



Inclusion and citizen participation-
an everyday way of thinking and
acting.

“With a Heart for Arendal”

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II Panel: From Emergency
reception to integration at local
level: best practices in the
countries

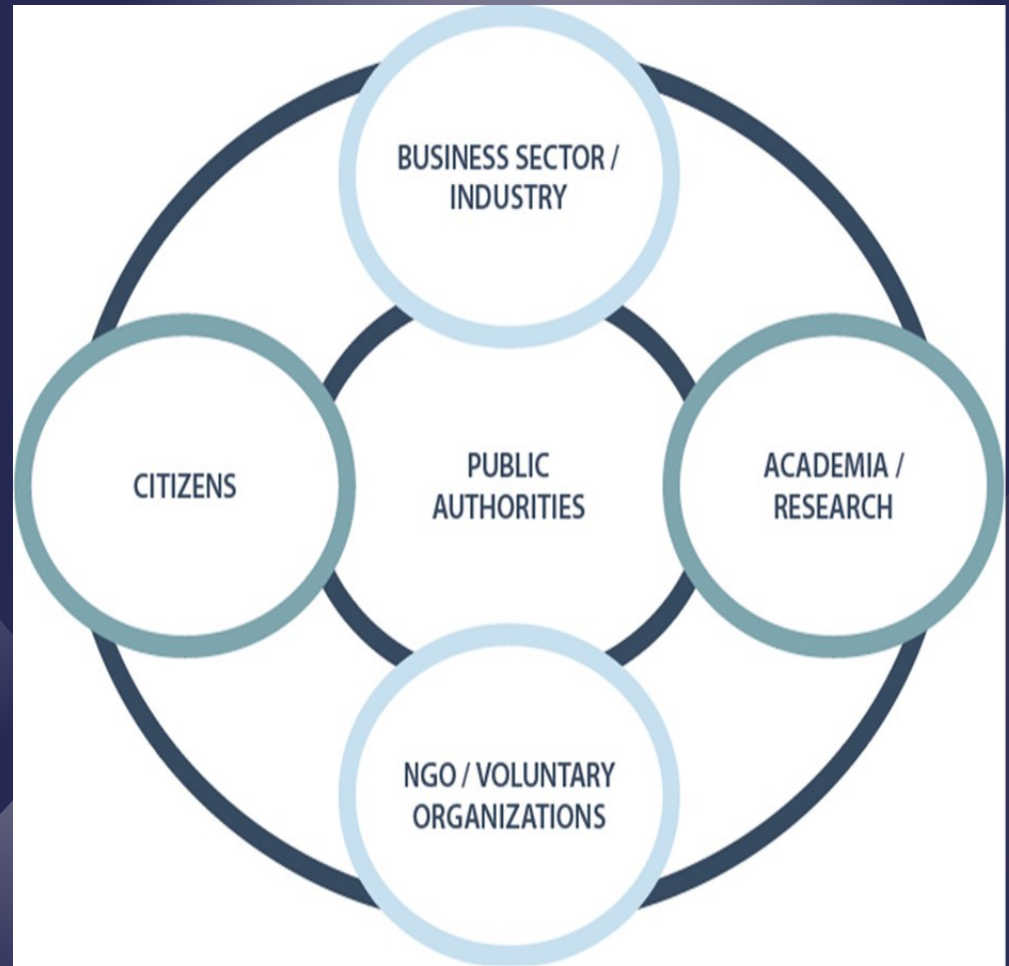
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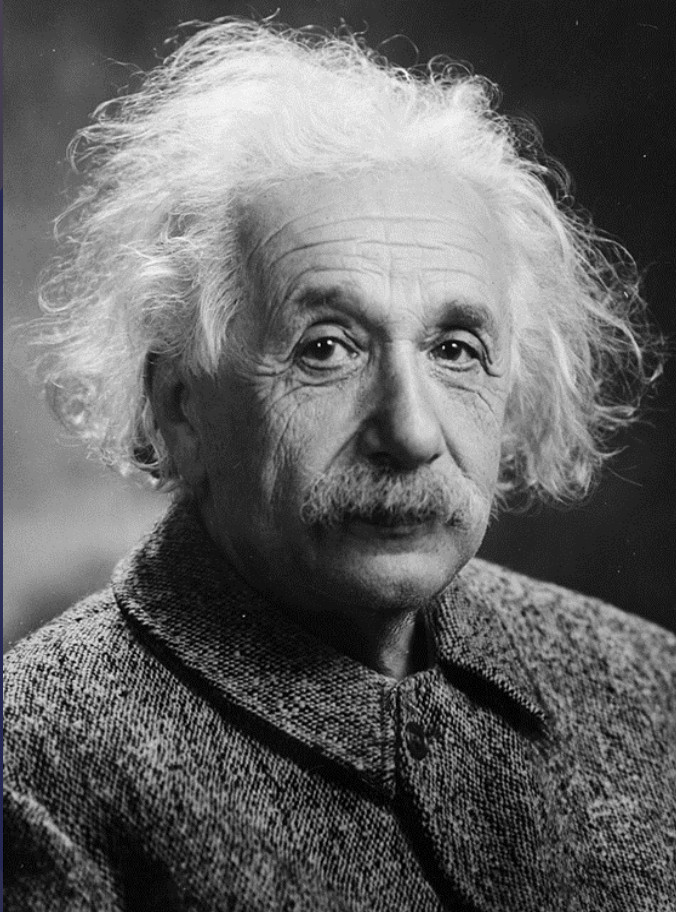
A Penta Helix modell: Building on the UN Sustainability Goals.

