already working well.

Financial and administration issues

The V-list emphasizes responsible spending of funds. We want to invest in the needs of families in the area. We want to make long-term plans for the upkeep and building of infrastructure. Those plans should be entwined with the budgeting.

- The V-list will not support hiring an elected official for sveitastjóri (municipal manager). Emphasis should be put on gender equality in the search for a municipal manager for Norðurþing.
- The V-list believes it is important to reevaluate the administration of the municipality regularly, and will support reevaluating the administration and organization of Norðurþing at the beginning of the next term. Emphasis is to be put on efficiency and the best possible usage of human and financial resources.
- The V-list wants to make it possible for jobs within the administration of Norðurþing, that are not tied to subjects in one area, to be done in Kópasker and Raufarhöfn as well as Húsavík.
- The V list will put special emphasis on cooperation with other municipalities in the Þingey area, in both the political and management sense. This includes the regional committee of the Þingey area, the unification of fire departments., the cultural center of the Þingey area, and the issues of the elderly within Hvammur sf.
- The V-list will propose research into people's stances on unification of municipalities, within Norðurþing and nearby municipalities. The findings of this research shall then be used to discuss possibilities with nearby municipalities.

Organization, infrastructure, and construction

When it comes to construction and infrastructure in Norðurþing, The V-list will prioritize the environment, public health, and the needs of families. Emphasis will be put on the urgent aggregate overhaul needs for the job economy and the appearance of the communities. The V-list will demand a new General plan with an emphasis on the environment.

- The V-list will fight for the creation of new recreational facilities for children and teenagers close to Borgarhólsskóli.
- A new General plan needs to create opportunities for more housing

in the area. It's important for a new plan to take into consideration the housing needs of the future.

- A new General plan must include massive improvements of infrastructure for walking and biking.
- The V-list wants to support the attitude change that has happened in people's choice of diverse transportation possibilities all year-round.
- We want increased upkeep and infrastructure for schools, kindergartens, and children's recreational activities.
- The V-list wants a plan for upkeep, and for that plan to be followed. This applies to the municipality's properties, sidewalks, and more.
- We want to improve outside play areas, with recreation, public health, and the needs of different people I mind. We want to cooperate with parents and kids in coming up with ideas.
- Let's support non-profit renting companies, and other non-profit construction, by guaranteeing them plots.
- The V-list wants people to be in the foreground when it comes to the downtown area, with temporary walking streets, vegetation, benches, parking for bikes and facilities for events.
- The "Ramp up Norðurþing" campaign should be started, in cooperation with those who have supported similar projects all over the country.
- Stangarbakkastígur in Húsavík was built after an initiative from the V-list in the last term. We want to continue by making more public health and family friendly paths like it. The V-list wants eco-friendly biking paths and walking paths for all age groups that connect different outdoor recreational areas.
- The V-list will put forth a proposal for working with the owners of "Öskjureitur" in downtown Húsavík, to find a solution that works for the people of the area. This will be done in the first half of the term.