

SHORT PROGRAMME

LIMBURG- WEILBURG GET SERIOUS ABOUT POLITICS!

Volt



Hey Limburg-Weilburg, we need to talk.

Because while the world is changing, locally everything is still too often business as usual. Politicians prefer to maintain the status quo rather than seek real solutions. But we are convinced that there is another way. And it's about time.

Volt Limburg-Weilburg is more than just a new voice on the political spectrum. We are part of a Europe-wide movement for a fair, sustainable and future-proof society. We bring together people who are fed up with empty talk, political deadlock and the eternal 'We've always done it this way!'. We are not concerned with ideologies, but with what really helps. For the people here in the district. For a region that does not fall behind, but leads the way. For European perspectives with local implementation.

Why are we running?

Because we are convinced that change is possible if it is shaped courageously, honestly and collectively. The climate crisis, skills shortages, social injustice, digital deficits and increasing disillusionment with democracy also affect us here in Limburg-Weilburg. The question is no longer whether we act, but how.

Our election programme is a concrete plan for a liveable future in our local area. It combines vision with feasibility, long-term goals with directly implementable measures. That is why it has been deliberately written in a comprehensive manner. Not only for the district, but also for individual towns and municipalities wherever we are running or may be involved in the future. Because we take local responsibility seriously. We show how change really works: step by step.

Warum Volt?

We stand for climate protection that is not postponed until later. For digital administration that works. For mobility that connects. For education that empowers. For democracy that is not just on paper. For a Limburg-Weilburg where everyone can live safely, freely and with respect, no matter where they come from, how old they are or how loud they are. We believe that now is the time to rethink, act differently and work beyond the usual boundaries.

We focus on cooperation instead of blame, education instead of populism. We believe that if we tackle things together – scientifically sound, socially just and open to new ideas – then we can achieve a great deal. Our goal is not a perfect world, but a real difference in people's everyday lives.

This election manifesto is an invitation to everyone who believes that more needs to be done. It is a promise to everyone who no longer wants to stand by and watch, but wants to help shape the future.

It is a declaration to everyone who loves their region – and knows that it needs to change.

Let's make a difference. Now.

THINK EUROPEAN. ACT LOCALLY.

For us, Europe is not a distant goal, but part of everyday life. In times of growing polarisation, we need local authorities that visibly live European values and actively promote exchange, cooperation and solidarity. We want to give local government work a stronger European focus – with genuine encounters instead of pure symbolism and with joint projects instead of isolation.

Town twinning schemes should be expanded, European funding programmes better utilised and Europe made more tangible for young people. At the same time, we want to lead the district towards greater European responsibility – in terms of climate, sustainability and international cooperation. Those who can experience Europe will also defend it.

That is why we are committed to:

- active town twinning schemes & youth exchange funds
- greater use of Erasmus+ in schools, sport and civil society
- democracy festivals, European Week and Europe Day as fixed items on the agenda
- multilingual information in administration and public transport
- accession to the Covenant of Mayors and European climate and sustainability targets

RETHINKING PARTICIPATION.

Democracy does not begin at the polling station. It arises wherever people are heard, feel they have influence and see their ideas reflected. Today, however, participation processes often come too late, are complicated or remain purely symbolic. Young people in particular feel overlooked, even though they want to play an active role in shaping the future of the district.

We want to strengthen decision-making by giving greater weight to the experiences and needs of local people. To achieve this, democracy needs reliable

places where participation is a matter of course and does not depend solely on the commitment of individuals. Our goal is to bring political participation back to where it belongs: at the heart of everyday life.

That is why we are committed to:

- local citizen budgets
- digital participation platforms (e.g. *decidim*)
- citizens' councils & representative participation committees
- youth parliaments in all municipalities & a district youth parliament
- a participation office & regular population and youth surveys

STRONG TOGETHER.

We want to create a district where people can live their lives freely and where origin, financial means, age or life situation do not determine who can participate in shaping it. After all, participation is not a bonus, but a clear mandate of politics.

In future, young people should find it easier to join clubs, experience culture and participate in leisure activities without barriers. Homelessness must not be managed, but prevented at an early stage. Families should be given tangible relief instead of being buried in mountains of paperwork, and social institutions need reliable structures instead of constant uncertainty.

We are committed to strengthening social work, creating fair conditions for educational professionals and providing more effective support to people affected by poverty, loneliness or housing shortages. Our guiding principle remains: prevention is better than cure – so that social policy can gradually become more effective.

That is why we are committed to:

- Housing First, social housing and fair allocation guidelines
- free or heavily discounted leisure and holiday activities for children and young people
- reliable support for women's shelters, food banks and aid organisations
- a municipal canteen in Limburg with healthy, affordable meals for all

STAYING HEALTHY. BEING WELL CARED FOR.

