

1. Values

The Centre Party wants Norway to build our future on our national inheritance and democratic governance, and on Christian and humanistic values. Our politics is to create a community of free, independent humans, where the private ownership is central.

Justice, security and equality are basic principles. The frame surrounding the personal freedom is the responsibility and the duties, which each individual has as a member of the community.

The Centre Party wants the society to be based on the idea of the natural guardian and administrator, where the resources should be harvested in a manner that will not harm the foundation for future generations. This impacts our view of the nature, the environment and the economy.

1.1 Society must be built from on a low level

Good and secure local communities is one of the cornerstones of the Centre Party's politics. Rogaland should be a good county to live in for everyone. The Centre Party wants to give children and youth a safe and good upbringing. It should be attractive to settle down in all part of the county. Therefore, it is important with an active local democracy that can develop good educational opportunities, and public transportation and infrastructure throughout the whole county.

1.2 Use all of Rogaland

To secure the welfare for present and future generations, we must use the recourses in a sustainable way. The Centre Party thinks it is good social economy to use the natural and human resources from the entire county. It is a political responsibility to ensure industrial development in all parts of Rogaland, for example through secure access to competent labor force. The development of infrastructure should be progressive and give vast opportunities for development for industries and inhabitants throughout the county.

A municipality is the tool for the people to affect the development in their local society. The local community is the important shared part that provides the inhabitants with their identity and roots. A merging of municipalities will result in fewer democratic elected and will weaken the influence of politicians.

The Centre Party thinks that compared to other European countries, Norwegian municipalities are medium sized by the number of inhabitants, and large by area. The structure of municipalities should be determined by popular vote.

The Centre Party guarantees our no to a Norwegian EU membership and will work actively against a Norwegian EU application. We will work to replace the EEA agreement with trade and cooperation agreements with EU.

Rogaland will experience a large population growth. The Centre Party wants the growth to be spread out and benefit the entire county.

2.0 Upper secondary education

The upper secondary school in Rogaland should be the most innovative in the country. Rogaland Centre Party wants a decentralized school structure that can adapt to the local conditions. It is important to us to ensure good learning and working environment in upper secondary education, and we want to prioritize content and quality over large investments of new school buildings. The Centre Party wants to ensure an efficient usage of the resources that will take care of each and every one of the upper secondary schools that the county owns. The county should be an active school owner, and make sure that the school administrations maintain a continuous focus on diverse and good methods of teaching adapted to the individual student, primarily within the frame of the class community. We believe that practical and theoretical knowledge must be equally acknowledged in school.

Education should be free. To us, the most important about school policy is the quality of what happens inside the classroom. The Centre Party believes it is important that the students are involved in their school day, both when it comes to teaching, school environment and evaluation. The Centre Party wants everyone to finish upper secondary education.

We want to enforce the cooperation between lower secondary and the upper secondary school.

The most important work of teachers is the time they spend together with the students. Therefore, teachers must have adequate time to preparation and after work. This means that school owner has to lower the reporting requirements and give teachers more time to teach.

The Centre Party wants:

- To have a close cooperation between school and local industry already from lower secondary level.
- To offer all students a free meal in school every day.
- To establish a closer and more binding collaboration between the county and the municipality in which the upper secondary school is located.
- To secure an equal school health and advisor service in all upper secondary schools in the county.
- To start a follow up program called “Young on dorm room” for students living away from home.
- To reduce the reporting requirements for teachers.
- That it should be possible to take subjects from upper secondary when still in lower secondary school.
- To start a supplementary course for all teachers who will be contact teachers.
- To start a mentor arrangement for all first graders in Basic Course to prevent dropouts.
- For students in lower secondary to be able to participate in a real school day in upper secondary schools instead of visitation days.
- To continuously work to improve student environments.
- To have own environment workers in each upper secondary school to prevent bullying.
- To establish appellate for bullying in Rogaland.
- To give preferential rights to kindergarten for students in upper secondary school who have become parents during their education.
- To offer teachers further education in digital skills of pedagogical use of digital skills.
- To ensure a budget for teaching aids that will enable each schools to purchase their necessary teaching aids.

