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Ordinary is not good enough!

Ten Points Plan GroenLinks Apeldoorn

We go for sustainable innovation: Ordinary is not good enough. Our municipality is beautiful and it is nice to live in Apeldoorn. Unfortunately, the latter does not apply to all residents. In Apeldoorn, too, residents face discrimination and exclusion and the Corona crisis has only increased income inequality. In addition, we are faced with a major social task to contribute – also locally – to reducing climate change.

In this election program you can read our ambitions for the coming years and how we view our municipality. We offer insight into how we want to tackle the major challenges of our time here in Apeldoorn. The election program indicates what you can expect from us, what we are going for and what we stand for.

GroenLinks Apeldoorn is thinking about the longer term. Decisions that are now taken in the city council have major consequences for your future.

We go for a municipality where you feel at home and it is pleasant to live. A sustainable and climate-proof municipality. And a municipality with a solid social foundation.

You can read it in the 10 points for Apeldoorn: 'Ordinary is not good enough'.

Our programme is in line with the national and provincial ambitions of GroenLinks.

In addition, in this program we also take you along with a number of things that we have realized in the past period and why it is also so necessary that we can continue with this.

For example, our council faction has made itself heard about the fireworks ban, the reduction of mega stables and large-scale agriculture, the approach to wood smoke and the many initiatives around Zero Waste (no waste).

We are proud that our green ambitions have been embraced by almost the entire city council after our efforts. As a result, the municipality has been able to take major steps in the field of greening and sustainability.

Our party was also a member of the board of B&W and, together with alderman Detlev Cziesso, gave Apeldoorn a healthy financial basis again.

It is therefore necessary to continue!

We look back on a council term in which our GroenLinks election promises were actually realized. But as already indicated: 'Ordinary is not good enough'. We see opportunities and challenges for Apeldoorn, including issues that could not be solved in one council term. Think of the approach to fireworks, the organization of appropriate and sometimes specialist care, the prevention of discrimination and racism and the realization of a sustainable and green municipality that is ready for the future.

That's why we want to continue! We need your support for this. Apeldoorn is unique and so are you. This deserves a social, green and inclusive approach. We are going to achieve that together.

Our 10 points for Apeldoorn



1. Affordable housing

To feel at home you have to have a house. For many people, that is currently not feasible in Apeldoorn. There is a housing shortage and you can see that, for example, in the increasing number of homeless young people and starters who cannot find affordable housing. The differences between the quality of the homes are also large. The risk is that poorer residents will soon pay themselves blue to an energy bill while rich Apeldoorners are warm. This is unjust and unnecessarily increases the differences. We are going to do that differently.

GroenLinks Apeldoorn wants more affordable and sustainable housing for all residents. We do this by:

- Create more sustainable and affordable housing in cities and villages. This also keeps our municipality attractive for young people and starters.
- These homes are built as much as possible within the existing boundaries of city and villages to keep our vast outdoor area green and spacious.
- To commit ourselves to expanding new forms of housing, such as informal care homes and residential care clusters. Support the elderly and people with physical and psychological disabilities where necessary.
- We build in our municipality as much as possible together with housing corporations and private residents' initiatives. This way we maintain a diverse housing supply and you prevent speculation.
- Stimulate sustainable housing such as wood construction and the use of green materials.
- All new homes to be built must comply with energy label A.
- Helping people who lose their homes due to divorce or financial problems in order to prevent human and social suffering.

- To offer homeless people more help in finding a home and to let them participate in society. We think *Housing first* is a good example of how we could tackle this in Apeldoorn.



2. Everyone participates and counts

There is a chance that, also in Apeldoorn, you have to deal with discrimination or exclusion on the basis of, for example, skin color, sexual preference or social class. If you deviate from the white heteronorm, you are more likely to become a victim of violence. GroenLinks Apeldoorn does not think this is possible. It's very simple: To feel at home, you have to feel safe. Do you have a disability? Even then it is more difficult to really participate in society. Initiatives to combat racism and discrimination are desperately needed.

GroenLinks Apeldoorn believes that everyone in Apeldoorn should feel safe, including you at home and on the street. We are committed to:

- GroenLinks Apeldoorn will continue to draw attention and work for an inclusive society.
- Stimulate social work in the neighbourhoods. This is an indispensable force to realize connections.
- Stimulate cultural activities from society.
- Support organizations that work against racism and discrimination.
- To support organisations that are committed to increasing the accessibility of our society for people with disabilities.
- To stimulate initiatives from the neighborhood and the neighborhood to combat loneliness, for example.
- To allow employees of the municipality of Apeldoorn to participate in a program to combat racism and discrimination within and through the organization.
- To ensure that Apeldoorn remains a rainbow municipality.



