

GROEN+VOORUIT



Make it change!

Time for a **new wind** to blow through Grimbergen, with a **new mayor!**

We are at a turning point in Grimbergen history, because together we can become the largest party, enabling us to govern differently, and yes: deliver the mayor.



Gerlant van Berlaer

I am your candidate for mayor, for a positive, green, and social Grimbergen. With Groen+Vooruit we are going for a municipality that is again at your service. **Things must and can be done differently.**

Gerlant is candidate-mayor: 'With your vote, we can finally maintain the footpaths and cycle paths and even more, build many new and safe ones. We can provide more greenery and conviviality, make sure that the municipality works well for you, implement a smart climate policy, support our local trade, make our living environment cleaner, safer, and more pleasant together, take participation seriously and work together on a liveable mobility. That is what I put my current job aside for!'

In this brochure you will get to know our wonderful team and the strong programme we stand for.

Do not miss the opportunity and let a fresh, green, and social wind blow. Be sure to vote and choose Groen+Vooruit!



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GROEN+Vooruit works inclusively. Inclusion instead of exclusion. In order to inform all residents of Grimbergen about our view on municipal policy, this brochure is explained in English and French. With a warm call to be part of our Grimberg Dutch-speaking community. **We want everyone to join us!**



Voulez-vous lire cette brochure en français ?



Would you prefer to read this brochure in English?



Katrien Le Roy

I would like to commit myself with full enthusiasm to a new way of governing for Grimbergen. An inclusive approach, where we listen to the residents and tackle problems with a long-term vision.



Ramon Linscheer

As a resident of Strombeek, I cherish the scarce public green in our borough. For that reason, I am committed to preserving the neighbourhood park at Villa Rijckendael.



Caroline Denil

In our municipality, I am committed to solidarity, ecological lifestyle, and energy efficiency. Integration of non-native speakers starts with a simple and sincere welcome.



Erik Kempenaers

Based on my strong involvement in associations in Grimbergen, I want to dedicate myself with just as much enthusiasm to a traffic-safe, liveable, and solidarity-based municipality.



Linda De Prée

I want to dedicate myself to all sports disciplines, both recreational and competitive. They deserve the necessary space and infrastructure within our municipality.



Soufian Farouk

I want to build bridges between different people and cultures in our local community. I want to inspire young people to actively work for a better future.



Michèle Geys

As an avid walker and litter cleaning volunteer, I want to advocate for more accessible and maintained footpaths and rural roads, and a firm approach of litter and illegal dumping.



Jan De Leeuw

A heart for Grimbergen, that is what drives me. I dream of a sustainable Grimbergen with a focus on fair trade, climate, (shared) mobility, short-chain, and local trade.



Ann Barleycorn

Our community needs more care. As a volunteer at Kind en Gezin, Ter Biest and Eigen Thuis, I am committed to a warm and social municipality for young and old.



Patrick Rombout

Poverty is an injustice, which is why I am a volunteer at the social grocery store "Winkel Welkom". The social policy of recent years was poor, there is so much left that can and must be improved.



Kaarin Poppe

For me, art is a language. As a mental health pioneer and experience expert, I find appropriate care for everyone's mental health essential in our society.



Christophe Provoost

As an active cyclist, I find that many cycle paths are outdated and in bad condition. We need to continue to invest in maintenance and safety is a priority.



Alena Van den Bussche

Grimbergen and especially 'de Brug' are close to my heart. This place must remain a meeting place for the neighbourhood and for social life.



Thierry Timmermans

I am fighting for more affordable rental and owner-occupied homes in Grimbergen. Young people should have the opportunity to continue to live in our municipality. Older people should also be able to enjoy a supportive living environment.



Evelyne Van Boxem

I strive for a green and healthy municipality that also remains committed to the fight against noise pollution caused by air traffic.



Marc Van Godsenhoven

As a former alderman with a big heart for culture, I work for a new library for Strombeek with a branch in Grimbergen and more attention for monuments and art.

Isabel Gaisbauer

As a young mother, I'd like to have everyone on board. I am willing to go full steam ahead in the next six years for more support for those in need, for more childcare and safe cycling to school.

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Britt John

With great conviction, I am committed to a community driven by connection and justice. Together, we can make Grimbergen a green and vibrant place for everyone.

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Noëmi Christie

As the youngest candidate (19 years old), I want to represent the interests of young people in the city council. I want to work together on a safe and inclusive community for everyone.

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Jeanne Muhorakeye

Protecting the climate is my priority, because the poorest communities bear the heaviest burden. That is why I want to fight for a municipal climate policy that includes everyone.