2.1 Vocational courses

It is often challenging to obtain apprenticeships to all pupils in vocational courses. The goal is to offer all apprentices an apprenticeship. To achieve this, there must be established a close and committing collaboration between county, municipality and industry.

The Centre Party wants:

- To offer flexible educational programs in vocational courses.
- To invest in practical education.
- To make the basic courses in upper secondary level less theoretical.
- That grants for equipment cover the actual expenses.
- That apprentices should be able to take their practice period abroad.
- That apprentices should have the same rights as students, for instance student discount.

- To restore and expand the TAF (technical-general subjects) program and also the switching model.
- That public sector should have 3 apprenticeships per 1000 inhabitants.
- That all pupils in vocational courses should be offered either an apprenticeship or an alternative program in their school.
- To ensure teacher recruitment.
- To turn the switching model into a choice for all pupils.
- To create an education for electric car repairers.
- To make Øksnevad and the Winter Agriculture school into strategic focus areas, and in particular linking these to the development of the food county Rogaland. An investment in the use of natural resources both on land and at sea will contribute to the reinforcement of Rogaland as Norway's food basket.
- To introduce a requirement of apprenticeships in public tendering.

2.2 Adult education

The vocational training and support systems must be strengthened in order for several to complete their education.

The Centre Party wants:

- To provide further education for adults with reading and writing difficulties.
- To develop the vocational offer in cooperation with municipalities and industry.
- That the schools should have a close collaboration with business and industry to develop apprenticeships.
- To ensure that persons of minority background with approved education from their home country quickly get their education evaluated, and if possibly with an offer of additional education to be able to work within the same occupation in Norway.
- To provide and stimulate non-working women with a minority background to tuition in Norwegian.
- That the county as an employer receives wishes of study programs and offer these programs as far as possible.
- To strengthen the cooperation with the study associations for increased focus in lifelong learning.

2.3 Higher education and research

The Centre Party in Rogaland believes it is important to strengthen and develop study centers throughout the region. Higher education in the regions are under pressure, and the Centre Party believes it is important to maintain them. The schools must offer relevant subjects which are wanted by the industry in the county. It is important to offer both fulltime and part-time studies.

The Centre Party wants:

- To strengthen and develop the possibilities for a higher education in the regions such as online studies and UIR.
- To offer tailored and decentralized education in the regions.
- In UiS, Høgskulen Stord / Haugesund and the veterinary education in Høyland Sandnes the focus should be to pursue measures to strengthen teaching and research, and measures that makes it easier for students in terms of residential and social means.
- The schools must offer relevant programs that meets the needs in both public and private sectors in the entire county.

3.0 Young in Rogaland

The youth is the future and a resource. Children and young people can and will. It is important that they are included into the rooms to where the decisions are being made. Rogaland Centre Party will strengthen youth's position by strengthening school democracy and through creating Ungdomens Fylkingsting in Rogaland.

Children and young people's mental health must be prioritized through concrete measures. In addition, Rogaland must be a county for the quality of life from the young to elderly. The Centre Party considers it our most important task to ensure good conditions in growing up for all with equal possibilities.

- To reintroduce the arrangement with cultural card for youth, which gives reduced rates on a variety of events, concerts etc.
- Have mobbeombud and environmental workes in all secondary schools to prevent bullying and dropouts.
- To create youth fylkingsting in Rogaland to give youth in Rogaland greater impact.
- To create a funding arrangement for student councils at secondary schools.
- To focus on children and young people's mental health.
- To prioritize public health in collaboration with voluntary organizations and emphasize children, youth and minority groups in particular.
- To work for abstinent youth clubs and leisure activities for youth.
- To give pupils in upper secondary school the opportunity to take the drivers' test as a subject.
- To have the trafical basic course as a subject in junior secondary schools.
- To enhance the expertise and training in mental health in junior secondary schools.