3. Apeldoorn has a solid social foundation

As a citizen, you may have to deal with high thresholds and complicated rules to be able to get help. Whether it concerns (temporary) extra income or assistance for yourself or your child. You can get the feeling: Am I being taken seriously? Am I not condemned for who I am? Does the government trust me?

The starting point of GroenLinks Apeldoorn is: Trust your resident. Fortunately, more and more projects are taking place with that starting point. Whether it is Housing First, where homeless people first get a home to move forward. Or a basic income that does not have to be accounted for. We are concerned that government controls and the 'regulatory cramp' are too often based on prejudice and wrongful decisions. Take, for example, the surcharges affair. It will cost us all much less if the citizen does not have to be constantly monitored. And it immediately results in a finer society.

GroenLinks stands for a government that has confidence in you, regardless of your last name, skin color or who you love. A government that helps you when you need help and helps you get the help you need. Points that contribute to this are:

- Silent poverty is being addressed. Trust is the starting point when providing a basic income. Conflicting regulations are prevented, unnecessary bureaucracy is removed.
- All public sector information must be comprehensible and at language level B1.
- All rules are written down clearly and comprehensibly.
- All facilities for citizens are available in a row and you immediately understand where you can knock with your question.
- Employees of the municipality and local facilities think along with you and listen to your question.
- Only information necessary for providing assistance is collected and recorded. Your privacy is protected.
- Abuses in youth care are investigated and addressed. Organisations are supported in improving their care and services as a result of the studies.
- GroenLinks Apeldoorn stands for sufficient shelters for victims of domestic violence.
- The municipality ensures that specialized care is available for the children, young people and adults who need it. Even if this is carried out outside the municipality.



4. Clean energy up close

The climate crisis is now. You too see and notice the consequences of this. GroenLinks believes that we should also tackle this crisis in cooperation with other countries in the European Union. We support our party in this, but we cannot wait. We are also noticing the consequences here in Apeldoorn and are going to do a lot to turn the tide.

We must act now to prevent the climate crisis from having lasting consequences. Sustainable, together, fair, circular and nature-positive are key concepts for us. The energy transition must not create new problems or widen the gap between rich and poor. We put our shoulders to the wheel and work towards a healthy, sustainable and equal future. Those who need extra support can count on it. As a municipality, we have a leading role in the energy transition. Together with residents, we are fully committed to making honest decisions that have a positive effect on nature and society.

GroenLinks Apeldoorn wants more clean energy up close.

- We measure annually whether Apeldoorn achieves the ambitious sustainability goals. If necessary, we will take measures to be able to achieve this. Adjusting downwards is not an option.
- We use smart places such as company roofs, offices and parking lots to generate energy.
- We encourage the business community to make their business more sustainable.
- We support people with home insulation and the construction of sustainable energy sources.
- We are making extra efforts to help residents who do not have a broad base with the construction of home insulation and other sustainable investments in their homes. We do this, among other things, in collaboration with housing corporations.
- Green gardens and good drainage help against global warming and the capture of (extreme) precipitation. We encourage people to take a role in this.
- If we generate sustainable energy in Apeldoorn, exchanging energy from users is easier.
- We give space to large-scale generation of sustainable energy such as solar parks and wind farms. Where we want to organize this locally in cooperation and consultation with residents.



5. Green town and villages

Have you also noticed that Apeldoorn is so wonderfully green? You cycle within half an hour on green cycle paths to the other side of the city. And if you come outside the city, you immediately enjoy our fine green and wide surroundings or the beautiful forests. GroenLinks is co-initiator of the plan to give more space to water and greenery in the city centre: The park city. Also for the hot summers it is important that there is more greenery in our city. That is why we also want to realize this on the business parks. The villages are green and we would like to keep it that way.

GroenLinks Apeldoorn wants Apeldoorn to become the greenest municipality in the Netherlands! To achieve this, we are going to:

- Encourage reuse and the use of green materials.
- Continue with the investments in green maintenance.
- Realization of more greenery in the built environment.
- Encourage the expansion and maintenance of green cycle paths in indoor and outdoor areas.
- Our commitment to expanding green spaces on industrial and business parks.
- Protect greenery in the villages and their surroundings.
- Encourage organic farming and animal husbandry.
- Ensuring that recreation in the green remains possible.
- Investing in maintenance and management of the green environment.



6. Nature and silence back on the Veluwe

Did you already know that things are not going well with the Veluwe? The number of plant and animal species is declining rapidly. Due to high summer temperatures, nature dries up, due to nitrogen from agriculture and traffic, plants and birds disappear. The Veluwe is and should remain an area where animals and humans find silence and peace. GroenLinks supports the action group Red de Veluwe, which is campaigning against the expansion of Lelystad Airport and low-flying routes. We also support plans to restrict the access of visitors and recreationists in some parts. Because if it gets too busy, no one will enjoy the Veluwe anymore.