The municipality, research, voluntary sector, civil society, business and culture actors-

The model has been developed on the basis of experiences from MHFA and other contexts in collaboration with Agderforskning (Now NORCE), Trøndelag Research and Development and the Marselisborg Center in Denmark. (OFFRI project). More information about research reports and some projects can be found here:

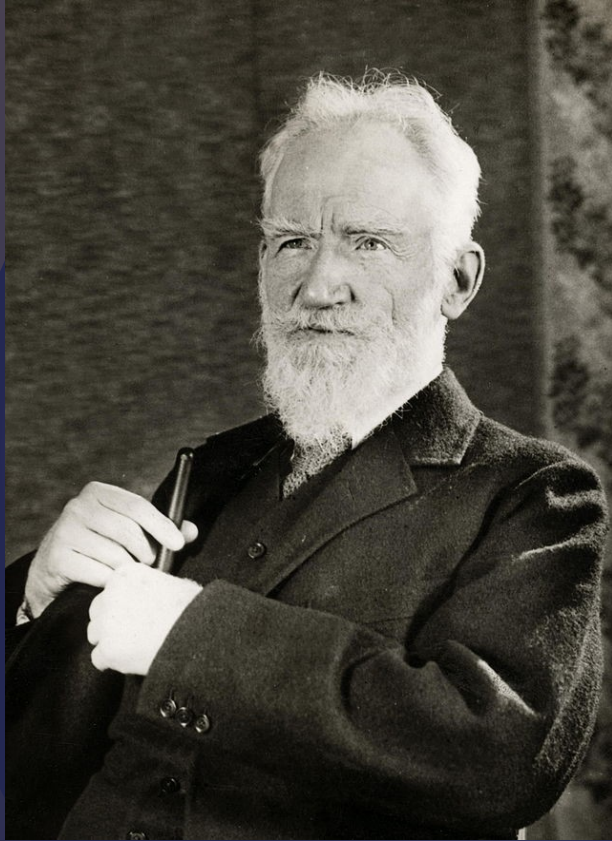
<https://medhjerteforarendal.no/case-arendal-city-center/>





“Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.”

Einstein's famous quote



You see things; and you say
“Why?”

But I dream things that never were;
and I say “Why not?”

George Bernard Shaw



*«You have to turn
everything upside-down
to get the right side up.»*
Fred Kent, Project for
Public Places

