

ELECTION PROGRAM 2022

Onafhankelijke Partij Diemen



1. Local government and digitisation

An accessible local government

The Onafhankelijke Partij Diemen (Independent Party Diemen) believes that the town council and the civil servants should serve the inhabitants of Diemen. There will have to be a change from a civil service organisation to an organisation serving the residents. We want an online notice board and suggestion box for residents to lower the threshold for contact with the local council. But also, open visiting hours at civil servants for questions from inhabitants, which makes a personal approach possible.

Our thoughts:

- Complaint's handling, especially about waste, is not in order, services to residents could be better.
- The complainant must be properly informed about his complaint and that it does not just disappear into a black official hole and you never hear about it again.
- Communication needs to be improved, schools, housing, accessibility, road closures, parking, site navigation is poor (especially towards the blind and visually impaired)
- Site navigation leaves much to be desired
- Managing the municipality's finances responsibly with an acceptable tax burden for residents and entrepreneurs
- Transparent and clear regulations with corresponding policies. Rules, prevention, supervision, and enforcement must form one coherent and practical whole. The rules must be clear to the inhabitants.
- Smart digital services for all target groups
- A counter where residents who are not digitally literate can always go in person for information and all municipal products (driving licence, passport, permits, etc.)
- Services that are close to the residents
- Multifunctional use of municipal buildings that can be used differently at night than during the day
- Improve communication and monitoring of repairs and projects that have been and are being carried out.
- Informing residents in case of irregularities or delays in the execution and progress of repairs and projects
- Listening to residents and businesses that come up with alternative ideas or solutions

Digitisation

Our digital services must be made suitable for all residents. Think about blind and visually impaired people or people with other disabilities. By making digitalisation more accessible, we create the possibility for our residents to contact the municipality and other institutions.

We focus on:

- Renewal of the municipality's user-friendly site diemen.nl
- An email address per street and house number. For example, AlbertSchweitzerstraat5@diemen.nl
- With an internet home address, we can approach residents directly
- Using the internet (mail, social media and app) as a gauge in our community
- Involving residents more in Diemen politics with the arrival of an app
- Good digital infrastructure for citizens, but also for our companies
- A stable network, the hybrid work needs it
- Fighting cybercrime by providing information

2. Safety

The inhabitants of Diemen must always feel safe in their familiar surroundings. Enforcement must be visible. Think of the police, the boa's and street coaches. Prevention is an important part of their work. Fields for active enforcement are for the Onafhankelijke Partij Diemen: intolerant behaviour, traffic (anti-social behaviour) and environment (waste problems).

In addition, we believe that attention should be paid to tackling subversion, including in the case of vacant properties (Scheerlicht* approach). We must prevent people from falling out of society, both socially and in terms of their social standing. The disadvantaged are sometimes exposed to too many temptations. Think of a welfare mother who lets her room be used as a hemp nursery.

Our focal points are

- Continuation of 'Aanpak Scheerlicht' Diemen-wide
- Enforcement on intolerant behaviour, traffic, and environmental offences.
- Attention for tackling undermining by raising awareness in the municipality and associations
- Attention to vacant buildings (houses and shops) so that they are not rented or bought by criminals
- Action by the catering industry in combating nuisance caused by excessive alcohol or drug use
- Cosy terraces must remain possible with proper supervision
- Education about cybercrime.
- Detecting and acting against stalking and bullying via social media
- Preventing dangerous traffic situations
- Enforce nationwide ban on fireworks
- Organising a Diemens fireworks show

*Aanpak Scheerlicht: <https://bit.ly/3nOOFW4>

3. Participation & social policy

Participation

By participation, the Onafhankelijke Partij Diemen means involving residents and stakeholders in the process from the beginning. In the past four years, we have seen the participation process result in protests and the going to court. This indicates that there is no participation process because the municipality's building plans, for example, are constantly met with heavy resistance. The participation process as it is currently organised in Diemen should be renewed.

We imagine that:

- Residents should be more involved in decision making and policy implementation (Citizen Participation).
- Establishing a Citizen's Council (Burgerberaad) for complex questions such as wind turbines and solar panel placement (Energy Transition, Regional Energy Strategy)
- Improve communication to residents. (Enrich database, collect inhabitants' mail addresses)
- Promote the concept of the "Right to Challenge" among residents, giving them the opportunity to submit an alternative proposal for an existing or future plan of the municipality
- Residents who want to outsource tasks such as care (WMO), service provision, energy, public space, waste, neighbourhood gardens to neighbourhood cooperatives (think here of Diemen Ecostrroom and Diemerwind. Also look at wijkcooperatie.nl)
- The neighbourhood is the new "pillar" or "local hub" for community work close to the resident (previously it was the political party, church, or other social group)
- Facilitating participation through a dedicated Diemen intranet
- A single point of contact in our municipal administration for district, municipal and interest groups, so no 'from pillar to post' approach.
- For this purpose, officials have been appointed who can focus entirely on this one task.
- Reward people for maintaining and cleaning their own neighbourhood
- Promoting social cohesion by encouraging club life through subsidies

Social Policy

The Onafhankelijke Partij Diemen believes that everyone should be able to participate in our society. And if they cannot, they must be helped. The goal is for our residents to eventually become self-reliant (again). For this, adequate signalling, and support of socially disadvantaged groups is the idea.