GroenLinks Apeldoorn wants nature and silence back on the Veluwe to preserve nature in full glory. We want to:

- Day and night 100 km on the highway to contribute to reducing the nitrogen problem.
- Encourage initiatives to maintain quiet areas.
- That recreation is possible, but some areas also deserve protection.
- To prevent the expansion of Lelystad Airport. We use all our contacts to achieve that.
- We use all our contacts to strive for an airport Teuge where only electrically powered aircraft take off and land.



7. Working in the new economy

It's not news. Apeldoorn has been ageing for years. At the same time, we are a breeding ground for innovative activity in the field of safety and the use of smart technology. How can we prevent young people from leaving Apeldoorn for work or training? How can we combat the ageing of the population? In order to provide an answer to this, we want to stimulate forms of employment that directly benefit you as a young person. Employment with a future. Especially in the field of safety, innovation and smart technology. In addition, we also stimulate projects that make companies and homes more sustainable.

If your income disappears or your work, that is extremely drastic. In Apeldoorn we therefore help residents to livelihood security and we support people in their wish to find (volunteer) work.

GroenLinks Apeldoorn wants to stimulate employment in Apeldoorn by realizing smart collaborations and future-proof jobs.

- We invest in smart technology. The municipality is clear and open about which techniques are used. GroenLinks takes a critical look to protect the privacy of residents.
- Companies that invest in making their buildings more sustainable can count on our support.
- We stimulate organic and circular agriculture, sustainable construction, installation and energy technology.
- We stand for livelihood security and income of the inhabitants. And we help you find a (volunteer) job.
- We encourage companies that are involved in the reuse of materials and an inclusive economy.
- We invest in employment in construction (with a focus on starter homes and social housing) so that young people can find a good training and workplace there.



8. Sport and culture for all Apeldoorners

If you want to exercise or are engaged in a form of art or culture, it is very important that you can do this without barriers. Unfortunately, this is not affordable for everyone. Physical or mental limitations can also stand in the way. Sport and culture are inextricably linked to emotional and physical health. That is why it is a spearhead for us to make this accessible and accessible to all Apeldoorn residents.

GroenLinks Apeldoorn therefore wants sports and culture to be accessible to all Apeldoorners:

- In every neighborhood there must be stairs and playing fields.
- Sports clubs are extremely important, we remain committed to good sports facilities.
- Stimulating the development of multifunctional and accessible sports parks and outdoor spaces in villages and districts.
- Apeldoorn is and remains a bustling municipality with numerous festivals such as Drakenboot and Roots in the Woods.
- In recent years, GroenLinks has been committed to a broad and accessible cultural offer. Not only for the major cultural institutions, but also for the associations in amateur art. We will continue to do so.
- Courses and activities should be accessible to everyone.



9. Education for a safe and sustainable future

If you are practically trained, there is often less appreciation for this than if you have studied at a university. GroenLinks believes that there should be much more attention and appreciation for practice-oriented education. In order to offer a future for young people in secondary vocational education, GroenLinks supports initiatives to connect education and business. Companies in Apeldoorn are eager for practically trained people in technology and construction. Many young people can also be trained locally in the field of the security sector. There are shortages in staff in healthcare and tourism. Education for this can be found in Apeldoorn. Education for the youngest must be freely accessible and aimed at healthy development.

GroenLinks wants there to be educational opportunities for all levels and supports the initiatives for higher and university education in Apeldoorn.

GroenLinks Apeldoorn wants education for a sustainable future for you and the municipality by:

- To invest in the construction of (starter) homes. With this we create employment and a place to live.
- To organize and stimulate events that contribute to the attractiveness of the municipality and offer opportunities for work and internships.
- Support parents and/or educators to adapt the education to the child if children get stuck. The starting point is that every child has the right to education.
- To encourage schools to be a safe environment. By regulating traffic and stimulating green and sustainable schools and schoolyards.
- Support companies in creating work experience places for our MBO and HBO students.



10. Investing in health

You want to be able to grow old healthy. If you have little to spend, the chance that you will grow old less is greater. The Corona crisis has also widened the differences between rich and poor. The backlogs in education have widened and so have the income differences. GroenLinks Apeldoorn will do everything in its power to make these differences smaller. If you need care, you want to have the freedom to decide how best to arrange that for you. We do not want people to fit into the system, but for the system to support people.

GroenLinks Apeldoorn invests in the health of Apeldoorners by:

- Actively encourage initiatives that contribute to reducing unnecessarily bureaucratic procedures in, for example, the application for care.
- Support caregivers in their heavy responsibility. After all, they are increasingly being called upon.
- Reducing health inequalities through active preventive strategies through schools, housing and work. The GGD must support research and action plans.
- GroenLinks Apeldoorn wants the municipality of Apeldoorn to sign and implement the 'Clean Air Agreement'.
- Encourage health centres in the neighbourhood. These are close to the people to help them with information and guidance.
- Provide support in organizing care and help with rules and bureaucracy.
- Countering unnecessary rules and business approaches.

