

# Experiments in democracy in Iceland

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# Experiments in democracy

- Experiment I: National meeting in november 2009.
- Citizen based initiative.
- Funded by the government.
- The goal was to find the values which should be the core of Icelandic society.

# National meeting 2009



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# National meetings on rural development

- Initiative from the government in close cooperation with local governments.
- Steering committee with representatives from different ministries, universities, research and development, trade unions and local communities.
- National meetings in every area to find new opportunities in rural development.

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# The wish for a new constitution

- After the crisis: A strong demand for a new constitution
- Many obstacles on the way!
- The new constitution has still not been realized.

# The constitutional assembly



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# International modern media initiative (IMMI)

- A holistic view on the legal framework concerning information, media, freedom of expression etc.
- A very important initiative to adapt Icelandic legislation to a new reality.
- The pioneer was Birgitta Jónsdóttir, member of parliament for the Pirate party.

# Democracy in education

- New curriculum for kindergarten, primary schools and secondary schools.
- Six pillars: Literacy and creativity; democracy and equality; sustainability and welfare.
- Is it possible to measure the learning outcomes of democratic education?

# Democracy in education

