

The Green Party's election manifesto for Dinslaken

Local elections 2025

Dinslaken is our town

We Greens are committed to a climate-friendly and green Dinslaken that improves quality of life and biodiversity through more green spaces, tree protection, greening of roofs and facades, and the protection of watercourses and near-natural habitats. At the same time, we promote sustainable, socially just economic development by strengthening local supply, supporting local businesses and expanding renewable energies. To promote people-friendly mobility, we are pushing ahead with the expansion of cycle paths and footpaths, the reduction of car traffic and the expansion of local public transport. We are also committed to affordable, socially just and sustainable housing through redensification and community-oriented construction.

We know that our city faces major challenges: ensuring a responsible budget and the careful use of scarce resources are not abstract concepts for us, but a daily commitment. We are aware that every neighbourhood has its own history, needs and opportunities. That is why we do not want top-down solutions, but concrete measures that start exactly where people live – in the individual neighbourhoods.

We see our election programme as a living process that evolves with the people on the ground. Your ideas, wishes and suggestions are our compass for shaping a sustainable and fair future together. Only by listening to each other and working together can we truly move our city forward.

Chapter I

Making Dinslaken climate-proof – thinking green, acting green

We are **the** party in Dinslaken that is committed to climate and environmental protection. We believe it is important to promote biodiversity and improve the quality of life for all citizens. To this end, we are focusing on concrete measures to preserve green spaces and forests, to unseal and green areas, and to promote sustainable urban development.

More green spaces and forests

Unsealing and greening public spaces

- We are unsealing roads and squares and creating new green spaces to improve the urban climate and promote biodiversity.

Roof and façade greening

- We are actively committed to greening facades and roofs and want to promote the sustainable greening of private and public buildings through targeted support programmes, in particular with funding from the state and federal government.

Preserving existing trees and planting new ones

- We are committed to protecting and preserving the existing tree population and specifically promote the planting of new trees. To this end, we are looking for suitable areas in the city, for example to create **mini forests**.

More water in the right places

Strengthening the Rotbach as a blue artery

- We are continuing the renaturation of the Rotbach and are campaigning for a natural stream course with near-natural embankments to provide space for flora and fauna.

Creating infiltration areas and floodplains

- In order to cope with both heavy rainfall and dry periods, we need targeted measures to preserve infiltration and floodplain areas and create them in all newly planned urban districts (e.g. a "sponge city" in the area of the trotting track).
- We promote urban **cisterns for greywater use** so that rainwater can be used efficiently in cemeteries, parks and public spaces.

More nature for everyone

Edible city: fruit trees

- We are planting more fruit trees in public spaces so that all citizens can harvest fresh fruit.

Insect hotels

- We are setting up insect hotels throughout the city and promoting flowering areas to provide habitats for bees and other insects.

Urban gardening

- We are creating more space for urban gardening and supporting community gardens in all neighbourhoods. The sites will be supplemented with suitable flowering plants and deadwood piles to improve living conditions for pollinators.

Fresh air corridors

- We are preserving fresh air corridors throughout the city.

Tree sponsorships/tree pit maintenance

- We promote tree sponsorships and tree pit maintenance so that citizens can actively contribute to the preservation of our urban green spaces.

Upgrading roadside greenery

- Through natural, diverse and climate-adapted design, flowering and shady green strips along roads can not only beautify the cityscape, but also actively contribute to environmental and climate protection.

With these measures, we are creating a climate-resilient, green Dinslaken that promotes health, quality of life and biodiversity – for us and for future generations. We will campaign for the following specific measures in the urban area:

City centre

- We are building public drinking fountains to give everyone access to free, fresh drinking water.
- We will set up shaded recreational areas.

Eppinghoven and the Hagen district

- The cold air corridors and green spaces on Flurstraße and in the residential areas will be preserved; no buildings will be constructed in the outdoor areas.
- The green spaces around the Scholtenhof will remain protected.
- We are launching a programme to preserve biodiversity with hawthorn hedges and are implementing the goal of "1000 fruit trees for Eppinghoven".
- We will organise courses on fruit tree pruning to ensure the preservation of orchard meadows.