4.0 Culture, sports, public health and voluntary work

The Centre Party wants a considerable powerful cultural lift for the county. Culture binds humans together across inequality and culture creates community and personal growth for

both performers and audience. Culture is an important well-being factor in the local community and contributes to hold up township pattern.

The Centre Party believes that amateurs and professionals are equally important. We believe that the situation today, where amateur and professional compete over the same scholarships is disadvantageous and we want to change this.

The Centre Party will strengthen the voluntary organizational life. Voluntary groups and organizations are the foundation for cultural life in local communities. This must be acknowledged and supported. One of the key questions for volunteer organization is a place to carry out their activities.

We will turn Rogaland into a leading county when it comes to outdoor public health. The Centre Party wants to facilitate for an active everyday life for everyone. Inhabitants in Rogaland could be "active every day" by their own terms and wishes, in publicly accessible areas of nature, and in facilitations in their local neighborhood. Getting more people to become active is an important preventive measure that must be given high priority.

The Center Party's goal is a society that promotes public health and counteracts social differences in health. Regardless of where one lives or the income, everyone should have equal access to fundamental health services. All inhabitants in the entire county should have access to public dental clinics within acceptable travel distance.

The Centre Party wants:

- To work towards a splitting of the scholarships given by the county into two equal pots, so that amateurs and professional performers will not apply for the same scholarships.
- That the county's buildings should be used free of charge for voluntary associations and organizations.
- That the musical life in the county has access to good and appropriate buildings for practice and concerts.
- To establish a new benefit pot for maintenance, reconstruction and development for volunteer for buildings owned by voluntary organizations such as community center, youth house etc.
- That digital services and software should be available in both nynorsk and bokmål.
- That all public bodies in Rogaland county will follow Mållova. To offer academic training, such as classes in nynorsk, is a key instrument for achieving this.
- That all municipalities in the county should have plans for målbruk.
- To strengthen county library and their cooperation with the municipalities.

- That the museums should be accessible to all, both in universal design, and in low prices.
- To enhance the support to Friluftsrådet.
- To facilitate for all through plans on contiguous footpaths and recreational areas.
- That the county through the arrangement with game fundings stimulates municipalities to improve cooperation on common sports.
- That the sports department in the county shall strengthen cooperation with municipalities to facilitate the elderly and pensioners can actively participate in cultural and outdoor activities.
- Be a driving force for the decentralization of health services and creating local medical center in the district, municipalities or cooperating municipalities.
- That there should be requirements of a healthy and good lunch offer in the canteens of Rogaland's high schools
- To further develop the cultural spaserstokken.
- To promote measures for a better dental care for elderly and pursue measures for a less costly dentistry.
- To ensure that new hospitals are located near public transport hubs (train, bus, boat), so that as many as possible may use public transportation.

5.0 Transport

The goal of the Centre Party's policy in transport is an efficient, accessible, safe and environmentally friendly transport system. It must meet society's needs for transport and promote regional development.

Rogaland has prepared good regional plans for land use and transportation through several years. The Centre Party will work to follow through with the passed regional transportation plans, through clear budgetary priorities.

The Centre Party wants:

- To make public transportation and cycling the most attractive ways of travelling in central urban area.
- To make up the backlog of maintenance on roads.
- To increase the framework for investments in the county projects.
- To continue the work with getting Gandsfjord bridge as part of Bypakke North-Jæren.
- To improve the existing commuter routes that make it possible for people to live in the district and commute into towns.
- To require "park and go" at public transport hubs.
- To have "safe home for a 100-bill" in all municipalities without a night bus.
- To strengthen the TT-arrangement.

