

KEKS Group Survey

You have participated in a group activity!

It might have been a girl/boy-group, a camp or an international youth exchange. Maybe you arranged a music event, ran a café, operated a youth centre, or...

A group can of course also be all of this, for example: A group of girls that decide that they want to go on a camp and therefore arrange a rock music-event to raise money.

When you answer the questions we want you to think about how it has been working out on an average. Regardless of what you have done we want to know how YOU think it has been. To us it is important that you, as a young person, have been able to influence. Through this survey we will find out if it is so, or if there are things we need to get better at.

KEKS is a network of municipalities that wants to improve youth work. The staff that gives you this survey is members of KEKS and its purpose is to help us to improve. So please answer honestly what you think – it will not help us if you try to be “kind”.

You respond anonymously. No one will be able to see your answers.

After almost every question there is a short explanation, and there is also a separate booklet with explanations to all questions. These are for you to understand what we mean by the question and why we ask them.

To think about when you answer the questions:

- Read the questions carefully
- If you feel uncertain - ask the staff!
- If you feel that you can not answer - mark “I don’t know”

Good luck!

To be filled in by staff:

Municipality: _____

Name of youth centre or if it is an independent group: _____

Name of the group: _____

1. How many group-surveys have you filled out this year, this one included?

1

2 – 4

5 or more

2. What has been the purpose of your group?

Here are 6 questions about the way in which you participated in the group:

3. I have been involved in/took part in creating the idea that led to the starting of our group.

Yes

No

I do not know

Answer "Yes" if you, by yourself or together with some friends, came up with the idea/proposal that made you start the group.

Answer "No" if it was another young person or staff that came up with the idea/proposal that made you start the group.

4. I took part in the planning process.

Yes

No

I do not know

Answer "Yes" if you took part in discussions about how things should be done, who should do what and similar questions in order to make your ideas come true. Youth workers could of course have assisted you.

Answer "No" if it was another young person or youth workers that made the planning.

5. I took part in applying for money.

Yes No I do not know

Answer "Yes" if you, by yourself or together with some friends, applied for money in order to finance your ideas. It's ok if you didn't write it your self, but was involved in the discussion about what to write. Youth workers could of course have assisted you.

Answer "No" if it were other young persons or youth workers that saw to that your ideas got financed.

6. I took part in preparations.

Yes No I do not know

Answer "Yes" if you, by yourself or together with friends, have prepared food, equipment or facilities or if you have taken part in any other form of practical preparations. Youth workers could of course have assisted you.

Answer "No" if other young persons or youth workers did all the practical preparations.

7. I participated and took responsibility when we fulfilled our idea.

Yes No I do not know

Answer "Yes" if you have been responsible for the realisation of some part of your group's activities.

Answer "No" if you just have attended activities that others (youth or youth workers) have arranged.

8. I took part in evaluation.

Yes No I do not know

Answer "Yes" if you have been taking part in discussions with youth workers about how things turned out; about what went well, what did not and why.

Answer "No" if you have not been involved in such discussions.

Here comes some questions about how you think it was when you met in your group.

To what degree do you agree with various statements about how it was when you met. Answer as you think it is "in general". Mark "I do not know" if you do not know or if you feel that the question does not match/apply to the activity you took part in.

9. The atmosphere is good when we meet.

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| <input type="radio"/> Always true | <input type="radio"/> Rarely true |
| <input type="radio"/> Usually true | <input type="radio"/> Never true |
| <input type="radio"/> Sometimes true | <input type="radio"/> I do not know |

Good atmosphere means that everyone involved is nice to others, and that you do not have to worry about someone being rude.

10. I can be myself when we meet.

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| <input type="radio"/> Always true | <input type="radio"/> Rarely true |
| <input type="radio"/> Usually true | <input type="radio"/> Never true |
| <input type="radio"/> Sometimes true | <input type="radio"/> I do not know |

Being oneself means that you do not feel that you have to be different or think differently from when you are by yourself. It means that you feel respected for the one you are regardless of age, gender, background, sexual orientation or for example disability. In a good group, differences are an asset.

11. I contribute with ideas and suggestions when we meet.

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| <input type="radio"/> Always true | <input type="radio"/> Rarely true |
| <input type="radio"/> Usually true | <input type="radio"/> Never true |
| <input type="radio"/> Sometimes true | <input type="radio"/> I do not know |

It is important that everyone contributes with their knowledge and experiences to the group. We think that everyone, if they get the right support and encouragement, has ideas that can make things better.

