

## Steiner School at Rotvoll, Trondheim



The Steiner School at Rotvoll is a Waldorf school with around 145 students from grades 1–10. The school also has a health education department that offers adapted educational opportunities for students with special academic and social needs, either temporary or permanent.

The school was established in 2000 and is located on a beautiful farm area by the Trondheim fjord, close to the sea and nature. We share the area with Rotvoll village, a Camphill village that runs the farm according to ecological and anthroposophical principles. This provides unique opportunities for cooperation and community across age and functional levels. The area has a rich history and was previously part of Rotvoll farm and the psychiatric hospital Rotvoll asylum (from 1872).

The teaching at the school emphasizes practical and artistic learning, with subjects such as nature use, crafts, art and language. The school has its own forge, and a skilled blacksmith teaches most grades in this traditional craft.

Teacher of arts and crafts Elisabeth Ulsund is participating in the project together with the 8th grade, a group of 14 students. She has taught students from grades 4–10 at the school for over 20 years. With a background as a craftsperson, she has extensive experience in combining creative, practical work with Steiner pedagogical facilitation.



Image: Seagull nesting at the Steiner-school roof

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