

GROENLINKS

DIEMEN

CHANGING DIEMEN TOGETHER

We are proud of our election programme 2022-2026. Over the past four years, we have worked hard to achieve our goals and many of them we have achieved, alone or with others. But a municipality is never finished. The world changes, new issues arise and new problems call for solutions or a vision.

Below you can read our ideas for Diemen, based around five topics.

1. Working together for the climate
2. Diemen, an attractive place to live
3. Investing in our residents
4. Living together in Diemen
5. Economic and regional Diemen

Working together for the climate

The climate is changing and we need to act NOW to stop it. It is important that we explore how we can best do this together. Whether you are rich or poor, everyone needs to be able to participate. We will make sure everyone is able to save energy and use green energy, and we will tackle energy poverty. With assistance from the municipality, we are going to make neighbourhoods more sustainable. Together we will make sure that less waste is generated and we will reuse more. We want more nature and trees and healthy, vegetarian/plant-based food.

Diemen has become greener, but there is scope for it to become much greener still. Going green is important for our health and animals' health. Working to make our air cleaner is part of that. We want even more trees to be planted and to further reduce speed limits in and around Diemen. We will also work to protect and strengthen our nature and our environment against extreme heat, drought and downpours.

Diemen, an attractive place to live

Having somewhere to live is a fundamental right, in Diemen just as much as anywhere else. Affordable homes are naturally part of that. We will give first-time buyers, young professionals and young families the opportunity to settle or stay in Diemen and we will resist investors by requiring owner-occupation. Our target is to deliver a further 1000 social housing units between 2022 and 2030. A growing municipality needs a varied sport and cultural offering that gives all its residents the opportunity to participate, including those who have less to spend.

Investing in our residents

Inequality is rising. For this reason, we are committed to a strong vision of poverty reduction, housing, education and opportunities for development. We will do more to tackle debt. The municipality will continue to support people in finding paid employment or other activities that are of benefit to society. GroenLinks is keen to experiment with the basic income and increase the freedom of people on benefits.

Our residents deserve the best care and housing, while retaining personal autonomy. The municipality has a coordinating role to play in this regard. For example, home care must not be replaced by cleaners. The financial shortfall within youth care is alarming. Children and young people must not lose out as a result. We will maintain and increase our investments in welfare, so that all Diemen residents who need it get a helping hand.

Not everyone gets the same opportunities to fully participate and experiences the same freedom to be who they want to be. For this reason, the municipality needs to set a good example and itself be a good reflection of society. We continue to support activities that encourage 'coming together'. Racism and discrimination are unacceptable and must not be allowed in our municipality. We are therefore proud that Diemen is a Rainbow Municipality. Many people face racism and discrimination, in Diemen too. And that has to stop!

School is a place where you can learn, develop and pursue your dreams. Equal opportunities for all! So it is important to promote pre-school education for all children in order to identify future educational disadvantage at an earlier stage. We will make schools accessible and sustainable, and we will give them green playgrounds. We will continue to push for a secondary school in Diemen. This will allow us to build good relationships with the pupils who will then be going to school in our municipality. And to help them with further education and training and finding internship placements.

We believe in helping people who lack reading, writing and digital skills. And we will offer residents without work the opportunity to retrain. Language is important if people are to integrate. We will provide sufficient opportunities for them to gain experience of hearing and using Dutch. When it comes to family reunification, it is also important to offer integration and support.

Living together in Diemen

GroenLinks wants to be a dependable municipality with an open and active attitude. That means actively engaging with residents, organisations and businesses in order to hear their ideas about policy and the local area. It also means supporting and facilitating initiatives by residents. For this reason, all information and communication from the municipality is written in clear and understandable language. We are also pushing for new forms of participation, such as a citizens' council and citizen science.

The municipality and social partners request a lot of personal information from their residents. GroenLinks wants them to only ask for essential information and to always

ask the individuals concerned for permission before sharing information. Algorithms need to be used with care, which is why we are calling for an algorithm register.

Safety is an important condition for a society in which everyone is able to participate. Where there is a need to improve public safety or quality of life, we will take a neighbourhood-focused approach. This also calls for good lighting in public spaces and prevention campaigns. Camera surveillance infringes on our privacy, so we will only use it when it is really necessary and it really adds value.

We are also concerned about traffic safety. Because cyclists and pedestrians are vulnerable in traffic and need to be protected. So we are calling for a speed limit of 30 km/h in all built-up areas and for clearly marked cycle lanes. We will introduce one-way traffic and create more places where cars do not have priority, so that we can create safer cycling and walking routes.

Economic and regional Diemen

Diemen actively promotes its businesses and involves them in policy matters that concern them. We are committed to maintaining and strengthening that cooperation. We will continue to encourage and facilitate our businesses to make themselves more sustainable. Small and medium-sized firms are also important for local employment. As such, GroenLinks believes coordination between the municipality and businesses is important. For example, on safety in shopping areas, deliveries, accessibility for people with disabilities, adequate cycle parking, tackling crime and making shopping squares greener.

Diemen will remain an independent municipality. We are proud of the short lines of communication within and outside the municipal organisation. The municipal executive and municipal employees are generally easy to reach and talk to, also for residents. Cooperation within the region strengthens our position as an independent municipality, which is why we want to continue to participate in the various regional partnerships.

We cannot achieve any of this without good, healthy finances. We aim to continue the stable financial policies of recent years. We will maintain social services, and where necessary those who are most able will bear the heaviest burden.

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Am I eligible to vote?

Citizens of the European Union (EU) member states who are 18 years old or over can vote in municipal council elections immediately upon moving to the Netherlands. Non-Dutch, non-EU nationals who are 18 years old or over and who have been living continuously in the Netherlands for at least 5 years (with a residence permit), are also allowed to vote in municipal elections. You have the right to vote in the municipality you are registered with, so long as you are registered with the municipality by January 31, 2022.

If you meet the eligibility requirements you are automatically registered to vote and you will receive a personal voting pass at your home address. Voting is spread out over several days (on the 14th, 15th and 16th of March 2022) due to the ongoing public health crisis. This means you can go to the physical polling stations during one of those days. If you are unable to vote in person, for example because you have to work or are on holiday, you can authorise another voter to cast your vote on your behalf.