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**Summary of the election program
D66 Utrecht 2026-2030**

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The city of Utrecht where everyone feels at home

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Utrecht is a city full of energy, plans and people. A city where you can study, work, play sports and do business. A great place to live with your family. As D66, we are proud of the growth of our city. But we also have big choices to make. Housing is becoming more expensive, available space in the city is declining and the climate is changing. This requires clear choices and plans that work.

D66 Utrecht envisions an open, green and smart city. Everyone should be able to participate. That is why we invest in fair opportunities for everyone: strong schools, accessible healthcare, libraries, lively neighbourhoods, sports clubs and good public transport. We think in terms of possibilities. This is how we move Utrecht forward.

The 5 promises for Utrecht:

- 1. 100,000 new homes for Utrechters**
A home for everyone. We keep going.
- 2. Utrecht safe and free - day and night**
From the Bollendak to the Máxima Park.
- 3. A lively city**
A new concert location and permanent festival site for Utrecht
- 4. Utrecht free of waiting lists**
Creating opportunities for good education, sports, culture and health
- 5. A green street for every Utrechter**
With enough playgrounds, sports fields, parks and trees.

In this summary, we show what D66 Utrecht stands for. No long explanations, but clear choices. We are building a city with affordable housing, good schools, space for culture and nature, and a strong local economy. With plans that are coherent and feasible.

This is how we prepare Utrecht for the future. For ourselves, for each other and for the generations to come. It can be done!

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1. Housing: a home for everyone

Introduction

An affordable and nice house is the basis on which to build your life. Having your own roof over your head is a basic right. In Utrecht, this is becoming less self-evident. First-time home owners are having difficulty finding a home, families are stuck and more and more people are becoming homeless. At the same time, the city is growing rapidly and prices are rising. As a result, Utrecht is in danger of becoming inaccessible to many Utrechters.

D66 wants everyone to feel at home in our city. That is why we are committed to build 100,000 new homes for Utrecht residents. We provide housing for different incomes and phases of life, in mixed neighbourhoods with space for greenery and facilities.

We are also making better use of existing homes and tackling abuses in the housing market. In this way, Utrecht remains a city where you can continue to live when you study, work, start a family or get older.

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- **We commit that at least 75% of all new-build homes are affordable**, with 35% social housing and 40% middle segment as a basis.
- **We will continue the successful 'Utrecht Approach' of D66.** Due to the occasional relaxation of building rules, we have already built 7,500 extra homes.
- **We are building for the future** by focusing more on building upwards, splitting houses or making it easier to share homes.
- **We are building a new green city district in Rijnenburg** with at least 22,000 homes and good facilities.
- **We tackle homelessness** by opting for permanent housing instead of emergency shelter.
- **We are building faster** with the introduction of a 'Travelling Construction Judge' and giving home seekers a clear voice.
- **We take tough action against abuses** such as the reduction of vacancy and bad landlords.

2. Climate and public space: building a green city together

Introduction

The climate is changing and Utrechters are noticing it. Summers are getting warmer, rain showers heavier, the air and water dirtier. At the same time, Utrechters want to be able to relax and play outside safely and cool off on hot days.

D66 chooses a city where greenery and water are given space. A city with shadowy streets, parks nearby and clean swimming water. This is good for your health and makes the city more pleasant to live in. For us, greenery is the key to a healthy and vibrant Utrecht.

That is why we invest in greening, sustainable energy and smart solutions. We involve residents in choices in their neighbourhood and ensure that the energy transition remains fair and affordable. In this way, we are building a healthy, circular city that is ready for the future.

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- **We are becoming more ambitious with 'tile flipping'**. We replace at least 500,000 tiles with greenery every year.
- **We invest in local sustainable energy** and in a strong and reliable electricity grid. Grid congestion is a top priority!
- **We are realising two new safe swimming spots**, at the Werkspoorkathedraal and the Noorderpark-Ruigenhoek.
- **We reduce waste** by doing more collection rounds at waste bottlenecks and placing extra containers.
- **We focus on circular** thinking by stimulating residents' initiatives such as repair cafés .
- **We tackle energy poverty** with insulation, support and good advice.

3. Mobilitysmart and sustainable accessibility

Introduction

Utrecht is growing and space in the city is limited. That is why we have to make smart choices about how we get around. Everyone should be able to travel safely and independently, whether you cycle, walk, travel by public transport or need a car.