Arendal has moved away from the label "I will knock you down" city



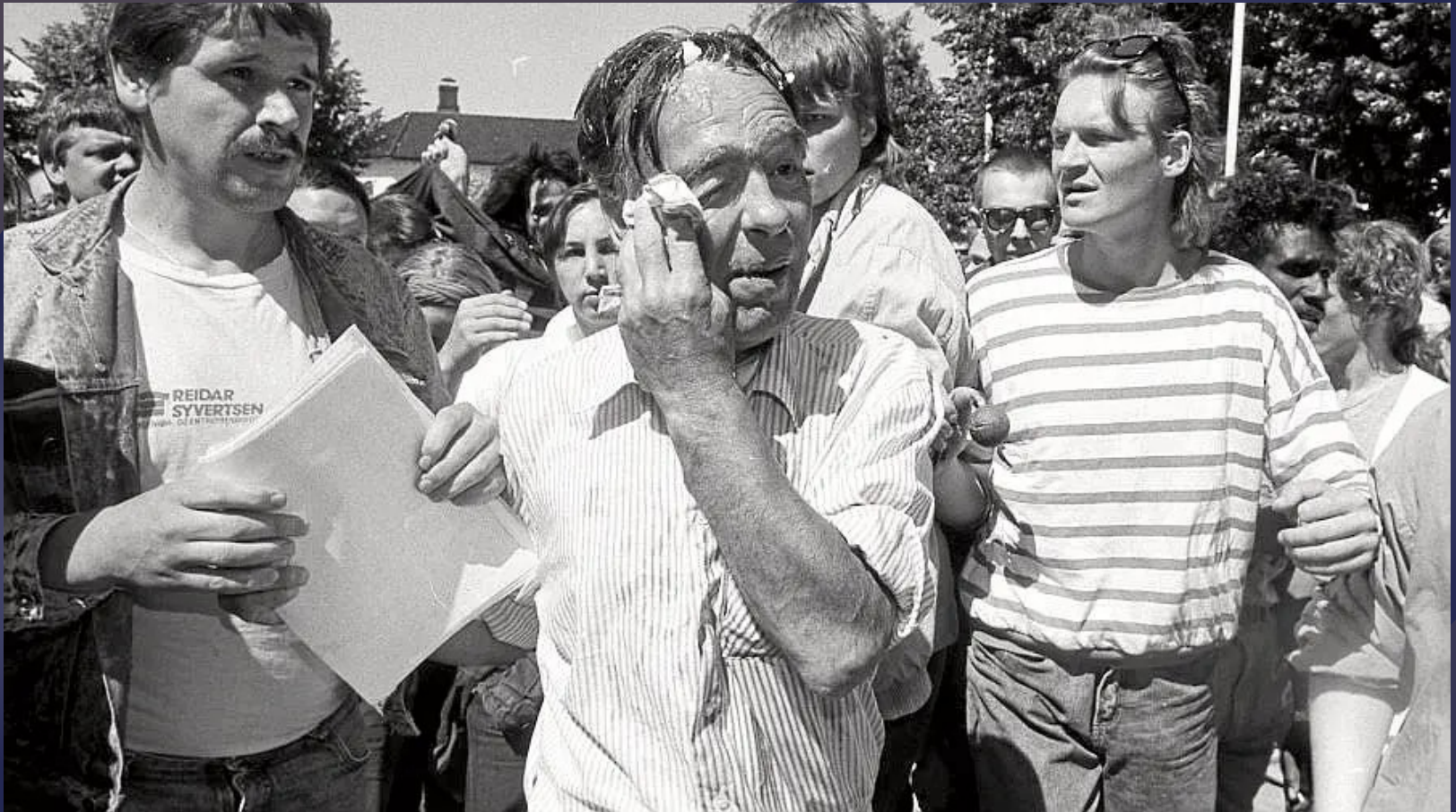
The battle of Fevik, 1990. Photo: Agderposten
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The former leader of «Norway against immigration» *Hallgeir* (FMI), Arne Myrdal, was denied to speak during a meeting in the main market space in Arendal in 1991.

Arne Johannes Myrdal made history when he was elected in 1987 as leader of the new organization «Folkebevegelsen mot innvandring» (FMI). Most people remember him as a rabid opponent of immigration, and many associate him with the so-called "Fevik battle", where the FMI attacked a bus with anti-racists from Oslo

[Arne Myrdal - et liv i kamp - KUBEN \(kubenarendal.no\)](http://kubenarendal.no)



Radical ideas have greater power than terrorism. They can change Norwegian society for the worse, also through democracy, writes Øyvind Strømme. Here Arne Myrdal, a controversial Norwegian immigration opponent and activist. [Den tredje bølgen \(aftenposten.no\)](https://aftenposten.no)

The new stories are created between us!
We must fill gaps and «build bridges» across «empty spaces»



“People meet people”: Continuous dialogues and meeting places for inclusion.