- To facilitate to get more freight over on sea and rail.
- To work for a bike route between Stavanger and Bryne.
- To increase funding for pedestrian and cycle paths.
- To invest in driver training for cycling, that like for instance like the bicycle garden in Sandnes, will be a good arrangement in the entire county.
- To ensure a good network in the whole county.
- To establish adequate day rest stop with facilities for long-haul operations.
- To ensure an offer of taxi in the districts.
- To continue to work on getting the Ryfylke gate, tunnel Espedal-Frafjord, realized.
- To improve Fv 529 Prekestol road between Jøssang and Preikestolhytta.
- That pupils with heavy traffic on their way to school be able to purchase bus passes for youth card price.
- To work to introduce bike trailers on Jærbanen.
- To reducing fares for cyclists on Jærbanen.
- To ensure that all households have access to broadband, and that the whole county gets mobile coverage and coverage of mobile broadband.
- To ensure that all boat communication in the county are treated equally when it comes to grants to inhabited islands.
- To work for increased route frequency to Norway's smallest municipality, Utsira (4 daily departures all year)
- To support the planning of E 39 as four lanes road on the route Stavanger-Kristiansand.
- To be an active driving force in NTP work, among other things, for the implementation of:
 - That E134 is the prioritized east-west connection
 - To ensure a ferry free coastal road E39
 - To prioritize avalanche and remediation in RV 13
 - To carry a considerable contiguous road network to key ports and airports
 - Further development of Jærbanen with double track, re-opening up the Ålgård line and improvement of Drangsdalen
 - To start the work on a work on high speed rail
 - That the state takes responsibility for the financing of highway projects.
 - To ensure a high level of investments on landslide and that Rogaland gets its share of the national investments.

6.0 Development of industry

The goal for the Centre Party is that everyone should have an equal opportunity to settle down anywhere in the county. An active district and industry policy is a must to reach that goal. Access to jobs that gives opportunity to use competence and education is determining when choosing a place to live.

The Centre Party wants the county to increase its regional development role. The party therefore wants to facilitate an active industry policy in the entire county, for instance with regional areas of industry outside the big cities.

The Centre Party wants to secure a fair employment with equal conditions for competition, and to work against social dumping. The Centre Party of Rogaland wants to emphasise the following main areas for business and industry development in the county:

- The food county of Rogaland
- The energy county of Rogaland
- Tourism
- Entrepreneurship

6.1 The food county of Rogaland

The Centre Party wants an active agricultural policy which provides safe food, agriculture in the entire country, increases creation of wealth and which ensures a sustainable industry. Food is the foundation of the biggest complete chain of value in mainland Norway. Ensuring access to sufficient and qualified labour is a fundamental prerequisite for a competitive agricultural industry.

Marine and aquaculture will become an even more important industry in the future due to global population growth. The Centre Party wants a sustainable development of marine and aquaculture. Hence, we must facilitate the industry with predictable framework conditions and means to prevent disease.

Rogaland Centre Party will focus on giving favourable conditions for food industry in the food county Rogaland.

The Centre Party wants:

- To give agricultural industry and the agricultural environment favourable opportunities for development which creates optimism and security.
- To support the fields of chefs and restaurants.
- To support the efforts of local farming and food production.
- To grant opportunities to pursue organic farming.
- To establish stricter controls of the aquaculture industry, and give the Norwegian Food Safety Authority better sanctioning alternatives.
- To establish an area fee for aquaculture.
- To facilitate processing within forest industry.
- To ensure shipping docks for the forest industry.
- That Rogaland County is an active participant in coastal forestry.
- That the county together with the municipalities should strengthen work in consciousness raising to reduce food waste.

6.2 The energy county of Rogaland

Rogaland is a considerable energy county, and the center of Norwegian oil and gas industry. The Centre Party will contribute to ensure this position. At the same time the Centre Party will facilitate that the county must continue to be leading in the development of renewable energy, and to strengthen the work on alternative energy sources.

The Centre Party wants:

- To pursue environmental and future-oriented energy production and usage.
- That the county compensates power-municipalities' loss of concessionary power by conversion from electric heating to environmental district heating.
- To have mechanisms that ensures the compensations of municipalities in development of wind power.
- To open up to the construction of small hydropower plants in protected waterways when this is not conflicting with conservation values.
- Increase access to renewable energy through giving investment grants for heating and bioenergy.