D66 opts for a city where walking, cycling and public transport form the basis. These are the healthiest and safe options. Therefore, we make room for green streets and neighbourhoods where children can play safely and people can meet each other. At the same time, we keep Utrecht accessible for those who come from outside the city.

We believe in a city where you can reach many daily things within ten minutes. In this way, we make Utrecht greener, healthier and more accessible to everyone.

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- **We are making cycle routes safer** and tackling dangerous intersections such as the Draaiweg, Lage Weide and the Kardinaal de Jongweg.
- **We are introducing 30 km per hour as a standard** throughout the city to reduce serious accidents and improve air quality.
- **We make facilities accessible by bicycle and on foot**, such as schools, shops and workplaces. To this end, we are expanding the network of cycle routes.
- **We are strengthening public transport**, including the Merwedelijn to Rijnenburg. In addition, the frequency of the tram line to the Science Park will increase.
- **We opt for a flexible parking policy**, in which there is room for cars, but where we also give residents a say in turning parking spaces into greenery or playgrounds. Proceedings from parking fees will partly go to greening the neighborhood.
- **We will only introduce paid parking** when there is demonstrable and measurable parking pressure. This is especially true for areas in Leidsche Rijn, Vleuten and De Meern.
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4. Education: letting talent flourish

Introduction

Education leads to freedom. It helps you to discover your talents and choose your own path. Utrecht is bursting with talent, but not everyone gets the same opportunities. Inequalities often arise early and are difficult to fully catch up on later in life.

D66 wants every child and person to have the opportunity to develop. Whether you learn with your head, hands or heart. We invest in good education, strong schools and sufficient teachers. And we provide a 'rich school day' with room for sports, culture and good nutrition.

Utrecht is the city of education of the Netherlands and we want to keep it that way. From practical education to university. With attention for student housing, equal opportunities and lifelong learning. In this way, we are building a city in which everyone can grow.

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- **We provide a 'rich school day'** with sports, culture and a healthy school breakfast and school lunch.
- **We invest in equal opportunity** by focusing on pre-school education and broad secondary school bridging classes.
- **We want Utrecht to remain a true student city**, with more housing opportunities for students and teachers.
- **We want a primary school in every neighbourhood and a library in every part of the city.**
- **We are strengthening the position of MBO (secondary vocational education), HBO (universities of applied sciences) and universities** in the city, including an alderman for higher education.
- **We want schools to be a safe and healthy environment** by, among other things, looking at healthy screen use, combating (internship) discrimination and combating exclusion at schools on the basis of background or sexuality.

5. Economy: supporting entrepreneurship and ambition

Introduction

Utrecht is one of the most economically successful regions in Europe. We can be proud of that. After all, a strong city also needs a strong economy. In Utrecht, people work, do business and innovate every day. We want to continue encouraging this, without losing focus on the impact for people and the environment.

D66 supports a sustainable and fair economy. We give space to entrepreneurs who innovate and contribute to the city. From digital start-ups to social entrepreneurs and creative companies. At the same time, we provide good jobs and opportunities to participate.

Digitalization, innovation and collaboration are important for the future of Utrecht. That is why we invest in economic hot spots, small businesses and business areas. By doing that, Utrecht remains a city where entrepreneurship pays off and everyone can benefit.

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- **We give more space to start-ups, scale-ups and creative businesses.** The municipality trusts entrepreneurs and gives them as much autonomy as possible.
- **We encourage sustainable and social entrepreneurship** by setting up a special fund and by focusing on circularity in our own economic policy (reuse of products).
- **We invest in digitalization** as an innovative strength of Utrecht, for example at DotSlash. This also requires us to work on the digital skills of Utrecht residents.
- **We are coming up with a Booster of New Catering Opportunities**, which will look for new places in the city. We are also looking for ways to reduce regulatory burden.
- **We will preserve sufficient space for economic activity** in the city, for example by focusing more on temporary initiatives and accelerated redevelopment.
- **We also consider sex work as work**, by putting the safety of sex workers first and advocating for more small-scale locations.
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6. Culture: room for creativity

Introduction

Creativity and culture bring us together, inspire us and give character to our city. People come together in theaters, on stages, in community centers and on the street. Culture makes you think, laugh, look at the world differently and brings you into contact with other people.

