

# volt

## COLLECTIVE ENERGY

Leidschendam-Voorburg  
Election programme

Municipal elections 2026

FUTURE  MADE IN EUROPE

*Volt builds  
solutions with  
residents,  
businesses and  
civil society  
organisations.*

**Dear resident,**

Leidschendam-Voorburg is a wonderful municipality to live, work and grow up in. I would like all residents to be able to share that experience. However, these times are challenging and demanding. We are facing global challenges such as climate change, loss of biodiversity and geopolitical tensions. Locally, we are also feeling the effects of increasing social inequality, loneliness, housing shortages and pressure on healthcare and education. These developments are putting pressure on the social cohesion of our municipality.

Too often, I see the municipal council or the executive committee emphasising talk over action. Not only nationally, but also in our municipality, governance is all too often about appearances and prestige. This leads to stagnation, polarisation and mistrust. Volt chooses a different course. We are committed to cooperation, to a positive vision of the future in which we strengthen one another. We strive for a municipal council that listens, learns and cooperates. No symbolic politics or short-term party interests, but honest choices and transparent decision-making.

That requires courage. Whether it concerns the distribution of scarce space, the need for climate measures or reducing inequality: Volt looks at the facts and does not beat around the bush. Honest politics means not telling people what they wish to hear, but explaining why we do what we do. It means being open about, and learning from mistakes. Taking responsibility, for today and for tomorrow.

I believe in the power of our residents. Together, we can make our municipality future-proof: street by street, neighbourhood by neighbourhood. Volt therefore aims to strengthen neighbourhood-oriented cooperation during the coming council term and involve residents, entrepreneurs and social organisations.

We can solve many issues locally, but where this is not possible, we seek cooperation with neighbouring municipalities, the province, the national government and the European Union. It is precisely through these connections that we can move forward. Volt is committed to ensuring that our municipality has a strong voice and is well connected in this regard.



Kind regards,

**Marijn Damsma-Blaisse**

Party leader Volt Leidschendam-Voorburg

# 5+1 CHALLENGES

for Leidschendam-Voorburg

We deliver sustainable solutions by empowering neighbourhoods to take the lead.

## 1. Sustainable Leidschendam-Voorburg -

Climate-conscious and green

- Climate neutral and climate proof by 2040.
- Acceleration of the energy transition and support for neighbourhood initiatives.
- More trees, greenery, and solutions to heat stress.
- Sustainable transport options take precedence over cars.
- Excellent traffic flow for cyclists and pedestrians.

## 2. A new economic perspective -

balancing well-being and profit

- Broad prosperity and wellbeing are central.
- Support for local small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).
- Circular and sustainable procurement by the municipality.
- Sport and culture as essential facilities that strengthen health and connection.

## 3. Equal opportunities for all -

inclusive and supportive

- Creating more affordable homes through smart densification, with a special focus on first-time buyers and senior citizens
- Supporting mixed neighbourhoods, cooperative living and house sharing.
- The actual realisation of at least 30% social housing.
- Taking a strict approach to vacancy and malpractice in the housing market.
- Support neighbourhood initiatives and care cooperatives.
- One fixed and clear point of access to care and youth care, with an emphasis on prevention.
- Investing in education, poverty reduction and music education for all children.
- With extra attention for initiatives by young people and international citizens.

## 4. Democracy in LV -

the smart and engaged municipality

- A broad council agreement instead of smaller coalition.
- Focus on neighbourhood empowerment and social cohesion.
- Seriously involving residents in politics and treating them as equals.
- Transparency, open and accessible information, data management in order.
- Better digital services and strong regional cooperation.

## 5. A safe, welcoming and enjoyable living environment

- Safe cycle routes with excellent traffic flow.
- Meeting places and green squares in every neighbourhood.
- Strengthening social safety, with an emphasis on the experience of women.
- Encouraging exercise and health, including safe and accessible open-water swimming in the Vliet.

## +1. Future: made in Europe

- Learning from European examples such as energy cooperatives, housing cooperatives and neighbourhood-led initiatives. Making greater use of European subsidies.
- Volt provides a direct connection between Leidschendam-Voorburg and the rest of Europe.

## Financial

- Maintain a healthy buffer, but avoid excessive accumulation: we invest in a targeted and conscious manner in sustainability, affordable housing, exercise and enjoyment.

# THE COMPASS

## of Volt Leidschendam-Voorburg

**Politics is about making choices. Volt makes those choices by first listening, understanding, weighing up interests and only then deciding.**

**In all our choices, Volt is guided by the following nine principles.**

### **1. Volt connects people.**

Choices that bring different groups together matter more than proposals that serve only one group.

### **2. Volt trusts the power of residents.**

We value bottom-up initiatives and work differently from the top down, by involving people early and treating participation and co-creation as a condition for success.

### **3. Volt applies the human scale.**

We prioritise proximity, human contact and small-scale solutions over anonymous, large-scale systems.

### **4. Volt stands for greater equality.**

We choose solutions that reduce inequality and create fairer opportunities for all.

### **5. Volt puts people and nature first.**

The well-being of people and the environment outweighs purely economic interests.

### **6. Volt prioritises prevention.**

Preventing problems reduces both human suffering and public costs, therefore prevention comes before repair.

### **7. Volt chooses integrated solutions.**

We support coherent measures that address multiple challenges at once, avoiding solutions that create new problems elsewhere.

### **8. Volt safeguards financial balance.**

Public money must be spent wisely and transparently. Financial reserves are necessary, but excessive accumulation is not.

### **9. Volt acts for future generations.**

Long-term benefits take precedence over short-term gains.



### **And doesn't Volt also have something to do with Europe?**

Volt is active in 32 European countries, making it a pan-European party. This enables essential European cooperation in tackling the shared challenges of our time. Also, this cooperation facilitates the exchange of knowledge and allows us to introduce best practices in our municipality. No empty words, but actions: pragmatic, positive and focused on solutions that work in practice. That's what defines Volt, and what we bring to Leidschendam-Voorburg.

**Let's do something new.**

Will you join us?

# OUR CANDIDATES

Volt Leidschendam-Voorburg

Involved,  
decisive and  
ready to make a  
difference.



**1: Marijn  
Damsma - Blaisse**



**2: Serge  
Santoo**



**3: Annet  
Weijermars - Corver**



**4: Sander  
Vellekoop**



**5: Anne  
Bloemarts**



**6: Rogier  
Toetenel**



**7: Anne-Susan  
Sas**



**8: Jelle  
Hoff**



**9: Karline  
Vandenbroecke**



**10: Henk  
van Krevel**