Broken

- The roadside greenery will be upgraded and the public space will be sustainably greened by planting additional trees.

Lohberg

- We are preserving the character of the garden city.

- We are greening Johannesplatz and creating a more pleasant place to spend time.
- We will upgrade the Bergpark, e.g. with orchard meadows.
- We will support the implementation of the energy concept (CO₂-neutral) for the KQL.

Hiesfeld

- The forest and open spaces will be preserved as a "green oasis".
- The ecologically upgraded area around the former outdoor swimming pool will create a green finger reaching into the city.
- We are committed to the responsible use of open spaces in Barmingholten and are firmly opposed to unfounded or unnecessary development.

Chapter II

We are preparing our regional economy in Dinslaken for the future

The economy is undergoing a tremendous transformation process. This also poses major challenges for local stakeholders. We are **the** party that shows that sustainable economic activity can unleash innovation – and combine economic success with social balance.

Local amenities in the neighbourhood

- We are committed to maintaining and strengthening local amenities for everyday needs and restaurants in our districts and neighbourhoods. To this end, we want to develop and allocate existing commercial space and potential new settlement areas, primarily from a sustainable perspective.
- At the same time, we want to expand advisory services for local businesses and promote networking among local stakeholders through comprehensive neighbourhood management.

Digitalisation and cooperation for a strong region

- We are accompanying the process of digital and sustainable transformation and supporting companies and businesses by creating the framework conditions for successful and thus future-proof business models – sustainable, healthy, digitalised concepts that serve the people in our city.
- We will further simplify, debureaucratise and digitise administrative processes and structures and the interfaces with businesses.
- We will further expand the range of information and advice available to young people for career guidance.
- Together with local businesses, we will strengthen opportunities for professional reorientation and retraining in order to secure the future of our region.

The stage is set for new ideas and innovations

- We offer start-ups and new businesses the right space to flourish in Dinslaken.
- To make our city even more vibrant, we want to use pop-up concepts not only for the active management of vacant properties, but also to expand them more into public spaces.
- In addition to unpackaged shops, we also want to provide financial support for the catering industry to switch to reusable packaging systems. The funds for this will be financed by levying a packaging tax on disposable packaging. The use of plastic bags should also be further restricted at weekly markets in the city area.

Green energy for an economically strong future

- We will continue to expand sustainable and climate-neutral energy sources. The expansion of PV systems on public buildings and the modernisation and expansion of the grid infrastructure will create the conditions for an ecological electricity and heat supply in businesses and private households in our city.
- By expanding advisory services for energy-efficient building renovations and the installation of private PV systems, we will further advance this process in the urban community and ensure that everyone in the area benefits from the opportunities offered by the energy transition.

Dinslaken – naturally worth experiencing

- Dinslaken is the gateway between the Ruhr area and the Lower Rhine – a location that creates identity and offers economic opportunities.
- We want to make greater use of the interplay between industrial culture and nature for tourism, thereby promoting the hospitality industry, gastronomy and retail through nature- and culture-based tourism.

We will advocate the following specific measures in the urban area

City centre

- We promote local start-ups and support sustainable, needs-based business models in line with the Fairtrade Town and Local Agenda principles.
- We would like to develop the weekly market at the Altmarkt into a sustainability market.

Lohberg

- We are strengthening local shopping facilities – we are developing the weekly market in Lohberg into a modern fresh produce market.
- We want to further develop Lohberg's unique industrial culture (the colliery site, the garden city and the mountain park) as part of a regional tourism concept – for the benefit of the local people.
- The Repair Café is a successful example of the sustainable reuse of historic industrial sites and a living circular economy. We want to establish such offers and concepts throughout Dinslaken.

