

Interview with Melkorku:



Last spring Melkorka Þöll was voted the Head of The Student Society in the annual election. We have interviewed her to her and asked her about student democracy in Verslo

Does everybody have the money to run for election?

Yes. Everybody has the money but some people spend more money on the elections than others. E.g. last year a student, running for elections, got a famous musician to perform. That costs a lot of money but that doesn't guarantee your victory, he for example didn't win.

Do elections matter for the students?

For most people they do but sadly in some cases people only vote for the ones they think are cute. But I really hope it's changing.

Is it harder for girls to be voted?

It has been over the years but fortunately this is changing

Why are there often more boys that get voted and how can we change that?

It's strange but it is like girls trust boys better to tackle the bigger tasks. There are 60% girls in this school and only 40% boys but the year before last year there were only boys on the student board. That means that most of the girls aren't stepping up for the girls who run for election. This is something we definitely have to work on but it's getting better.

What impacts your decision in who to vote for?

I try to learn about their goals and policies before I decide who to vote for rather than just to go with the flow.

When I began studying at Verzlunarskoli Islands, most of my friends only voted for boys they thought were cute, I think that's very stupid.

Which qualities does a candidate have to have?

He/she has to be out-going, co-operative, well organized and has to have good leadership talents.

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