What are we building on?

We want to realize our election program as well as possible. This means that we look for parties that are in line with us. Just as we have succeeded particularly well in the past four years. We also look for any new parties that come into the council. As an experienced governing party, we think it is important that a solid municipal government remains in place.

Who did that on behalf of GroenLinks in the City Council and the Executive Board of B&W?

In 2018 we formed a coalition together with VVD, Lokaal Apeldoorn, CDA and D66. Detlev Cziesso took place on behalf of GroenLinks in the college of mayor and aldermen. As alderman he is responsible for: Finance, Art & Culture, Youth and Health.

In the city council we were active with Danny Huijzer, Rachel Gasper-Rothengatter, who was succeeded in 2021 by Dieuwke de Boer, and Paul Baart. The municipal councillors are supported by the party representatives Dieuwke de Boer and Henk Veneman. Together with the support group members Ellen Soorsma, Eva Siebelink, Dorise van Riel and Ewald te Koppele, they form the political heart of our department.

What have we achieved in recent years

A sustainable municipality also includes a sustainable financial policy. In the past 10 years, Detlev has worked hard as alderman for Finance to make Apeldoorn financially healthy again.

It was not easy: The Corona pandemic broke out, shortages for youth care and WMO increased. Nevertheless, Detlev has succeeded in his mission: Financial recovery in 2022. And we succeeded by working together with the other parties.

The backlogs in the maintenance of roads and buildings that have arisen since 2012 have also been made up in the past council term.

You can also still go to the municipality of Apeldoorn for a benefit and help. Fortunately, the costs of this have ended up with you as a resident to a limited extent. In addition, the increase in municipal housing costs is slightly higher than the inflation level.

Green assignments

In the municipality of Apeldoorn, we have reduced the waste mountain to half. We are therefore on the right track to achieve our target of 30 kg of residual waste by 2025.

The inhabitants of Apeldoorn and the companies and municipality saved energy by:

- More and better insulation.
- Reduce the use of polluting fuels. And to further develop green energy.

Together with the other municipalities in the Cleantech Region and the inhabitants of Apeldoorn, this has been achieved.

No more waste lying around in the municipality. That is a big challenge and assignment. Our council members were not only alert to this in the city council, but also actively participated in the Zero Waste actions.

In Kerschoten and Loenen, for example, a plan has been made on how these districts/areas can best be heated. Where they will use less or no natural gas. This is going to happen in all neighborhoods.

Of course, the municipality itself has not been left behind. Buildings of the municipality, but also, for example, churches, are insulated and have solar panels. The reuse of materials has become an important part of the tenders in our municipality.

In the renovation of the public space in the district "De Parken" we have made appealing progress in this area. You are also involved in neighbourhood renewal as a resident.

More and more pedestrians and cyclists are given priority in Apeldoorn. Electric shared scooters, shared bicycles at bus stops and an extensive network of electric charging stations are also part of this.

In addition, we remain committed to achieving a direct train connection between Apeldoorn and Arnhem.

Everyone participates

In the college agreement we agreed that all residents count and no one is forgotten. If you need help, you should be able to get it. That is a big task. Samen055 has been realized, GPs have practice nurses and there is a targeted neighborhood approach.

In 2015, the municipalities were given more responsibility in organising care and income. This has been used to increase the quality. Here too, as a resident, you talk to each other. Themselves or through interest representatives such as Village and District Councils or the Social Domain Advisory Council. Increasingly also through directly involved residents who are (financially) supported in this.

People suffer from wood smoke. It is an air that directly affects people's health. Our group has tackled this problem very energetically and put it at the centre of the council and together with our residents.

The fireworks ban. Not always a popular theme and yet more and more people know that (domestic) animals and people suffer enormously from this. We want a New Year's party for all residents and are therefore continuing with the plans to get this done.

Education

There is again HBO and University education in Apeldoorn. Apeldoorn is the "safety capital" of the Netherlands. Educational institutions, the training centre of the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee and the Police Academy and the relevant army units are the partners in this.

Smart technology

Apeldoorn is also "Smart City". This means that we use modern technology in Apeldoorn. For example, by sound sensors that measure different types of noise pollution, measuring the quality of the air, traffic handling and sensors that indicate the water needs of plants and trees.

The possible reservations with regard to 5G and protection of privacy have made GroenLinks Apeldoorn negotiable. During public meetings for residents and council members, experts talked

about the developments. We also did this with topics such as social inclusion, wood smoke and fireworks.

We look back on a successful council term where many of our programme points have been realised through close cooperation.

