

Election program - summary

Tilburg stands at a crossroads. Our city is growing, vibrant and changing, but it also faces major challenges in housing, equal opportunities and sustainability. D66 believes Tilburg can move forward with courage, optimism and vision. These are our choices:

1. Housing and Urban Development

Tilburg deserves a housing market that works again for first-time buyers, people moving up the housing ladder, students and families. By 2050, we will add 35,000 homes, 10,000 of which before 2030. We will achieve this through ten major urban developments in the city and our surrounding villages.

- We will build within the existing city, while preserving green space and quality of life. D66 will accelerate housing construction through faster procedures and by establishing an Urban Development Corporation to provide direction and implementation.
- We will ensure a healthy housing mix by adopting 30% social housing, 40% affordable housing and 30% private sector housing as our guiding principle.
- First-time buyers will have more opportunities in the housing market through instruments such as starter loans and leasehold constructions.
- Student housing will be expanded in places where living, learning and working come together, such as the city centre, the *Spoorzona* and the *Kenniskwartier*.

2. Opportunities and economy

A strong city begins with equal opportunities. That is why D66 invests in education and a solid social foundation. We will also invest more in culture to ensure that supply, diversity and accessibility continue to match Tilburg's growth.

- We invest in childcare, better align education with the economy of the future, and support young people with mental health services, school social work and safe relationships.
- D66 strengthens the local economy through an innovation fund for sustainable and digital start-ups, and by developing future-proof business parks.
- Together, we are building a strong social foundation. We combat poverty through early detection, support people with debt support, provide proper shelter for the homeless, and take firm action against domestic violence.
- The city centre will become a place to meet, relax and enjoy, with space for a vibrant hospitality sector, appealing events and a strong nightlife culture. Across the entire municipality, we will strengthen and broaden our commitment to culture and arts.

3. Sustainability and health

The city of the future is green, healthy and prepared for a changing climate. D66 makes this future a reality with actions such as green streets, energy savings, water-neutral construction and climate adaptation.

- We will establish a well-funded Climate Fund to green the city, reduce flooding and accelerate the energy transition. Trees, parks and natural areas will not only be preserved but connected into a strong green network.
- D66 ensures that streets invite people to walk, play and meet each other. That is why we promote cycling and public transport as the first choice of commute and invest in road safety.
- In the digital domain, we choose transparency and security, with an algorithm register, improved digital services and strong cybersecurity.