Organized by the Arendal Adult Learning Center, MHFA/ WHFA, and the Arendal Library

The Place

A physical place and a democratic space , with relational aspects.



VI & VÅRE DRAKTER



EN MANGFOLDIG HYLLEST
TIL FOLKET SOM LEVER
SITT LIV I ARENDAL

«Proud and Stately!»

«Arendalitter»/ Citizens from all cities and
countries come celebrate the 300 years
anniversary of Arendal in 2023!







A spokesman for the mosque, Josef Hæier, says that a maturation was needed in the congregation before the women could join the board. Now he thinks it's gratifying. - I think it is fantastic that we now have committed women on the board. I think it is right and natural for women to be on the board. All members should be represented on the board. It is fantastic that women are now allowed to participate in line with male members, says Hæier

Azhar Hashi, Eman Shweki
and Dega Abdi Aman
Photo: Inger Stavelin



The Police created an «iron» ring around SIANs stand Wednesday last week , before they asked them to pack their things and leave Arendalsuka 2017. Photo: Arne Ingmar Eggen



In the large church room in the Trinity Church in Arendal, it is usually «hight under the ceiling». That was also the case when Muslim Asria Mohamed Taleb met the anti-Islamist Anne Bråten. To the left, parish priest Åsta Ledaal. Photo: Arne Ingmar Eggen Here she meets the anti-Islamist: - *I must say you are tough*

[Her møter hun anti-islamisten: – Jeg må si du er tøff \(agderposten.no\)](https://www.agderposten.no)



Photo: Arne Ingmar Eggen

One believes in Odin, the other believes in Allah Both met in church to talk about their faith, and learn about the other.

-I'm not trying to convert him to believe in my gods, he's happy with his.

-But we have found that we have many similarities, says Jan Helge Fannis Messel.

He believes in the Norse gods, and talked about his faith with Mohamed Ibrahim, who is a Muslim. - *We must respect each other no matter what we believe in, because we are humans, says Mohamed.*



Jan Helge Fannis Messel (left) and Mohamed Ibrahim in The Trinity Church in Arendal.

PHOTO: ASBJØRN ODD BERGE

<https://www.nrk.no/sorlandet/vil-bygge-bro-mellom-religioner-1.13882971>

Dialogue hosts and «Get involved Arendal!»



Representatives from the Mosque secured SIAN-activists the freedom to speak. In their orange dialogue-host vests, they made sure that the SIAN activists were not disturbed when they expressed their opinions in the streets of Arendal.

Photo: Arne Ingmar Eggen

[Representanter fra moskeen ga SIAN-aktivistene ytringsfrihet \(agderposten.no\)](https://agderposten.no)

Arendal municipality
Business-actors
Police and the Advisory Board for the Police
Arendal City Association
Guards
The Taxi-business
With a Heart For Arendal/ Med Hjerte For Arendal
Sam Eyde High School
Organisations and Night Ravens
Voluntaries

Placemaking Handbook:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DhLYIFgRxNAn7sL-EsjBWSTBvdn2rsX8/view>

Urban Young/ Game Arendal Prison/ Playmaker-education



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Samskaping
i Arendal

Rapportering

Prosjektskjønn
- Fylkesmannen

Statusrapport per 15.03.2019

Samskaping i Arendal

Sivilsamfunnsstrategi, Arendal kommune



Kommuneplanens
samfunnsdel 2020-2030



METHODS AND TOOLS FOR

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND CO-CREATION

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NORCE ARENDAL KOMMUNE



The approach and methods:

Serving Leadership, co-creation, Penta Helix-approach, Placemaking and Asset Based Community Development(ABCD-approach) are some of our methods and approaches.

Are we looking for challenges or possibilities? Mobilization of people and cultural resources through a holistic and proximal approach, for a sustainable and place-led development, is the point of departure...

