

The Greens in Turku, municipal elections 2025, summary of the election programme

The Green Party wants to ensure a good everyday life for all residents, in a way that will allow the future generations to enjoy an equally good life. This is possible only if we take care of the climate and nature. Preventing climate change is taken into account in all decisions and the connection between people and nature is maintained by ensuring that nature is as close and as accessible as possible for the residents of Turku.

The Greens' vision is for Turku to grow from its present state, but in an environmentally and socially sustainable manner. Public transport, cycling and walking form the backbone of transport and mobility. We are investing in railway transport especially. By building densely, urban space can be counterbalanced by creating plenty of shared spaces and common green areas in the city. We will not allow neighbourhoods to become segregated.

Similarly, economic growth will take sustainability into account. Strict sustainability criteria are required for the city's own procurement. By investing in an educated and skilled workforce, Turku will be a more attractive city for businesses. The maritime and pharmaceutical industries are long-standing pillars of Turku's business community and are attracting companies at the forefront of the green transition.

The management of employment services is a new responsibility for all municipalities. A Green Turku recognises that changing the world may also mean a redistribution of jobs. That is why there is a strong focus on retraining in these changing times.

For us Greens, education and culture are both a human right and an investment in the future. Education is important for all ages: it supports the daily lives of children and young people, boosts employment for adults and increases all our wellbeing. As a university city, Turku pays particular attention to ensuring that students want to stay in Turku after they graduate.

A Green Turku sees immigration as an opportunity and offers protection to those in need. Immigration is also seen as an investment that will provide future viability for Turku. Sufficient resources for integration and training must be invested in order to prevent the challenges of immigration. In our vision, Turku engages in close dialogue with its immigrant communities and makes a good everyday life possible for all Turku residents, regardless of their background.

In 2022, most social welfare and health care services were transferred from municipalities to wellbeing services counties. Regardless of this, preventing illnesses, issues and general malaise is the most important part of social policy for us Greens. The municipality tackles these issues by, for example, by increasing opportunities for daily exercise, investing in the city's amenities, and by supporting culture and organisational activities.

In particular, the Greens would invest in the wellbeing of children and young people, who have suffered considerably during the years of coronavirus pandemic. We see this as an investment that will pay off over decades in terms of health and productivity.