We see health as a task for the public sector, too. We want to ensure that GP care is closer to where people live, that mobile services are more easily accessible and that care provides noticeable relief for families. A modern healthcare landscape also needs digital channels that provide support without excluding anyone. Mental health should be treated more openly, and access to therapy should be made significantly easier.

We also want to break new ground in addiction policy: less stigmatisation, more education, stronger prevention and safe places where people can get support before problems escalate.

That is why we are committed to:

- better GP care, mobile health buses and municipal practice rooms
- transport services for elderly or disabled people
- strengthening preventive psychotherapy and low-threshold counselling centres
- modern, health-oriented drug policy including drug checking and consumption rooms

LIVING DIVERSITY. INCLUDING EVERYONE.

For us, diversity is a lived reality and a great enrichment. Our district should develop policies that protect diversity, open up access and enable genuine encounters.

We want to provide greater support to marginalised groups, make queer and Jewish life more visible, accompany immigrants as they arrive and further develop a culture of remembrance into a living part of municipal responsibility. By expanding barrier-free locations and promoting more inclusive urban planning, we want to ensure that all people can participate in social life in a self-determined manner.

That is why we are committed to:

- support for marginalised groups & barrier-free communities
- active remembrance work, including colonial reappraisal
- buddy programmes, migrant self-organisations and welcome desks
- safe meeting places, queer centres and intergenerational spaces

A VIBRANT COMMUNITY FOR EVERYONE.

Culture, community involvement and leisure activities are at the heart of a vibrant community. However, many of these activities are under threat, and this is where we want to step in. Our cultural policy aims to open up spaces, strengthen voluntary engagement and ensure that everyone has access.

We want to make volunteering more visible, strengthen art and youth work, and give new impetus to sports and leisure activities. We don't want to think of culture only in terms of traditional institutions, but everywhere where people come together. At the same time, we want to develop tourism and cultural heritage in a more sustainable way – with creativity and diversity as our guiding principles.

That is why we are committed to:

- visible recognition of volunteering
- barrier-free sports and leisure facilities, new non-club sports activities
- affordable studios & rehearsal rooms, cultural events in public spaces
- sustainable tourism & protection of historical sites
- Limburg-Weilburg Card for cultural participation regardless of income
- promoting youth culture: e-sports, cultural centres & connecting projects
- Night mayor and safe spaces for night-time culture

SAFE. FREE. TOGETHER.

Safety begins with the people who help in an emergency. Our emergency services should receive the equipment, planning security and support they need in the face of the climate crisis. Their work creates trust – and that is precisely what creates safety in everyday life.

Building on this, we want to design public spaces in such a way that proximity and presence become more important than ever-increasing surveillance. Community policing should create proximity and prevention should take place more strongly where people meet.

At the same time, we want to better protect our democracy – from hatred, threats and extremist networks. Those who are committed to our society should feel that their safety matters, both online and offline.

That is why we are committed to:

- independent complaints offices & discrimination-sensitive training
- strong emergency services, disaster control & district-wide heat action plans
- preventive education on violence, extremism & democracy
- safe routes, better lighting & night-time mobility (night/women's taxis)

BUILDING WITH RESPONSIBILITY.

Finding affordable and suitable housing is becoming a challenge for more and more people. At the same time, flats stand empty, new land is being sealed off and barrier-free solutions remain rare. For us, housing is not a commodity, but part of the social infrastructure with a clear responsibility at the local level.

We want to strengthen land and housing policies that are oriented towards the common good and offer people security. Municipal housing associations should be expanded, barrier-free standards should become more commonplace, and densely populated areas should be developed in a sensible manner. We also want to

facilitate gradual paths to secure home ownership. However, housing should not divide, but rather enliven neighbourhoods and connect generations.

That is why we are committed to:

- a municipal housing association & a municipal land fund
- more social and barrier-free living space through clear quotas
- redensification, mandatory green roofs and climate-resilient construction (e.g. timber construction)
- activation of vacant properties and housing scouts for people in need
- socially designed rent-to-buy models based on the hereditary building right principle

A DISTRICT THAT CONNECTS PEOPLE.

Mobility determines our opportunities and quality of life every day. Many people in the district continue to rely on cars because buses and trains are unreliable and there is a lack of safe routes for cyclists and pedestrians. At the same time, cars fill the town centres, while there is a shortage of space for socialising, greenery and play. We want a mobility revolution that creates real choices in both towns and villages.

To this end, we want to strengthen public transport, make routes safer for cyclists and pedestrians, and expand shared-use concepts. Urban spaces should belong to the people again, and rural areas should have more reliable connections. With Vision Zero, better lighting and barrier-free stops, we want to make mobility safer and more accessible for everyone.