Eppinghoven/Hagenbezirk

- We want to further strengthen and expand local amenities. Farm shops are to be retained as a feature that gives the area its identity, contributing to local amenities with modern concepts while also providing a platform for organic farming.
- We want to use the potential offered by the natural location to promote hospitality and gastronomy in the districts by integrating them into a regional tourism concept.

Strengthening the local recreational character and the targeted expansion of infrastructure such as cycle paths will also benefit people throughout the city.

Chapter III

Dinslaken is making the transport transition – for people-friendly mobility

We are **the** party in Dinslaken that is consistently committed to the urgently needed mobility transition. We stand for a functioning infrastructure that takes all forms of mobility into account equally. Because we are convinced that the roads belong to everyone – whether on foot, by bike, by bus or by car.

More attention for cycling and walking

Expansion and construction of cycle paths

- We are building new cycle paths and improving existing ones so that cyclists can reach their destinations safely and quickly.

Securing and expanding cycle path networks

- We are improving existing cycle path networks and ensuring greater visibility for cyclists. In cooperation with neighbouring municipalities, we are working to connect Dinslaken to the regional cycle highway network.

New cycle lanes

- We are establishing new cycle lanes and creating routes where cyclists have right of way.

School streets for safe routes to school

- We are cooperating with schools in Dinslaken and implementing a school mobility management system at every school in the city. School route plans are being developed for all primary schools.

Good and wide footpaths for everyone

- Pedestrians should be able to get around safely, whether with prams, walkers or shopping trolleys. We are promoting walking and making it safer.

Less and quieter car traffic/good public transport

Car-free and car-reduced neighbourhood planning

- In our neighbourhood planning, we are establishing car-free and car-reduced zones. We are committed to a car-free old town.

30 km/h speed limit in the city

- We want to make the entire city safer, quieter and lower in emissions, and establish a city-wide speed limit of 30 km/h.

Reducing and managing parking spaces

- We will reduce the number of car parking spaces to improve the quality of life for residents. Parking spaces will be managed throughout the city centre and the old town.

More space for people

- We are committed to expanding the pedestrian zone in the city centre and converting the traffic-calmed section of Sterkrader Straße into a pedestrian zone.

Good public transport and Dinslaken timetable

- We want to improve bus services between the districts and to the railway station, introduce a Dinslaken-Takt service and implement the city bus concept.

Maintain and expand the tram network

- We remain strongly committed to maintaining the 903 tram line to Duisburg. In the future, the tram line should be extended via Hiesfeld to Sterkrade and Lohberg.

Less noise from motorised traffic

- Reduction of noise pollution by lowering the speed limit on the B8 from 60 to 50 km/h.

No L4N

- We will prevent the construction of the L4n and preserve the local recreation area at the Tenderingsseen lakes.

We will campaign for the following specific measures in the city area:

City centre

- We will limit the number of parking spaces for motor vehicles. We will manage public parking spaces. We want to make the old town car-free.
- We will build bicycle parking facilities in the old town, at the library and at the post office so that people will enjoy coming into town by bike.
- Bahnstraße should be accessible to all road users on an equal basis (shared space).
- The crossing of Friedrich-Ebert-Straße between Klosterstraße and Rutenwall must be made safe.

Eppinghoven and the Hagen district

- We are turning Eppinkstraße into a cycle lane, thereby improving the route to and from schools in Eppinghoven.
- We will improve the crossing on Heerstraße towards Stapp for cyclists and pedestrians.
- We will restrict 'parent taxi' traffic at the Waldorf School and KiTa and look into setting up school streets at the OHG and Hagenschule.
- We will ensure that cyclists can connect to the future DIN 2 line to the Walsumbahn.
- Goethestraße north of the B8 and Amalienstraße will become cycle streets.
- Pavements will be sufficiently wide, well lit and free of obstacles.

Lohberg

- We will make the crossing of Hünxer Straße safe for pedestrians.
- Cycle paths and footpaths will be clearly marked and repaired.
- Compliance with the speed limit will be checked regularly.
- We are campaigning for the purchase of a second speed camera that does not require personnel.

