

English manifesto



D66
Haarlem

Foreword

D66 Haarlem looks to the future of our beautiful city with great optimism. We are proud of what we have achieved together in recent years, such as the construction of a record number of new homes and major investments in schools and green spaces.

But we are not resting on our laurels. Important choices must be made in the coming years about how our city grows and how we continue to live together pleasantly. Our focus is on affordable housing for everyone, a sustainable and green environment, and excellent education for every child.

We do choose progress over stagnation. We want a city where everyone, young and old, can find a house and feel at home. D66 is rolling up its sleeves to achieve these goals. It can be done.

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Housing

Haarlem is an incredibly popular city to live in. But unfortunately, finding a home is very difficult for many people. Waiting lists are long, and prices are high. D66 wants to tackle this problem by building more houses in the coming years. We are setting the bar high: we want 1,000 new homes per year.

We don't just look at numbers. D66 wants to build for all Haarlemmers. This means building different types of homes with a good mix of (social) rent and owner-occupied housing. We ensure homes are affordable for people with average incomes, such as teachers and police officers, as well as for first-time buyers and the elderly. We build smartly, close to stations and shops, so that the city remains lively and accessible. We ensure a good mix of residents in every neighborhood.

- **Building:** We want to build 1,000 new homes per year.
- **Affordability:** D66 is building more affordable homes priced between €300,000 and €450,000.
- **Building for everyone:** In every neighborhood, there must be a good mix of social rent, mid-market rent, and owner-occupied homes.
- **Reuse:** We are converting empty office buildings and old structures into new homes.
- **Young and old:** We ensure there are enough suitable homes for young people and the elderly.
- **Living forms:** D66 encourages projects where residents share facilities, such as a garden or shared car.
- **Providing shelter:** We currently offer a safe place in Haarlem to people fleeing war and violence. D66 wants to keep it that way.

Sustainability and mobility

We want Haarlem to be a green and healthy city, now and for the generations after us. The climate is changing, and therefore we must adapt our city. D66 chooses more trees and parks. This makes for more pleasant living, and trees also provide cooling and water retention.

In our plans, cyclists and pedestrians get more space, and we are improving public transport. We also encourage the use of shared cars, so that more street space remains for greenery and play areas. Additionally, we help residents insulate their homes and save energy. In this way, we work together towards a climate-neutral Haarlem with clean air for everyone.

- **More greenery:** We provide more trees and plants in the neighborhood to combat heat and waterlogging.
- **Sustainable energy:** D66 helps residents heat their homes sustainably through the installation of heat networks.
- **Cycling and walking:** We give cyclists and pedestrians more space so you can move safely throughout the city.
- **Tram:** D66 continues to invest in better public transport, for example by improving bus lines and constructing a tram line in the future.
- **Accessibility:** D66 wants to make public spaces more accessible for people in wheelchairs or with strollers.
- **Parking:** We are introducing parking permits in more places to create space for housing, greenery, and playing on the street.
- **Garages:** D66 invests in garages so Haarlemmers can park their cars in a good spot.

Education and culture

D66 wants every child to get the very best start. That is why we continue to invest in good school buildings and tackle the teacher shortage. We ensure equal opportunities so that it doesn't matter where you come from to develop your talents.

Culture broadens your horizon and connects people. We give space to makers and ensure there is something to experience throughout the city. From the theater in the center to music associations in your own neighborhood: culture must be close and accessible for every Haarlemmer. This is how we make Haarlem a vibrant city for everyone.

- **School buildings:** We continue to invest in school buildings that are healthy, sustainable, and safe for students.
- **School in the neighborhood:** For every child, there should be a secondary school in their own neighborhood that matches their level.
- **Equal opportunities:** D66 wants to work with schools to ensure that every child can enjoy sports, art, and culture.
- **Safe journey to school:** We make streets around schools as car-free as possible during drop-off and pick-up times.
- **Cultural offer:** D66 continues to financially support both large museums and stages as well as small cultural initiatives in the neighborhood.
- **Nightlife:** D66 wants more room for a vibrant nightlife, especially for and by young people.
- **Events:** We want to keep major events like Bevrijdingspop (Liberation Pop Festival), the Flower Parade, and the Christmas Market, and we give space to new initiatives.

Health and Sports

In Haarlem, everyone should have the opportunity to live a healthy life. D66 chooses a city where we prefer to prevent problems rather than cure them. That is why we ensure clean air, plenty of greenery, and make healthy choices easier for everyone. If help is needed, care is accessible, close by, and personal.

Sport keeps us fit and creates connection in the neighborhood. We believe everyone should be able to participate, whether you have a lot of money or a little. We invest in good sports fields, swimming pools, and play areas in the neighborhood. This is how we make Haarlem an energetic city where young and old enjoy getting moving.

- **Prevention:** D66 wants to help Haarlemmers live healthy lives for longer by promoting healthier food, more exercise, and less smoking.
- **Care:** More and more Haarlemmers are caring for each other, but if extra help is needed, the municipality is ready.
- **Mental health:** We give extra attention to the mental health of young people.
- **Homelessness:** We offer homeless housing first, after which we offer help with other problems such as addiction and debt.
- **Sports:** We invest in our sports facilities and make it easy to exercise outside in parks and neighborhoods.

Economy and welfare

Work is the best way to be sure of an income and to participate in society. D66 therefore wants as many Haarlemmers as possible to find a job that suits them and gives satisfaction. If working isn't possible for a while, we offer help. We are simplifying the rules for social assistance. We are working towards one clear income scheme so that no one gets lost in complicated bureaucracy anymore. We also help people with debts quickly and effectively out of their problems.

There is no work without companies. That is why we give space to our Haarlem entrepreneurs. We support companies that do business sustainably and provide economic value to the city. Together we are building a strong economy and a vibrant Haarlem where everyone gets the chance to keep up.

- **Waarderpolder:** The Waarderpolder remains a business park so that we retain entrepreneurs and employment.
- **Green economy:** We encourage Haarlem entrepreneurs making their businesses more sustainable.
- **City center:** The city center remains attractive through a good mix of shops, hospitality, and cultural spots.
- **Labor market:** We will better guide people with benefits in finding paid work or volunteer work.
- **Poverty:** We will simplify regulations for people with a low income will, so that everyone gets the right help and working always pays off.
- **Debts:** The municipality helps residents with money worries sooner to prevent larger problems.

Safety and governance

We tackle nuisance, crime, and discrimination firmly and effectively. We want more enforcement officers on the street and work together with residents to keep the neighborhood livable. We pay special attention to discrimination: everyone must be able to be themselves in Haarlem and feel safe on the street, day and night.

We make a safe and pleasant city together. D66 believes it is important that the municipality listens to its residents. After all, you know best what is going on in your own street or neighborhood. That is why we involve residents better in important decisions.

D66 ensures a financially healthy municipality by handling tax money wisely, preventing waste, and keeping housing costs as low as possible. This keeps Haarlem financially strong and allows us to continue investing in the future without unnecessarily raising taxes.

- **Safety:** With youth workers and special youth spots, we keep young people on the right path and prevent crime.
- **Discrimination:** We do not accept nuisance, intimidation, and discrimination on the street and tackle it strictly.
- **Enforcement:** We are further expanding the number of enforcement officers to relieve the pressure on the police.
- **Participation:** Residents get more influence on major plans via citizens' assemblies or referendums.
- **Neighborhood plans:** We provide extra support or money for ideas from residents to improve their own street or neighborhood.
- **Taxes:** D66 does its best to keep municipal costs for residents as low as possible.