6.3 Tourism

Rogaland county is an important county for tourism.

The Centre Party wants:

- To continuously develop tourism in Rogaland through increased investments in competence and quality assurance.
- To develop new tourism products where one combines local cuisine with tourism.
- To strengthen the cooperation between agriculture and tourism industry to maintain both workplaces and the cultural landscape of the county.

6.4 Entrepreneurship

Innovation and entrepreneurship creates the jobs of tomorrow.

The Centre Party wants:

- To strengthen the establishment service for the creation of new businesses.
- To coordinate industrial political means, where the goal is that new establishments can use "one door".
- To strengthen young entrepreneurship.
- To support industry orchards and local industry clusters.
- To facilitate an increased usage of pasture recourses.
- To reinstate the arrangement with municipal industrial development including the 7 municipalities Lund, Sokndal, Bokn, Vindafjord, Kvitsøy, Utsira and Finnøy.

7.0 Soil conservation

Only 3 % of the land area in Norway is cultivated land. In comparison 38% of the land area is forest, and 44% mountains and plains.

The Centre Party wants:

- To work for a change in the law so that all cultivated land and cultivable land will be given a legal protection against reassignment and downsizing.
- That there need to be as little reassignment as possible.
- To actively work for an increase in value of cultivated land.
- To use other means in order to make reassignment less attractive, for instance to require new cultivation double the size of the reassigned area, and to require a repatriation of topsoil from reassigned areas to food production.
- When planning new transportation initiatives, the option which requires the least cultivated land should be preferred.
- To work towards making the Highway Agency's national road standards much more saving of area in terms of cultivated land.
- That the benefit of the doubt should be given cultivated land in questions of large development of infrastructure, residential areas or industry.
- Prevent loss of cultivated land through overgrowth, and therefore agricultural policy must be designed to sustain agriculture in the whole country.
- That the consideration of soil conservation should weigh heavily in the planning of new residential areas. The county must contribute actively to facilitate good communications to uncultivable areas of construction.
- To have a better marking and increased attention to the long term borders of soil conservation.
- To use long term borders of soil conservation in regional plan Jæren as an absolute border for construction in the region.
- To introduce duty of application for deals of acquisition in zones that are protected from construction.

8.0 Environment and climate

We have to think about the environment and natural resources in everything we do. The biggest environmental issues are global, at the same time as we can say they are happening locally. It is the total of all the local pollution that leads to the global environmental issues. He Centre party wants a sustainable management of our natural resources. This involves that our development has to face today's needs without damaging the possibilities of facing the needs of future generations. The consideration of environment and climate has to be

present throughout everything we do, and in all the politics that the county develops. Rogaland Centre party has a strong focus on climate measures and renewable energy.

The woods is, alongside the ocean, the most important source for binding carbon. In addition to have a positive effect on the climate, an increase in usage of forests will also create jobs, development of industry and the possibility of exportation of technology. A focus on the woods is there for a “kinder egg” of possibilities; for the climate, creation of wealth and the development of the districts.

The Centre party wants:

- To work for increased research on alternative energy
- That the power resources within existing, small and old power stations are taken better advantage of.
- To focus on measures to better take advantage of the woods as a climate resource.
- To support biogas plants to run busses.
- To use the potential of the forest and tree industry to create wealth and employment throughout the whole county of Rogaland.
- To increase forest planting and the usage of woods as a renewable energy and as one of the solutions to the climate issues.
- To support “forest22”, national strategy for forest and tree industry.
- To increase the funding to investments in forest industry, including roads, planting, and tending young stands.
- To increase the effort in preventing climate damages as funding to secure flood, erosion and rockslide, and to secure infrastructure.
- That a revision of the license conditions to build power stations will contribute to positive measures for the environment and biodiversity in the developed watercourses.
- To exploit and manage the natural resources with the next generation in mind.
- To take measures to reduce car traffic, especially in the cities.
- That Rogaland and Norway becomes a beacon in terms of climate measures.