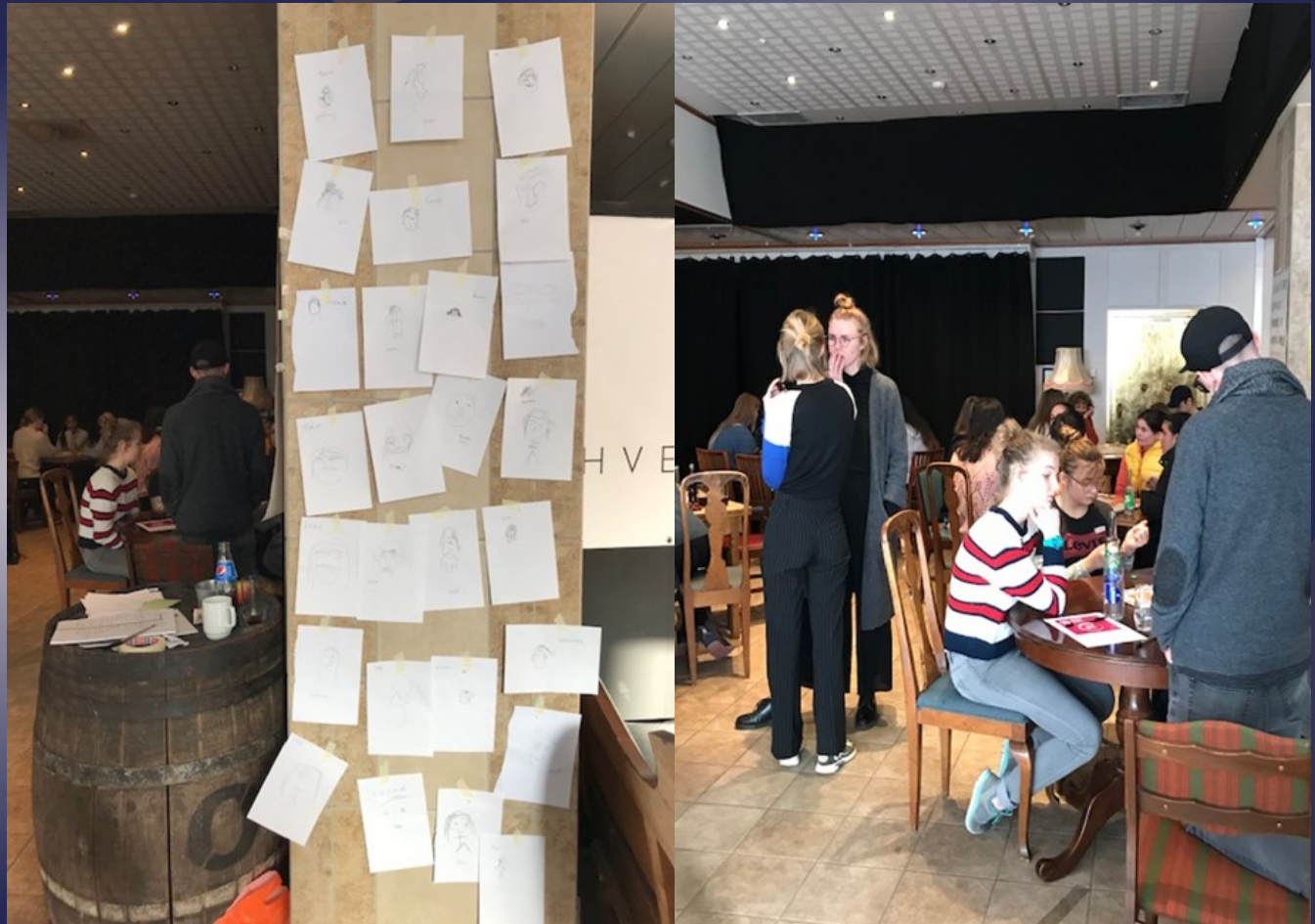
Do «they» have a say?

We have to invite, to search for and find the actors and groups that do not often take part in public meetings and hearings.

Listen to:

- The voices of the young people
- The voices of the elderly
- The voices of immigrants and refugees

But where and how do we find the "silent voices" and "the marginalized or resigned souls?"



Youth workshop and exhibition in «Bankgården»; Link to film:

<https://www.facebook.com/MedHjerteForArendal/videos/1100407740138610/>

Serving leadership as a principle, and Co-creation! Co-creation is the act of creating together.





Collect peoples DREAMS and ask for needs..

Solve everyday challenges...transport for elderly people...more activities for children in public places, develop a «transport to activity app» with elderly mentors for the young people.

Act, play...work together..test...try harder...



Thank you for the attention!



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