Bruch

- The noise action plan must also be consistently implemented in this district.
- We are committed to establishing a school street at the Bruchschule and redesigning Amalienstraße as a cycle lane.
- We are looking into the establishment of so-called superblocks, which involve combining several blocks of houses to reduce and divert through traffic.

Hiesfeld

- We will implement the results of the pedestrian traffic check. Sterkrader Straße is to become a pedestrian zone on a trial basis.

Averbruch

- The bus connection to the train station will be improved and the frequency increased. Bus line 19 will be extended towards Fliehbürg/Drei Eichen.
- The crossing of Schloßstraße and Hans-Böckler-Straße will be improved for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Schulstraße in front of the Averbruch School will be redesigned as part of a school mobility concept.
- The district centre on Buchenstraße will be redesigned. For a better quality of life, outdoor dining, more green space and no cars.

Chapter IV

We are making living in Dinslaken affordable, social and sustainable

We are **the** party in Dinslaken that shows that new housing does not have to mean new land consumption, but that redensification, fair distribution and public-interest-oriented construction can create fair housing that is also affordable.

Home is where we form families and communities, spend our free time and want to live independently into old age. Affordable housing is one of the most important social issues of our time.

We find the right offer for everyone

- With attractive offers for trainees and students, we create incentives for young people to stay in Dinslaken and thus contribute to the diversity and vitality of our city.
- We want to promote generational change in home ownership in order to create living space for young families, enable age-appropriate living and limit land consumption in a sustainable manner.
- We promote innovative housing concepts such as senior citizens' residential groups, multi-generational projects and inclusive forms of living to enable more people to live independently.
- Regardless of whether in existing or new buildings, communal areas, neighbourhood meeting places, local amenities and better connections between neighbourhoods improve the quality of life in our town.

Affordable and oriented towards the common good

- Strengthening subsidised housing construction in Dinslaken. Mandatory quotas for sufficient affordable housing should apply not only to large urban development projects, but also to smaller projects.
- Municipal housing construction is a key lever for sufficient affordable housing. We want to strengthen housing construction in Dinslaken.
- Self-managed housing in housing cooperatives is also a way to achieve a fairer housing market.
- Urban land is mainly allocated to us on a long-term leasehold basis. We reject speculation on housing or land suitable for housing.

Creating housing, protecting land

- We support concepts for redensification so that green spaces and open spaces are preserved. This involves identifying vacant lots, critically reviewing the number of storeys and analysing potential for redensification.

- We are committed to the implementation of the Trabrennbahn urban development project, whose concept, developed jointly with citizens and awarded several national prizes, will create over 600 additional residential units. Social and ecological criteria take precedence over short-term profit motives. Our goal is to develop the Trabrennbahn site into a modern and sustainable neighbourhood that provides liveable housing for everyone in a green environment. Both the immediate neighbourhood and the entire urban community should benefit from this flagship project.

We see the following potential in the individual districts:

City centre

- There is potential for redensification, particularly in the city centre. This will create additional living space without consuming land or building new infrastructure.

Eppinghoven

- We are committed to preserving and strengthening the Scholtenhof as the social centre of Eppinghoven.

Lohberg

- We want to better connect the neighbourhoods in "old Lohberg" and "Bergpark", which are separated by Hünxerstraße, in order to better exploit the potential of a growing and young district.

Averbruch

- The district centre on Buchenstraße is to be redesigned as a green and car-free meeting place in the neighbourhood.

Chapter V

We make education the key to greater justice and cohesion in Dinslaken

We are **the** party in Dinslaken that sees education as a holistic task. It enables everyone in Dinslaken – from birth to old age – to develop their abilities and experience genuine participation. At the same time, education helps to reduce social inequality. Education is the foundation for a Dinslaken in which everyone can play a part – regardless of their origin, age or circumstances. For us, education is one of the most important investments in the future.

