

# It Can Be Done in Amsterdam

Summary of election program 2026-2030



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Amsterdam is the most beautiful city in the world. On many fronts, it is doing well. Amsterdam has a strong and diverse economy, a rich cultural life, and is becoming greener. This is partly due to D66's efforts, and we are proud of that. But Amsterdam is never finished. Too many people cannot find housing. Too many children lack a teacher in their classroom. The city is not yet ready for the challenges of climate change. This must change.

Some parties in Amsterdam look to The Hague to solve our problems. Other parties complain and see only obstacles. They say what cannot be done. That frustrates you and me. We want to move forward. At D66, we say: it can be done. With us at the helm, we deliver housing, green streets, and teachers in every neighborhood. These are our priorities.

**Many more homes.** We want to build 125,000 additional homes before 2040. This includes affordable owner-occupied homes and 40% mid-range rental housing. We aim for 7,500 homes in 2026, rising to over 9,000 by 2030. We build appropriately to stimulate housing mobility. Revenue from housing development funds amenities and eliminates mold in older homes. We pursue mixed and balanced neighborhoods with 30% to 50% social housing. We advocate for a city where teachers, nurses, police officers, students, and young professionals can find affordable homes.

**Free and safe movement through the city, for everyone.** Amsterdam must be safe. An eight-year-old should be able to cycle to school independently. A woman should be able to walk home alone safely and comfortably. We create more cycling streets and reduce speed differences. We continue fighting for safer traffic conditions for e-bikes and fatbikes.

**Government as ally.** D66 stands for more direct contact between civil servants and Amsterdammers. We give trust and freedom to entrepreneurs, residents, and civil servants. We stand beside each other, not against each other. The municipality can do much, but not everything. We give businesses and neighborhood initiatives the freedom to contribute. This strengthens everyone's sense of ownership. D66 wants to focus more on implementation and core tasks. We have many ambitions, but they must be executed. We stand for a government that delivers rather than devises more visions and plans.

**Better education.** We want Amsterdam to be a city where young people can grow. Everyone, regardless of background, deserves access to good and suitable education. Good education starts with a good teacher. That is why we want to make Amsterdam the best place to work as a teacher. We introduce the Golden Teachers Ticket. We reimburse training for those who want to become teachers in Amsterdam. We build more teacher housing and give teachers priority for affordable housing after graduation. We ensure all schools offer an enriched school day with education, healthy food, after-school care, sports, culture, and music. All Amsterdam children receive cultural education, tutoring, and a warm lunch. Before 2040, we build 7,500 student homes,

including more shared housing instead of studios. We allow housing sharing for three persons. Together with businesses, we develop vocational training programs and provide internships with fair compensation.

**Green city.** We want to be the tree capital of Europe. We plant 25,000 trees for a green and cool city, starting in neighborhoods most vulnerable to heat. We create six new city parks. We add greenery to existing neighborhoods. We make several canals suitable for swimming. A healthy ecology and biodiversity are central to our green policy. We intensify energy-saving efforts, with special attention to renters and residents of housing association properties. We establish the Amsterdam Fund 850 to invest in protecting the city against flooding, heat, and drought caused by climate change.

**Visitors remain welcome.** But, like everything, in moderation. Tourism pressure on livability is too high in some districts. D66 supports municipal measures to reduce and spread visitor numbers. D66 also wants to position the city as an international cultural and conference destination. This attracts visitors who contribute to the city. We raise the tourist tax from 12.5% to 16.5%, gradually by one percentage point per year. Part of this additional revenue goes to the Amsterdam Fund 850. We invest 100 million euros in purchasing properties in the city center. These will be transformed into housing and amenities for Amsterdammers.

**Waste offensive.** We want clean streets and a living environment without litter and waste. We see this as a core municipal task. At the same time, residents and entrepreneurs must feel responsible for a clean city. It is a shared mission. Together with the municipality, we keep the city clean. D66 invests in implementation, more efficient waste and cleaning services, and increased enforcement. The city center gets its own public-private waste organization. Collection of commercial business waste is left to market parties. Underground waste containers become the standard throughout the city.

**Space for the Amsterdam economy.** Entrepreneurs make the city lively, ambitious, and innovative. We give full space to entrepreneurship that adds value to the city. Broad prosperity is central. We reduce regulatory burden, ensure predictable legislation, and improve services. We offer less space to sectors that contribute little, such as polluting production, low-value businesses, and tourist monoculture. For a strong economy in 2040, D66 wants Amsterdam to strengthen its position in four core sectors: Life & Health Sciences, AI & Tech, the cultural and creative sector, and clean manufacturing.

These are ambitious plans. D66 wants and can start tomorrow. But not alone. Together with all Amsterdammers, our entrepreneurs, artists, and skilled workers. Together we put our shoulders to the wheel. So every day is better than the last. So every Amsterdammer is hopeful about the future. Together we make Amsterdam better. It can be done.

*You can vote in the municipal elections on March 18th if you are at least 18 years old and live in Amsterdam. If you don't have a Dutch or other European passport, you must also have lived legally in the Netherlands for at least five years and have a valid residence permit.*