That is why we are committed to:

- expansion of public transport, express and on-demand lines throughout the district
- safe, continuous cycle paths and footpaths
- 30 km/h speed limit as the rule in built-up areas
- mobility stations, Park+Ride
- comprehensive bike and car sharing
- district-wide charging offensive for e-mobility and smart grids
- fair parking policy and more car-free, lively town centres

PROTECTING ENVIRONMENT. SECURING OUR FUTURE.

Climate protection begins right on our doorstep: on the roofs, in the fields and in the streets that shape our everyday lives. We want to promote energy and spatial planning that strengthens renewable energies, better protects water, cools towns and villages and reclaims habitats for plants and animals. Our local authorities should not stand by and watch, but should take a confident approach to shaping the future.

In doing so, we want to combine ecological responsibility with social justice. This will create a district that is prepared for heat, heavy rain and dry periods, while at the same time improving the quality of life.

That is why we are committed to:

- expansion of renewable energies, storage & tenant electricity models
- strategic heat planning with local heating networks & waste heat utilisation
- sponge city principle, unsealing and intelligent rainwater management
- strengthening regional, sustainable agriculture and urban food concepts
- biodiversity protection, ecological green spaces and reliable animal and nature conservation structures

A STRONG REGION WITH A FUTURE.

Our district is located between strong economic regions, but hardly exploits this potential. City centres are losing their appeal, businesses are searching in vain for skilled workers or successors, and regional strengths such as agriculture, tourism and new forms of working rarely interact. We want to strengthen an economy that is locally rooted, ecologically responsible and socially reliable for the future.

To this end, we want to promote modern working models, make regional cycles more visible and give local authorities greater responsibility. Small businesses should be fairly supported, networking should be easier, and new places such as co-working spaces should create real alternatives. In future, our economic

development should focus on quality of life and sustainability rather than short-term location policy.

That is why we are committed to:

- fair support for small businesses
- co-working spaces, start-up centres and commuter hubs
- regional, sustainable economic cycles
- strategic retention of skilled workers – including older employees
- networked tourism and trade concepts for vibrant city centres

FAIR EDUCATION FOR REAL OPPORTUNITIES.

Education opens doors to justice and the future. We therefore want to strengthen a municipal education landscape that supports people rather than placing additional burdens on them. Daycare centres should be well equipped, schools should be able to work in a modern way, all-day services should be reliable, and an education system should be created that excludes no one.

To achieve this, we want to improve working conditions for educational professionals, make digital learning opportunities accessible to all, and develop our school buildings so that they become modern, sustainable and truly inclusive.

That is why we are committed to:

- free childcare, multi-professional teams and better staff-to-child ratios
- free digital learning resources and modern technical equipment
- ecological renovations and barrier-free school buildings
- a strong adult education centre as an anchor for lifelong learning

WELL POSITIONED DIGITALLY.

For us, digitalisation is not a prestige project, but a tool that makes everyday life easier and more accessible. We want to design digital administration in such a way that it is accessible, has clear responsibilities and offers applications that actually help. Every municipality should develop a digital culture that simplifies processes, reduces duplication and does not exclude anyone.

Our goal is a smart region that uses data sensibly and enables innovation. Fibre optics should reach into villages, public spaces should offer reliable Wi-Fi, and municipal IT should be securely and openly networked. Digital tools should facilitate participation, while data protection remains a protected fundamental right. Digital education for all generations should ensure that no one is left behind on the path to the future.

That is why we are committed to:

- a digitalisation department & open, interoperable systems (open data, open source)
- accessible online services, multilingual portals & clear user guidance
- digital training for employees & volunteers (digital coaches)
- IT security standards, regular audits & network-separated backups
- comprehensive fibre optic expansion, a modern mobile network and free WiFi

REDESIGNING ADMINISTRATION. OPEN AND TRANSPARENT.

Our administration is often the first point of contact with democracy in everyday life. This is where it is decided whether concerns are addressed, people find support and political goals really have an impact. However, many people experience the administration as slow, complicated or difficult to reach. We therefore want to develop it into a creative force that not only administers, but also enables.

To this end, we want to create modern structures, strengthen our workforce and make processes clearer. Administration should treat people as equals and build trust. Transparency, good working conditions, further training and binding quality standards should make our cities and communities more capable of action and closer to their citizens.

That is why we are committed to:

- citizen-friendly opening hours & easily understandable procedures
- modern personnel policy: part-time work in management, attractive salaries, qualifications
- clear transparency rules: freedom of information, live streams & open project lists
- inter-municipal cooperation & common standards
- strengthening the administration as an employer: continuing to work in retirement, retaining talent



OUR CANDIDATES FOR THE COUNTY COUNCIL



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36 years, Limburg
list position 1



Franziska König
32 years, Elz
list position 2



Sebastian Knust
40 years, Limburg
list position 3



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9. Lukas Klee	15. Mark-Patrick Wieda	22. David Bach
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