Creating more social justice

- All children and young people in Dinslaken must have the same right to education, participation and development, regardless of their parents' income. This includes providing a healthy lunch and free learning support. Access to educational opportunities must never be a question of money.

Strengthening our democracy and facilitating participation

- Populism, disinformation and hatred threaten our social cohesion. With a wide range of activities and projects to promote democracy, we are strengthening an open and diverse Dinslaken for the future.
- Political participation must be made easier, especially for young people, through low-threshold and relevant programmes such as education for sustainable development (ESD).

Creating good and safe places to learn

- Educational institutions should be places where people feel comfortable. That is why we are committed to the rapid modernisation and needs-based design of all facilities – from day care and nurseries to adult education centres.
- We promote unusual learning environments such as the "Blue Classroom".
- We support innovative educational concepts for greater equality of opportunity, such as those at the Marien Lohberg Education Centre.

More independence, participation and support for families

- We are committed to securing qualified nursery staff in the long term in order to strengthen structures and improve opportunities for parents and children to participate.
- We are committed to comprehensive improvements to all-day schooling in Dinslaken. This includes more childcare places, good staffing levels and a supportive working environment, socially equitable contributions, free lunch for all children and more flexible childcare hours. Our goal: equal educational opportunities for all children –

regardless of their background – and the best possible support for families and professionals.

Growing through cohesion

- Education succeeds through networking: when schools, daycare centres, parent initiatives and public institutions work together, lively educational spaces with low barriers to entry are created. We are committed to ensuring that the necessary conditions are created, consolidated and further developed.
- We support initiatives that accompany children, young people and vocational school students on their educational path in order to make education a positive experience and prevent dropouts.
- We support meeting places to strengthen social contacts in families, neighbourhoods and circles of friends – as a basis for informal learning and social cohesion.

From school to retirement

- We are committed to offering young people attractive educational and career opportunities locally, strengthening the regional economy and bringing innovation to our city.
- We are continuing to pursue the idea of offering degree programmes in Dinslaken in cooperation with surrounding universities.
- We want to actively integrate older people into our educational landscape. To this end, we are creating suitable educational opportunities and promoting intergenerational learning projects in which young and old can enrich each other's lives.

Our specific goals in the districts:

City centre

- We are strengthening the Family Office as a central point of contact for families seeking advice, courses and exchange.
- We support the adult education centre (VHS) in its further development and modernisation. We want to expand areas of focus such as education for sustainable development (ESD).
- We support the municipal library and its branches with existing and new services – as lively places of learning and meeting places for all generations.
- We support the consumer advice centre in order to offer citizens competent support.

Eppinghoven & Hagenbezirk

- We are committed to expanding education for sustainable development (ESD) around the Emschermündung and Scholtenhof courtyards.

Lohberg

- We are campaigning to keep the district library in its current location.
- A branch of the adult education centre (VHS) and cooperation with family centres and the library are to be strengthened.
- Democracy education should be strengthened – including through formats such as a youth council with a budget and project focus that is accessible to all young people.

Hiesfeld & Oberlohberg

- Cooperation in upper secondary education – e.g. between the Hiesfeld School Centre and schools in the city centre – is to be further expanded in order to better network educational opportunities and promote the interests of pupils in a more targeted manner.

Chapter VI

Dinslaken makes room for young ideas and offers space for development

We are **the** party in Dinslaken that gives young people space – not just to be, but to have a say, make decisions and shape the future. We take children and young people seriously and are committed to making Dinslaken a youth-friendly place. All young people in Dinslaken, regardless of their background, sexual orientation or income, should be able to participate fully in public life and find suitable leisure activities.

More freedom, fewer rules

- Schoolyards, green spaces, playgrounds and exercise areas should also be accessible to children and young people outside school hours.
- We want to create new meeting places for young people in the city that are tailored to their needs – without pressure to consume and with a high quality of life.

