



# Miljöpartiet i Ludvika election manifesto 2022-2026

**The Green Party (Miljöpartiet) wants Ludvika municipality to be a role model when it comes to the ecological transition for a sustainable world. The climate crisis and the world's sixth mass extinction will affect everyone. Society must meet this with measures on several levels. The Green Party's policy is based on ecological, social and economic sustainability.**

## A sustainable Ludvika - for increased preparedness

Emissions of greenhouse gases and loss of biological diversity are two of the biggest threats to a good life for us humans. To meet these challenges, we need to both work preventively but also equip society against those threats that cannot be avoided.

We want more solar power on the roofs of municipal properties, and with local energy production, we also gain greater resilience in the event of crises. With local electricity production, we also secure fuel for electric vehicles.

In order to face the loss of biological diversity, it is required that we strengthen the municipal competence in this area. For example, more measures are needed against invasive species, and we need strategies to favor pollinating

insects and protection of biologically valuable nature. Forestry and hydropower also need to be developed with greater consideration for biodiversity. Regarding the municipality's forest holdings, there needs to be a focus on the recreational value of the forest, and we want to prioritize the protection of more forest areas. Already today, the local agricultural companies are forced to buy in pollinators to get a good harvest. All municipal operations need to be examined from an environmental and climate perspective.

In Ludvika we want to:

- invest in renewable energy production and energy efficiency
- reinstate the position as municipal ecologist
- draw up a carbon dioxide budget for Ludvika municipality
- take measures to secure biological diversity
- take measures so that the municipality can better withstand extreme weather
- preserve agricultural land from exploitation
- strengthen the municipality's IT security
- reduce food's climate impact and increase purchases of organic and locally grown food
- have climate-smart community planning

## Preschool & School

The elementary school in Ludvika has for a long time been far from achieving the high goals that the council set for the school area. The school today has a low percentage of qualified teachers, and many describe the school environment as messy for the children and stressful for the teachers. More resources are needed to meet children with special needs and children who refuse to attend school. For teachers, more time is needed for the core task and the salaries need to be attractive and competitive.

Within preschools, teachers have for long been alarming about the consequences of excessively large groups of children. In this area, we need long-term work to get smaller groups of children and a more sustainable working environment for the staff.

We are also critical to the excessive use of digital learning materials in schools. Therefore, we want the possibility for schools to also buy traditional learning materials as a complement to the digital ones.

In Ludvika we want to

- reduce the groups of children in preschool
- invest more in traditional teaching aids as a complement to the digital ones
- strengthen the attractiveness of the teaching profession through good salaries and a good working environment
- work preventively by investing in early interventions for children with special needs
- work for zero tolerance against violations at school
- see a special investment in children who don't go to school and other children with special needs
- increase sport and movement in school to promote academic results and public health
- improve road safety around schools and other areas where children and young people spend a lot of time.

## Ludvika – a great place to live

Ludvika has a lot to offer, and the municipality has a fantastic natural environment. The rich associational life offers a rich range of activities. Ludvika has residents with roots in many parts of the world, and the international character of the city is something we should be proud of and make the most of.

We believe that there is much to be gained by making our natural environments visible and accessible, for example by building overnight cabins, developing our fishing waters, arranging cycle paths, hiking trails and barbecue areas. It can make Ludvika more attractive as a tourist municipality. The environments around our nursing homes also need to be developed, for example through plantings and live animals.

In a good and well-functioning society, all adults need to have an opportunity for meaningful employment, so that we break the long-term exclusion that many find themselves in. In a first step, we want the municipality to merge individual and family care with the labor market unit in order to increase the municipality's power to act. During the financially difficult years to come, the municipality needs to focus on core activities such as schools, care and the environment. We therefore want to see a developed cooperation with our neighboring municipalities.

In Ludvika we want

- to develop Ludvika as an outdoor municipality and as a destination for nature tourism
- to develop the environments around the municipality's nursing homes
- that all adults should have the right to meaningful employment and that long-term exclusion be broken
- to work for increased basic staffing in the care of the elderly
- that the municipality focuses on its core activities and improves the working conditions in the areas where sick leave is high