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Sofie Roelandt

Groen+Vooruit stands for a committed team that puts people and nature first, and really thinks in the long term. It is with full conviction that I support this project for a warm and social Grimbergen.

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Gerda Le Maire

I consciously choose to actively change something in our society. A choice for the well-being of people, for a social climate policy and a good guidance of refugees.

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Ria Turcksin

As a believer, I see life and the earth as a gift from God that I want to treat with care. This is also the common thread running through my efforts in the Environment Council, the Culture Council, and the Committee on Spatial Planning.

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Bouchra Ben Mekki

I want to dedicate myself to a public service investing in social progress and approaching the diversity of its population and its boroughs as a strength

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Luca Maton

I represent the perspective of youth in politics. For me, the climate crisis is the biggest challenge of our time, which is why I am determined to get it more on top of the municipal agenda.

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Joris Robberechts

Meeting each other fosters connection and involvement, regardless of language and origin. I want to work for more meeting places in every neighbourhood and for a strong social life.

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Johan Declerck

Economy and ecology go hand in hand. I want to continue to fight for healthy air and help build a well-thought-out housing and renovation policy in which energy efficiency is central.

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Vincent Van Achter

I am a staunch advocate of a qualitative approach to spatial planning. Change and adaptation are inevitable, but they must be managed properly. That is what I strive for.

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Michel Vanderwallen

I am thriving for more meeting places in public spaces where young and old can meet, for better mobility, accessible public services, and more attention to nature.

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Marnix Snauwaert

Making sure everyone has an enjoyable time: it should be possible! Accessible care for all residents, with extra attention for people in difficulty and with a focus on care for the elderly.

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Hugo Van Ackeleyn

As a kitchen instructor in a training center for the underprivileged and unemployed, I want to continue to work for a social and fair society where everyone gets opportunities.

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Eddie Boelens

Caring for nature, open space and agriculture. It's in my blood. With a lot of experience, I choose the place of last candidate to guide new talent in their first steps in politics in Grimbergen.

This is what you can expect from us **in concrete terms**

- **Young and old safe on the road:** a strong push for the construction of better cycling lanes and footpaths. Bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly village centres.
- **Listening and involving citizens:** additional advisory councils and a participatory budget for the districts.
- **Public services close to the people:** personal contact remains important, even without an appointment. Attention to people with disabilities.
- **Opportunities for children:** extra childcare places and a new primary school in Strombeek. More playgrounds in all districts.
- **Space for young people:** sufficient and suitable places, both indoors and outdoors, where young people can have fun.
- **Focus on seniors:** tailored care, support at home and on the go.
- **Tackling litter and illegal dumping:** more public bins in busy places and strict enforcement.
- **Effective climate policy:** good for the climate is also good for the wallet, focus on neighbourhood-focused renovations, and support for the sale of local products.
- **Encouraging enthusiasm for Dutch:** motivating non-Dutch speakers in their own language to learn Dutch.
- **Protecting open space:** saying no to large-scale housing projects that threaten space for nature and agriculture.
- **More green in your area:** respect for the existing green spaces and planting more trees, shrubs, and flowers in every district.
- **Solutions for affordable housing:** finally making progress on social housing policy and encouraging alternative forms of living.
- **Reducing poverty:** introducing a poverty impact assessment, financial and other support for those in need.
- **Appreciating associations and volunteers:** those who work towards more social life, more connection and better coexistence deserve financial support and suitable facilities.

What this means for **your district:**



Beigem

- Preserve open green spaces
- No residential development on the Kerselaer meadow
- Quick construction of cycling and pedestrian paths on Meerstraat



Grimbergen

- A medium-sized community hall in our largest district
- Reopening of the library branch at Charleroyhoeve
- Creation of a swimming pond at the Lammekes site



Humbeek

- The sports hall remains a place for local associations
- The vicarage must remain part of the Humbeek street view
- Further development of the Kerkeveld nature reserve



Verbrande Brug

- Reduce the impact of industrial activities in the canal zone
- New homes on Oostvaardijk should overlook a new square near the bridge



Borcht

- Renovation of the community hall and repurposing of the church
- A local social services hub
- More green spaces in the neighbourhood



Strombeek-Bever

- Quick development of the central square as a green meeting space
- Green spatial planning with a limited number of houses on the neglected Rodepoort site
- New library in Strombeek

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Discover our full programme on our website:
www.groenplusvooruit.be

Can we make these plans a reality? It is your turn now as a voter. A unique opportunity awaits on 13 October.
Seize it and vote Groen+Vooruit.