Taking participation seriously

- We support the Children and Youth Parliament in its concerns and projects, such as the implementation of the autonomous youth café, and advocate for voting rights in the Youth Welfare Committee.
- We are establishing new opportunities for participation in the districts and setting up a self-administered project budget as part of the child and youth support plan.

Strengthening existing services and expanding open services

- We stand by the youth centres in Dinslaken and are committed to expanding and developing their services.
- We are strengthening outreach youth work (AJA) in all neighbourhoods.
- Music, graffiti, gaming or sport – we create space for self-designed projects in public spaces.
- Not all children and young people find something to do in clubs. We promote open, free and low-threshold leisure activities, e.g. by setting up a calisthenics park in public spaces.
- We promote creative activities in public spaces and bring leisure activities to neighbourhoods with flexible solutions such as construction trailers.

With these measures, we are making Dinslaken a city where young people are welcome, taken seriously and have space – for their ideas, their leisure time and their future. We are committed to the following specific measures in the city area:

City centre/old town

- Support and expand youth centres and pubs such as the ND-Heim and Kutscherstube.
- Implement the concept of an autonomous youth café developed by the KiJuPa.
- Make the city park more attractive as a central meeting place for young people.

Eppinghoven/Hagenbezirk

- Create places for young people to hang out beyond playgrounds.
- Preserve the Amalienwiese as a meeting place and football pitch.
- Provide targeted support for the children's fire brigade in Eppinghoven.

Hiesfeld/Oberlohberg

- Promote and expand the youth centre in Pestalozzidorf.
- Preserve the "Eierwiese" as a meeting place and football pitch.

Averbruch

- Regular events in public spaces, e.g. a neighbourhood festival as a street party, should create a space for exchange and encounters in Averbruch and establish themselves as an annual highlight. Here, all residents, associations, initiatives and stakeholders can actively participate and engage in conversation with one another.

Lohberg

- Play and exercise opportunities for young people
- Landscape and redesign Johannesplatz as an attractive playground and place to hang out.
- Expand the Dorotheenstraße adventure playground with water features.

Bruch and Blumenviertel

- Mobile youth services (e.g. construction trailer with WiFi, music, lounge).
- Outdoor meeting place with Wi-Fi and seating.
- Decentralised youth centre (e.g. via church or school).
- Promote neighbourhood projects under the motto "Youth moves Bruch".

Chapter VII

We make space for culture, sport and creativity

We are **the** party in Dinslaken that sees culture and sport as central pillars of a diverse, social and vibrant city – rooted in the community, open to new ideas and, above all, accessible to everyone. We are committed to a vibrant, diverse and well-connected **cultural scene** in our city.

Finally implement the cultural development plan

- We are committed to ensuring that the agreed plan is implemented and that the network centre that has been created can start its work as soon as possible.
- The protection of existing cultural institutions and events, as well as the further development and expansion of what is on offer, are particularly important to us.

Close exchange with cultural creators

- We maintain direct dialogue with artists and cultural initiatives in order to incorporate their concerns and ideas into our work.
- We are committed to better networking between the various actors and initiatives in order to create synergies and further strengthen cultural diversity in Dinslaken.

Openness to new ideas

- We promote innovative projects and support creative ideas to ensure that the cultural landscape in Dinslaken remains dynamic and sustainable.

Cultural participation for all

- Our cultural policy aims to enable all citizens – regardless of their origin, age or social status – to actively participate in cultural and social life.
- We strengthen and promote voluntary work in sports clubs.

We, the Greens in Dinslaken, see the diverse sports landscape as a driving force for community and exchange. Our goal: a broad, inclusive range of sports so that everyone can find the right sport for them – from recreational to competitive sports, inclusive and accessible.

Consistently implement the sports facility target plan

- We are committed to ensuring that the 2018 plan continues to be implemented.
- We are committed to ensuring that sufficient sports facilities are created and maintained for all athletes and sports.

