

Political Manifesto of Attistibai Youth

Preamble

Attistibai Youth is an organization that focuses on strengthening of liberal and European values in Latvia. The youth organization of the Party Latvijas Attistibai consists of young people living in Latvia and supporting classical liberal values. The objective of the youth organization is to strengthen and build a more liberal political, social, and economic environment in Latvia. Our mission is to represent the interests of young people of Latvia.

Attistibai Youth, in cooperation with political organizations in Latvia and Europe, wants to motivate the youngest part of the society to participate in the political process and develop itself by participating in organized training courses, educational courses, discussions, and by publishing opinion papers.

Attistibai Youth wants to positively influence Latvia's development by supporting and fostering stability, progress, and tolerance in Latvia. In order to achieve before mentioned goals, it is necessary to promote political participation, democracy, and transparent public administration in Latvia.

Attistibai Youth is ready to offer classical liberal values to the society by closely cooperating and supporting the work of our mother-party Latvijas Attistibai.

Primary values of Attistibai Youth

As a liberal-oriented organization our primary values are as follows:

Freedom and Equality

Free Market Economy

Active Political Participation

State Justice

1. Freedom and Equality

The freedom and equality of opportunities is an essential part of the identity of Latvijas Attistibai Youth. We stand for human freedom and opportunities to realize their potential regardless their origin.

Nowadays, when surveillance can be ensured easier than ever, we must maintain the right to privacy and freedom of expression. Freedom of expression is one of the foundations of human rights, which should be protected. We believe that individual liberty includes the rule of law, equal access to full and varied education, access to information, equal rights for women and men, tolerance, and social inclusion. We see civil society consisting of free citizens who live in the statutory framework with guaranteed individual rights.

Attistibai Youth believes that ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation or person`s beliefs can not serve as a basis for treating them differently. That is why we are supporting the recognition of a legal form of the same-sex marriage, the elimination of wage disparities between the sexes, and the formation of a tolerant society.

2. Free Market Economy

We support the private property, marked-based economy, competition and free trade as the best way to ensure sustainable economic growth and maintain the long-term employment level, thereby ensuring an adequate standard of living for all people. The private property is the key element of a liberal state. We believe that it is necessary to ensure an economic policy that would allow the economy to grow and develop and take into account social and environmental aspects without an excessive tax and bureaucracy burden.

We believe that the private initiatives and competition is a mush better solution to the economic development than government intervention and a strong national economic planning. Therefore, we believe that state-owned companies should not have the exclusive monopoly right in the free market, except in cases where such a monopoly can be justified and is absolutely necessary.

3. Active Political Participation

For us active political participation means active involvement of people in community life by participating in elections, charity, voluntary work and public discussions/dialogue. Participation includes all aspects of life, covering a wide range of issues, such as education, culture, sustainable development, the inclusion of ethnic minorities, the participation of disabled people in society, gender equality, including equal representation in decision-making process of women and men. By focusing on the promotion of political participation, it is important to reduce the gap between people and public administration.

4. State Justice

We believe that the only form of government capable of providing universal respect for human rights is democracy with free and fair elections. We are against the death penalty, torture and physical punishment. We support a pluralistic society where different views and opinions are enjoying each other`s respect. We believe that the division of powers in the state should consist of the legislative, executive and judicial power. We believe that individual rights and freedoms must be included in a written form in the Constitution.

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