

Left Alliance Turku chapter manifesto
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Many things are good about our home town of Turku. The people, the atmosphere, the beautiful riverside, islands and a sprightly cultural life. Turku also has a strong economic life and the city employs professional, dedicated employees. Thus we have a great platform from which to build our city.

The Left wants Turku to be a city with good public services and a city with open and democratic governance.

The rule of business money and small closed circles of decision making built into the “Turku Agreement”, a plan backed by most political groups to disenfranchise democratic decision making organs, has resulted in policy that hasn’t been in the interest of city residents.

The Left has denounced backroom deals and wants to build our city in co-operation with its residents. The Left says no to old boy deals, corruption and moving decision making away from the people and giving power to career politicians, officials and corporations.

Our aim is to reduce inequality, to guarantee apartments, education, employment, medical care and the chance to enjoy culture to all people in Turku. Our city can also do its part in building a better workplace and increase wellbeing by respecting collective agreements and promoting good workplace practices.

Yes to local services, no to higher fees!

Health and social services are for people, not for markets. The Left wants to ensure everyone is entitled to good quality public services when they need it. The Left wants mental health and substance abuse counseling to be a low threshold and on time service.

The world’s best schools and access to early childhood education for all!

The Left wants a Turku that promotes equality and justice. The Left wants to narrow the gap between incomes and health disparity by guaranteeing equality in education and early childhood education. Turku and its services must be built in a way that all residents, no matter what their background, have the freedom to take part in society and improve themselves. Turku is safe and equal to all!

A congenial and sustainable Turku

The Left wants a Turku, where the needs of nature and the needs of the people walk hand in hand. A congenial and sustainable Turku is built on smart, ecologically sound development, parks and recreational spaces as well as building reasonably priced public transport systems.

Good work is the foundation of Turku’s economy

The Left wants the city of Turku to build a healthy economy and strong employment through good zoning practices and by focusing on building quality transportation networks. This can also be accomplished by focusing on smart public procurement, good education and providing services for local business. The Left believes the city should be a responsible employer.

Long term unemployment and those who need help in finding jobs should be able to find the help they need in city services. It is Turku's responsibility and should be managed actively.

