



Oslo

The Council for Multicultural Minorities

The Council for Multicultural Minorities is a participation forum for The City Council in Oslo in matters which concern residents of Oslo with multicultural minority backgrounds.

The council represents residents with immigrant background, national minorities and indigenous people (sami).

The council has the right to give statements and express itself in matters presented by The City Council.

The council can operate information activities and contribute to secure a representation of multicultural minorities in municipal forums for user participation.

Form of work

Members of the Council for Multicultural minorities are appointed by The City Council in

Oslo. The appointment follows the election period for four years. The council consists of twelve members and twelve deputies. The members contribute with experience and knowledge linked to diversity and Oslo as a multicultural city.

The council has been put together with respect to gender, gender identity and age, as well as minority background and district affiliation.

The council prioritizes city-wide municipal matters, for example action plans and strategies.

The council can set matters on its own initiative on the agenda, to promote points of view and challenges concerning multicultural minorities in Oslo.

Invitations, statements and public documents are digitally available to the public.

Council meetings are held approx. once per month and are open to the public.

Areas of priority

In 2023-2027, the council will prioritize cases in the following areas:

- Follow-up of the action plan for increased recruiting of leaders and employees with multicultural background in municipality of Oslo
- Segregation in Oslo
- Increased knowledge about health issues of multicultural population in Oslo

Activities

- Respond to hearings and send input to matters that concern areas of priority
- Organize an annual seminar on selected topic relevant for council's target group
- The council works to increase knowledge about the target group's challenges with invite representatives from national minorities, indigenous people and people with immigrant background to dialogue
- Drive information and lobbying about the council's work and areas of priority in media
- Strengthen citizen participation on system level in the municipality throughout cooperation with other councils and the municipality's administration