12. Me, my ideas and my thoughts and are taken seriously by the youth workers.

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| <input type="radio"/> Always true | <input type="radio"/> Rarely true |
| <input type="radio"/> Usually true | <input type="radio"/> Never true |
| <input type="radio"/> Sometimes true | <input type="radio"/> I do not know |

To be taken seriously by staff means that you feel that they really listen to what you have to say, tries to understand what you mean and interpret it positively. No one should feel that his or her feelings and opinions does not count, are forgotten or gets laughed at.

13. The other young persons in the group take me, my thoughts, feelings and ideas seriously.

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| <input type="radio"/> Always true | <input type="radio"/> Rarely true |
| <input type="radio"/> Usually true | <input type="radio"/> Never true |
| <input type="radio"/> Sometimes true | <input type="radio"/> I do not know |

It is just as important that the other young persons take you seriously as it is that the staff does it.

14. When we make decisions or something together every ones opinion is equally important.

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| <input type="radio"/> Always true | <input type="radio"/> Rarely true |
| <input type="radio"/> Usually true | <input type="radio"/> Never true |
| <input type="radio"/> Sometimes true | <input type="radio"/> I do not know |

For a group to function well it is important that you listen to everyone and do what you consider best, regardless of who said it – that no ones voice (youth or youth workers) is counted for more than anyone else's.

This is what we call democracy.

15. The youth workers support us (young persons) so that WE are the ones arranging things and not the youth workers.

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| <input type="radio"/> Always true | <input type="radio"/> Rarely true |
| <input type="radio"/> Usually true | <input type="radio"/> Never true |
| <input type="radio"/> Sometimes true | <input type="radio"/> I do not know |

Youth workers is not supposed to fix things for young persons. Their job is to support youth so that they can do things by themselves. Of course young persons might need help with for example transports. But even if it some times takes longer it is important that young persons gets to try first, and that they feel that youth workers trust them and that they can do it.

16. It is our (the young persons) ideas that determine how things turn out.

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| <input type="radio"/> Always true | <input type="radio"/> Rarely true |
| <input type="radio"/> Usually true | <input type="radio"/> Never true |
| <input type="radio"/> Sometimes true | <input type="radio"/> I do not know |

We think it is important that it is the ideas and thoughts of young persons, and not those of youth workers, that determines how things will turn out. Partly because things gets better and partly because you learn a lot more if it is your own ideas, and not someone else's, that you're trying to make come through.

17. If we (the young persons) are not active and do not take responsibility the activity will not take place.

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| <input type="radio"/> Always true | <input type="radio"/> Rarely true |
| <input type="radio"/> Usually true | <input type="radio"/> Never true |
| <input type="radio"/> Sometimes true | <input type="radio"/> I do not know |

We think it is important that the young persons feel that it is their responsibility if the activity should take place or not – this is what makes you take yourself and what you do seriously and learn something from it.

18. I think that I have learned new things / have got new experiences while participating in our group.

Yes No I do not know

We think things become more enjoyable if you feel that you learn new things and get new experiences while you are doing them. You might, for example, have become better at cooperating, taking responsibility or talking in front of a group. It might also be that you discovered new cultures or dared to do things you have never dared before.

19. The youth workers has spoken to me about what I have learned by participating in our group.

Yes No I do not know

We think it is important to talk about what you have learned. If you do not, you might not realise/see what you have gotten better at.

It is important to us that everyone feels comfortable and gets a good treatment regardless of gender, age or background. That is why we ask these questions.

20. Gender?

Female Male Non-binary Do not want to answer

21. What grade are you in?

- 6:th (12 years old when you begin) 1:st year (16 years old when you begin)
 7:th (13 years old when you begin) 2:nd year (17 years old when you begin)
 8:th (14 years old when you begin) 3:rd year (18 years old when you begin)
 9:th (15 years old when you begin) Older
 Have left 9:th grade, but do not go to high school

22. Is one or both of your parents born outside Sweden?

Yes

No

I do not know

If there is something important concerning your group that we have not asked about, you can please write about it below.

If you have any other thoughts about your group or this survey you are welcome to send us an e-mail at: info@keks.se

Please write "Group survey" as subject.

Thank you!

for taking your time answering this survey!

Ask your staff when you are going to discuss the result together. If you have been at least seven persons who have answered it you will get the result in not more than two weeks.

If you were fewer than that, the result are compiled with other results from your youth centre and will be presented in the end of each semester (so that no one can figure out what YOU answered).