

AarhuSomali organized two democracy pre- Danish parliament election dialogue- meetings

<i>The first on the 9th of February 2019 at 19:00 - 21:00</i>
<i>The second on the 27th of February 2019 at 19:00- 21:00</i>

Both meetings took place at Globus 1, Gellerup- Brabrand

50 representatives from various associations as well as resource persons participated in the democracy-pre-election dialogue meetings in connection with the upcoming parliamentary elections

The democracy and pre-election dialogue meetings conclude:

- The number of ethnic minorities with voting rights in Aarhus have risen since last parliamentry election. This figure is crucial - when candidates from Aarhus campaign for a seat in the parliament
- Participants agree that democracy, equality and respect for all inhabitants in Aarhus should be promoted regardless of social and economic background
- Participants also agree that young people should actively participate in the democracy, as some of them sometimes do not use their voting rights
- In the near future, all political parties will be invited to a dialogue and a debate on democracy, inclusion, exclusion and trust in Aarhus and beyond
- Associations and citizens will be mobilized so that everyone has the opportunity to cast their vote in the upcoming parliamentary elections
- Tools that will be used include Facebook through the "youth forum" where there is often approx. 4,000 followers
- Associations will organize own information meetings- that will lead to a joint large-scale election meaning that all political parties with candidates from Aarhus will be invited
- Participants agree that members of the ethnic minorities are often humiliated and excluded- especially the most that suffered a lot are from those who live in and around Gellerup. Most agreed that this can only through political mobilization and participation
- Participants set up an election-working group consisting of seven young people who are either born or raised in Aarhus. They are responsible for community participation of the upcoming parliamentary election- both in direct meetings and also in the social media

This is the first time we have a group of young well- educated and well-articulated, who will take responsibility for the further course and in connection with the upcoming parliamentary election. The older generations will be there participate and actively support. But, time has come for a new generation to take more responsivity in resisting exclusion. In addition, the younger generations are also expected to move the debate and election campaign into interactive platforms such as social media and similar. In this approached more people will be reached- meaning more votes for better democracy and social cohesion for Aarhus and for Denmark.