D66 believes that culture should be accessible to everyone. Not only for those who often go to a concert, but also for those who want to create, participate or discover for themselves. That is why we give space to artists and creative initiatives, in all parts of the city. There must also be room for culture in the evening and at night. We urge against the sentiment among other political parties that in Utrecht the lights go out at 9 o'clock.

We ensure that culture can grow, with affordable space and clear rules. In this way, Utrecht remains a free, creative city where talent can develop and culture connects people.

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- **We are committed to a lively city** with a permanent festival location in Rijnenburg and a new concert location.
- **We are making Utrecht the literary capital of the Netherlands**, partly through the arrival of the literature museum and the children's book museum. We also support other initiatives.
- **We give creatives and cultural initiatives more space**, by doing everything we can to retain talent in Utrecht and to organise places where makers can experiment.
- **We protect and strengthen night and youth culture** by finding a balance between the interests of entrepreneurs, residents and visitors.
- **We develop new cultural places and festivals** and urge for a policy plan on the future of major cultural institutions. We are fighting for low permit costs to organize festivals.
- **We make culture accessible to all Utrechters** throughout the city, including outside the city centre, for example through more art on the street and space for events.

7. Social domain: being supported in your livelihood

Introduction

A good foundation is important to be able to live freely. Yet many Utrechters have to deal with a lot of uncertainty. About income, debt, health or making ends meet on a daily basis. This causes stress and makes it difficult to look ahead.

D66 wants no one to feel alone. We prioritise a city where potential problems are signalled early and where help is nearby. Not with complicated rules, but with trust, personal attention and clear support. We do not just look at what goes wrong, but especially at what people need to move forward.

Strong neighbourhoods play a major role in this. Places where people know, help and meet each other. In this way, we are building a social Utrecht in which everyone can participate.

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- **We help with money problems and prevent mounting debts.** We believe that a stable social basis starts with financial security; early detection helps with this.
- **We provide accessible support for those who need it,** through communication in understandable language and a personal contact for those who need it.
- **We are committed to pressure the national government in The Hague** for more appropriate budgets.
- **We are expanding the breakthrough budget,** making one million euros available annually for citizens' initiatives and neighbourhood professionals.
- **We are committed to an inclusive city** in which newcomers can participate from day one.
- **We increase fair opportunities for work and income.** Collaboration between government, companies and educational institutions offers the best opportunity for talent. We are combating false self-employment and unnecessary flex contracts.

8. Health: physically and mentally vital

Introduction

Health is about more than just a visit to the doctor. It's about how you live, move, work and feel. In Utrecht, we see large differences in health between neighbourhoods and groups of people.

D66 takes a broad view on the topic of health. We invest in prevention, so that people stay healthy instead of only getting help when things go wrong. That means space for sports and exercise, attention to mental health and a healthy living environment with clean air and greenery.

In particular young people are experiencing increasing pressure. That is why we put extra effort into their mental resilience and support. D66 wants to work towards a city where everyone has the opportunity to live a healthy and vital life, now and in the future.

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- **We continue doing what works.** There will be more budget for initiatives from citizens and we will simplify access to municipal initiatives.
- **We make health the basis of all policy,** from green streets and clean air to school lunches and more suitable housing.
- **We are making sports and exercise easier** by focusing more on outdoor exercise, for example through walking and running routes. We want a water and rowing course in Rijnenburg.
- **We pay extra attention to mental health,** with specific attention being paid to young people. We do this through low-threshold assistance.
- **We think it is important that help is accessible,** for example by aiming for the same general practitioner.

9. Public order and Safety: a free and secure environment

Introduction

Freedom and security are connected. You have to be able to be yourself, on the street, at home and online. Many people feel safe in Utrecht, but that is not the case for everyone. Discrimination, intimidation and crime can have a big impact on people.

D66 wants a city where everyone feels protected. We focus on prevention and invest in young people, education and neighbourhoods. At the same time, we take firm action against organized crime. Freedom also means that our freedoms are protected, specifically those of (young) women.

Safety is more than just enforcement. It's also about trust, cooperation and clear boundaries. Only in this way can we realize our other plans, from education to culture.

