

THINK DIFFERENT, ACT DIFFERENT

FOR A MORE SOCIAL, SUSTAINABLE AND HUMANE LEEUWARDEN.

GroenLinks Leeuwarden strives for a sustainable and ecofriendly community, where people look after each other and people can be themselves. A place where we fight for social equality and everybody can find an affordable place to live. Where we fight for the climate by saving energy. Where the streets become more ecofriendly and healthier. We want a community where hope trumps fear. Where we choose for human contact and conversation. In short a more social, sustainable and humane Leeuwarden.

WE HAVE ACHIEVED A LOT....

GroenLinks has been a part of the city council for over 25 years. During that time we have achieved many green and social results.

- Leeuwarden is a national leader in social power policies.
- There are more trees and management of the public space is ecofriendly.
- We ensured safer and more comfortable cycling routes.
- Despite budget cuts by the national government we have kept our welfare and provided a new policy for poverty.
- We addressed the county's policy for diversity.
- Zalen Schaaf has been retained and there is an ambitious policy for cultural education and activities.

.... BUT WE STILL HAVE A LOT TO DO.

And yet there is much to do. There are great challenges for us as a community. Social inequality is growing, there is a climate crisis and a housing shortage. There are still people being discriminated and excluded. The mutual trust between the government and the citizens is low. The pandemic has increased the social inequality and polarisation.

GREEN IS LEFT AND LEFT IS GREEN.

GroenLinks wants to make a difference. We are the party that dares to choose and isn't afraid to take on big issues like social inequality, climate change, housing shortage and discrimination. To us green and left are one and the same. Sustainability shouldn't be something just for affluent people. On the contrary, less affluent people benefit from lower living costs created by sustainability. Those who are less healthy benefit from a green and healthy city. To make our community ecofriendly and sustainable, we need to make sure this is affordable and that everyone can participate.

WE ADDRESS POVERTY AND MAKE LIVING AFFORDABLE.

To participate in society you have to be able to live. We want a drastic approach to poverty and debt. We want to prevent uncertainty and isolation. Households with problematic debts should be assisted better and sooner. We are going to fight the 'poverty trap'. When you leave welfare

for a job, it needs to pay off. We also need to create opportunities for people on the sidelines. We want a society where every child can grow up in safety and children have the opportunity to be who they want to be. That's why GroenLinks supports pre- and afterschool education and homework assistance for those who need it most. We want more opportunities for those without jobopportunities such as entree level jobs and schooling.

Houses are ment for living and not to earn money. At the moment there aren't enough affordable houses for people starting on the housing market, senior citizens and people with a low income. We want more affordable and energy efficient houses. If it is up to us at least 35% of new neighbourhoods will be subsidised rent. Energy efficient buildings will remain affordable in the long run! We oppose the buy up of houses by investors and slum lords.

To buy a house means that you are going to live there. This will increase opportunities for people starting on the housing market. We want to build more houses in the villages so first-time buyers and senior citizens can stay in their home town.

WE SAVE ENERGY AND MAKE THE COMMUNITY MORE ECOFRIENDLY, HEALTHIER AND CLIMATE PROOF.

GroenLinks doesn't want to leave the costs of climate change at our children's doorstep. We want to reduce the output of CO2 by 60% in 2030. We focus on saving energy, a sustianable economy and a greener society. We support people with a low income in enhancing their sustainability, so that we can prevent power poverty and everybody can participate in the energy transition. We support energy cooperations and work with them in the energy transition.

We would like to use all available and suitable roofs to be used for solar power or as a green space. We want to make our city and villages more ecofriendly, more liveable and healthier, especially in times of climate change. We are going to start by planting 20.000 trees. We also want to set up a more logical and more ecofriendly public space. The city centre will be completely sheltered from cars and for the most part cars won't be allowed in. And we stimulate walking and cycling by creating safer cycle lanes and reduce speed on dangerous roads.

WE FIGHT FOR AN OPEN SOCIETY WITH ROOM FOR MEETING PEOPLE IN PERSON AND UNDER HUMANE CONDITIONS.

An open society in which everybody can be themselves, no matter their heritage, age, sexual orientation or religion, is very important to GroenLinks. We stand against discrimination and want to include people who have been left out of society. By investing in culture, sports and cultural centres in villages, we want to increase encounters with and the integration of different groups of people.

Groenlinks wants a community in which we care for others. We want to increase trust between the government and its citizens. Council officials and first responders need space to be able to approach people humanely and to not be slaves to digital systems.

We find it important that all concerned parties can think about suitable solutions (not for us, but with us). That's why we're looking into new forms of democracy and we want to give people more control of developments in their own surroundings.

THIS IS HOW WE'RE GOING TO MAKE LEEUWARDEN COMMUNITY MORE SOCIAL, SUSTAINABLE AND HUMANE.

1. To combine welfare and work will be easier and more appealing.
2. Inhabitants with problematic debts will be assisted sooner and more effectively.
3. More equal opportunities in education by activities after school and guidance for those who need it.
4. Affordable living: at least 35% of new developments exist of subsidised rent.
5. Anyone can participate in the energy transition. We support inhabitants on a tight budget and energy initiatives from the community.
6. We are going to plant 20.000 trees and make the county green and climate proof.
7. Bicycles in first place! By creating non-stop cycle lanes from village to the city centre and a city centre sheltered from cars.
8. The nuisance of the JSF has to stop soon. If it doesn't, we are going to support the relocation of the base.
9. A better quality of life and encounters in villages and city by extra means for sports, culture and volunteering.
10. Improved integration of refugees and people with a status by focusing on (language) education, employment and housing.
11. We embolden the connecting role of culture in society by providing cultural education in schools and (free) events. Everybody will be able to participate and enjoy.
12. The government operates on the bases of human approach, not based on digital systems, forms or more camera enforcement.