Strengthening social cohesion

- Sport brings together people from different backgrounds, generations and walks of life and promotes social cohesion.
- Sport teaches fundamental democratic values, fairness, team spirit and respect – important foundations for good coexistence.

Promoting health

- Exercise and sporting activities are essential for the physical and mental health of all citizens.

We want to implement the following initiatives in Dinslaken:

City centre/old town

For culture:

- We are creating public spaces for young artists, including on public stages (open mic).
- We are committed to a new concept in which the Burgtheater and the Stadthalle serve as meeting places for creative artists (Halle für alle).
- We are committed to the music school in Dinslaken.

For sport:

- We are looking for sponsors for basketball hoops, volleyball nets and sports equipment for public green spaces.
- We would like to set up a calisthenics and skate park and protect existing facilities.

Eppinghoven and Hagenbezirk

For culture:

- We support music clubs (Bläserkreis-Bruch, Flötenkreis, St. Johannes Eppinghoven church choir).

For sport:

- We are preserving the Amalienwiese as an area for all kinds of sporting activities.

Lohberg

For culture:

- We support the Zechenwerkstatt because it enables a diverse cultural offering for the whole of Dinslaken to become even more established.

For sport:

- We support initiatives that organise games, sports and family festivals in the Bergpark for the whole of Dinslaken.

Averbruch

- We are committed to the preservation and renovation of the football pitch on Südstraße.

Chapter VIII

We are making Dinslaken a place where everyone is seen and heard

We are **the** party in Dinslaken that stands for social, fair and sustainable coexistence based on tolerance, respect and diversity. For us, justice means equal opportunities for all, regardless of age, origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability or social status. We resolutely oppose exclusion and discrimination and are shaping a city where community counts. We Greens in Dinslaken take a clear stand against the right wing. We resolutely oppose right-wing extremism and all forms of nationalism.

Enabling low-threshold participation for all

- We are committed to services that are open to everyone – free of charge, close to home and accessible.
- People with low incomes, limited mobility or language barriers benefit particularly from barrier-free access. Participation must not depend on where you live, your income or your language. That is why we promote local meeting places, inclusive venues and cultural offerings that are accessible and usable by all.

Shaping democracy together and promoting participation

- Citizens should be able to participate in decision-making processes on an equal footing – not only in elections, but also in everyday life at the local level.
- We are committed to improving participation formats that not only inform people but also enable them to play a genuine role in shaping their communities. This includes dialogue platforms, low-threshold participation procedures in neighbourhoods and the targeted involvement of groups that have previously had little say.
- We want to keep democratic coexistence alive through transparent communication, respectful exchange and genuine opportunities to make decisions.

Supporting integration as an active process

- Diversity is a strength – and it becomes an enrichment for everyone when we see integration not as something that individuals owe, but as a shared responsibility.
- We specifically promote integration projects and encounter formats in which people with and without a migration background learn from each other, break down prejudices and create shared spaces for belonging.

Consistently implementing inclusion

- Social participation must also be a matter of course for people with physical, mental or psychological disabilities.

- We are committed to ensuring that all public facilities, events and services are accessible – in terms of their physical design, digital accessibility and content.
- For us, inclusion is not a special task, but a human right.

Ensuring and expanding social justice

- A Dinslaken based on solidarity means that we must not only maintain social support services, but also develop them further in line with needs.
- We are committed to expanding unemployment counselling, debt counselling and assistance for homeless people or those at risk of homelessness.
- The women's shelter, support services for low-income families and preventive social work must be strengthened.
- Social security is a prerequisite for individual freedom – and thus for solidarity and cohesion in our city.

Strengthening neighbourhoods, volunteering and community spirit

- We support initiatives, associations and individuals who work to promote good neighbourly relations in their neighbourhoods, for example through neighbourhood cafés, swap meets, community gardens or intercultural festivals. In this way, we build trust and connections and make solidarity tangible.
- We promote voluntary work at all levels.