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- **We invest in prevention, specifically in the case of juvenile delinquency.** For example, we invest in the organisation Veilig Thuis (Safe at Home) and role models in the neighbourhood.
- **We take strong action against street harassment and serious forms of violence, specifically against women.** This also requires a different view to safely design the public space in the city.
- **We do not accept racism, discrimination or anti-LGBTQ+ violence.**
- **We intervene in unsafe locations in the city**, from the Bollendak to the Maximapark. We will continue a person-oriented approach to nuisance groups, but we will also look at the national government and surrounding municipalities for additional funds and assistance.
- **We are making Utrecht more resilient to digital threats** by improving the digital autonomy of the municipality's systems. We are tackling disinformation.

10. Participation: everyone participates

Introduction

Utrecht is created by and for its residents. That is why it is important that people can participate and make decisions about their own neighbourhood. Not only when plans are already set in stone, but right at the beginning. Participation makes policy better and builds trust in politics.

D66 believes in a strong local democracy. We want more people to participate, including those who are now having a harder time finding their way to the city hall. This requires clear communication, good support and experimental ways of participation.

Participation must be accessible and have real influence. Only then we ensure that Utrecht is built with room for different voices and ideas.

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- **Every year we organize one Citizens' Assembly**, in which residents of Utrecht can contribute ideas. For example about the layout of Rijnenburg.
- **We give initiatives more space and support**, with trust at the forefront. We provide more digital tools, interpreters and compensation for income loss when participating.
- **We combat abuse of participation**, to prevent people from using the instruments of participation mainly for their own gain.
- **We expect communication from the municipality to be at B1 level.**
- **We want a permanent Participation Council**, which advises the municipality on how to involve as many groups from Utrecht as possible in politics.

11. Finance: investing responsibly in the future

Introduction

A strong city requires healthy finances. D66 handles public money carefully, because the money belongs to all Utrechters. At the same time, we dare to invest where necessary in the future of the city.

Thanks to the efforts of our alderman, Utrecht's budget is in order. We are now opting for clear priorities. Investments in housing, climate and education will make Utrecht stronger and resilient in the long term. In doing so, we not only look at today, but also at the generations after us.

Transparency and good governance are key. In addition, we hope to increase the municipality's accessibility through appropriate use of technology. D66 wants to work on a municipality that does what is necessary, keeps its promises and is ready for the future.

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- **We want healthy finances** with a balanced budget and no unnecessary burdens for citizens and entrepreneurs.
- **We choose broad prosperity** as the cornerstone of our policy. We focus on well-being, sustainability and a healthy future for all Utrechters and future generations.
- **We invest in the major challenges of our city**, such as enough housing. We do this together with other governments (provinces, central government) and the private sector. This has been successful in financing the Merwede tram line to Rijnenburg.
- **We want to increase transparency into the city budget.** Concrete changes in the budget include lower local fees and a neighbourhood fund for proceeds from paid parking.
- **We are building an agile municipality** by making smart use of technology, including an alderman for digitalization.

12. Neighbourhood plans

Utrecht starts in your neighborhoods, this is the place from where we create a city. That is why we not only have plans per subject, but also per neighborhood. Below you will briefly find a few of our plans per district. Do you not know in which neighbourhood you live? Find more information [here](#).

12.1 West

- Space for creativity and (night) culture on the Cartesiusdriekhoek.
- A safe cycling route to Lage Weide.
- Improving safety on the Kanaalstraat.

12.2 North-West

- Road safety on the Amsterdamsestraatweg.
- Less waste around underground containers.
- More greenery in Pijlsweerd.

12.3 Overvecht

- More different education levels.
- Strong public transport connections.
- A craft hub for entrepreneurs.

12.4 North-East

- Improved traffic flow for cyclists on the Kardinaal de Jongweg.
- The Biltstraat as a lively and safe city entrance.
- Space for contact in the Voorveldse polder.

12.5 East

- Utrecht Science Park (USP) is finally becoming a vibrant neighbourhood.
- Places to live for students, crucial professions, researchers and internationals.
- Better lighting for safer cycling routes.

12.6 City center

- Customization for better waste collection.
- Tackling bicycle parking nuisance.
- More greenery around the bus lane.

12.7 South

- Maatwerk voor betere afvalverzameling.
- Fietsparkeeroverlast aanpakken.
- Meer groen rond de busbaan.

12.8 South-West

- Appropriate camera surveillance where necessary.
- More waste collection and distribution of waste containers.
- More greenery on roofs and houses.

12.9 Leidsche Rijn, Vleuten and De Meern

- A car-free Paris boulevard.
- Tackling nuisance in and around the Maximapark.
- Tackling the unsafe Europaweg crossing.

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