

Citizen participation

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introduction

- Annet ten Hoff
- The registrar/clerk of the city council
- Since 1 July 2007
- Head of department (directly commanded by city council)

Work environment

- City council consists of 23 local councillors
- 7 party chairmen
- Agenda committee
- Triangle (mayor, city manager, clerk)

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Definition

- Citizen participation = citizens take part in the development of communal policy

thesis

- Freedom of being able to vote and to know that you can express yourself is more than enough participation

*"Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery;
None but ourselves can free our mind" lyrics
by Bob Marley (redemption song)*

Why

Goal

- To involve citizens in communal policy
- To bridge the gap between citizens and government
- Improve policy development

Models

- Reactionmodel
- Inventorymodel
- coproductionmodel

Best practices in Meppel

- Educational park/campus Ezinge
- Municipal elections
- Municipal zoning
- Speeddate councilors and new voters
- Digital support for determine political preference

Educational campus Ezinge

- Mr. De Visser will tell you all about this best practice.

Municipal elections

- 56% election turnout
- Enough volunteers for staffing 23 voting offices
- We've gone from 6 to 7 parties (D66)
- 7 new councilors
- 6 female councilors (3 new)

Municipal zoning

- Objectors to zoning were actively involved in zoning board process.
- Objectors were allowed to speak in Council Committee
- Council delegation visited objectors at home