Strengthening social cohesion

- We want to support projects that raise awareness of social issues such as discrimination, racism, democracy and equality, especially among young people.

Enabling digital participation

- We are committed to ensuring that digital services and platforms are barrier-free, user-friendly and accessible.
- Digital meeting places can open up new avenues into society, especially for older, disabled or reclusive people.
- We are committed to promoting digital education and access.

Our specific goals in the neighbourhoods are as follows:

City centre

- We are committed to preserving Café Komm.
- We are strengthening the family office.
- We support initiatives such as the Dinslakener Tafel food bank and the Wunderfinder.

Eppinghoven and Hagenviertel

- We promote civic engagement (e.g. educational sponsorships).

Blumenviertel

- We support the work of the Düppelpunkt.

Lohberg

- We support the work of the Marien Education Centre and the Lohberg Forum.

Chapter IX

What else does Dinslaken need?

We make digitalisation real – transparent, sustainable, citizen-friendly

We are **the** party in Dinslaken that is committed to digitalisation that benefits everyone: data-secure, sustainable and transparent. It is the key to greater participation, efficient administration and modern urban development in Dinslaken.

Simplify administrative processes, save time and money

- Administrative processes must be consistently digitised: this will automate monotonous tasks and reduce the workload for employees, leaving more time for the really important issues.
- E-files for all departments: We are calling for the widespread use of electronic files in all areas of administration – for faster, more transparent and resource-efficient processing.
- Consistent use of EfA services: Digitalised administrative services developed as part of the "One for All" initiative should be actively integrated so that citizens and businesses can access public services more quickly and flexibly.

Strengthening digital sovereignty

- Promoting open source – ensuring independence: Wherever possible, we are committed to the use and development of free and open-source software. In this way, we are strengthening our digital independence, reducing costs and ensuring greater data protection in public IT infrastructure.
- Keeping an eye on IT security: We want to raise awareness of cyber security in public administration through prevention, training and clear responsibilities. This will prevent data breaches and save costs in the long term.

Participation and transparency

- Enabling digital participation: Digitalisation offers new ways of democratic participation. We are committed to digital participation processes that involve as many people as possible – low-threshold, inclusive and transparent.
- Open data for all: Data collected by the city should be made openly accessible wherever possible. Open administrative data enables new ideas, greater transparency and strengthens trust in administration and politics.

We ensure that participation for all is not just a promise, but a reality

We are **the** party that makes an inclusive life possible for everyone. Inclusion begins in everyday life and requires a city that embraces diversity. Our goal is a Dinslaken where everyone can truly participate.

Accessibility and mobility

- Accessibility is more than ramps and lifts – it also includes accessible toilets, guidance systems, digital access, sign language interpreters, subtitles and information in easy-to-read language. This applies to all municipal services, public transport and events.

Encounter and acceptance

- Inclusion thrives on encounters. We want to create more places and opportunities where people with and without disabilities can come together – for example, through inclusive events and training courses in schools, companies and municipal institutions.

Sport and leisure

- Playgrounds, sports and leisure facilities should be accessible and usable by everyone. We promote inclusive clubs and events and support the district sports association in its inclusive offerings.

Education and inclusion in schools

- Local, inclusive schools ensure that parents have a choice and promote joint learning – a win-win situation for everyone.
- Barrier-free access must be considered from the outset in all construction projects.
- Inclusive schools, integrative daycare centres and shared educational spaces strengthen community spirit. Language and integration courses should also include people with special learning needs.

Training and labour market

- We are committed to more inclusive workplaces – including in the city administration.
- Companies should be specifically informed about support programmes such as the budget for work.
- A strong network of business, trade unions and government helps to break down prejudices and strengthen an inclusive labour market.

Networks and counselling

- Social networks should actively involve people with disabilities.
- The city can expand support services such as housing assistance, access to education and barrier-free healthcare.
- We promote counselling and placement services to implement the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities at the local level.