Libraries

Structures for democracy and freedom of speech



Libraries are structures for democracy and freedom of speech. The trade unions empower people through the tripartite collaboration. Cooperation between employers, unions and government has long traditions in Norwegian work life. Through tripartite collaboration in municipal services such as libraries, the unions work together with the local government in the development of society and community services.

As a trade union we organize librarians and other professionals working in libraries, and we strive to enhance their working conditions. Libraries are part of the government's structure for the freedom of speech. Our members from public libraries, school libraries and county libraries provide knowledge to the entire society and give a platform for political debate.

The libraries are in co-creating processes with both non-governmental organizations, municipal services and businesses in the local community. The trade union seeks to strengthen cooperation between employees, employers and local government. Together we maintain balance of power, and access to public space and knowledge. Both libraries and trade unions include people from across society."