This means:

- An integral approach to requests for help, by one contact person per family, in which we look at both what is needed and what someone can do himself.
- Preventing children from growing up in poverty
- Encouraging and enabling participation in sport and culture
- Investigating and tackling loneliness in the elderly and young people
- The new library as a meeting place for education, prevention of illiteracy and integration
- Working together for an inclusive society
- Equal treatment for all, tackling racism, promoting equal (starting) opportunities.
- Continue to facilitate civic integration courses
- Giving status holders the chance to get a job to perform the profession they were trained for in their mother country (Scientists, (dental) doctors, health care workers, etc.)

- Smooth recognition of diplomas and certificates of status holders.
- Talking to interest groups to remove restrictions on participating in society. (Muslims, Moroccan Mothers, refugee organisations, etc...)

4. Health & Care, Education and Youth Policy

Health & Care

Our opinion on Corona

Diemen had the sad scoop in 2020 of the first recorded Corona contamination. A lot has happened since then. Hospitals are still under pressure. The nursing staff is even under more pressure. The pandemic is pushing our healthcare system to the limit.

At the same time, we must ensure that care continues for non-corona patients and that people who are ill do not become isolated. This applies especially to young people and the elderly who need care. We believe that it is precisely in these times that we must continue to show solidarity with each other.

As a local party, we cannot take positions on the corona pandemic in this election programme. That is the concern of the national government, OMT and RIVM. On a personal level, however, we do call on everyone to take each other into account to face this pandemic together.

Taking care of each other

For the Onafhankelijke Partij Diemen the following applies: 'prevention is better than cure'. That is why the general health of our village is important. We are working on this by making sufficient sport and exercise possible in our village. However, good health also starts with awareness through good education and prevention. In addition, we stand for good quality health care in the municipality.

The things that are going to happen outside of the Corona perils are going to be very costly and Diemen is not equipped for that. The right organisations and human capacity need to be expanded considerably and made future-proof. We know that more needs to be done in elder care and youth welfare. We must ask the national government for more resources and make sure they get to the right place. Think also of rewarding people who help each other, such as volunteers and informal carers.

Here are some examples:

- When renovating existing dwellings, we must consider the life-cycle perspective to allow people to live as long and as independently as possible
- Encouraging older people who live alone in their owner-occupied home to take on a flatmate to combat loneliness and housing shortages
- Offer integrated assistance with a director per family.
- Keeping track of the quality of care provided. Think of customer satisfaction surveys and a hotline.
- Promoting prevention. After all, prevention is better than cure.

- Reduce waiting lists in youth care
- Promote healthy behaviour and help people make the right choices. For example, no more fast-food chains in Diemen
- Encouraging movement through sport, but also by placing sport and game equipment in public spaces
- Deploying sports coaches to encourage outdoor sports a trend set in motion by the Corona pandemic
- Preventing loneliness in the elderly
- Clear appreciation for informal carers and volunteers

Education

Good and appropriate education is the foundation for our young people in Diemen. There are now a few good primary schools in our growing municipality. The arrival of a comprehensive school in Bergwijkpark is certainly welcome. The growth of our village will also create a need among children and parents for a secondary school in Diemen.

Our party wants to make school with:

- Cooperate in possibilities for experimental education instead of an annex of the OSB, think of schools with a new educational concept.
- To be able to start a school in Diemen, a BRIN number is required, which we need to arrange first.
- An internship desk for schools such as InHolland
- Attention to opportunities for 'continuing education' also for those in their thirties to sixties.
- Tackling low literacy in Diemen
- The new library as a meeting place for education (no new coffee point, but integration courses, literary evening, slam poetry festival, etc...)

Youth

In addition to good education, childcare, and space to play, the right support must be available for young people. Here, too, prevention is better than cure. The costs of youth care are getting completely out of hand. And waiting lists and the matching of supply and demand require constant attention and the right steering.

This is concrete:

- Better facilities and activities (De Verbindend youth centre on the Van Markenplantsoen?) for the so-called 'pre-pubescent'. This group is poorly served in Diemen and just hangs around on the street.
- Investing in prevention in youth care so that fewer young people need complex or long-term youth care
- Matching supply and demand in youth care better
- Shortening waiting lists for youth care
- Maintaining subsidies for sports and cultural events
- Encouraging and facilitating outdoor sports for young people, also in the context of reducing obesity among children
- Encourage childcare facilities linked to schools.
- Creating natural and challenging playgrounds when designing public spaces.

5. Economy, energy transition, sustainability, environment, and recreation

Economy as a motor for well-being and prosperity

The Onafhankelijke Partij Diemen believes that the municipality must be committed to economic development. Stimulating the local economy makes a good contribution to a positive society. The Onafhankelijke Partij Diemen strives for a balance between the wellbeing of people, the health of people and animals, respect for nature, maintaining a liveable environment and sufficient responsible economic prosperity. Making clear choices when problems arise and entering dialogue with our residents.

We stand for:

- Supporting a healthy entrepreneurial climate (by attending entrepreneurial meetings in Diemen)
- Special attention for start-ups and the self-employed
- Attractive location conditions for small and medium-sized entrepreneurs
- Priority for companies that bring jobs
- Focus on start-ups for (business) services, healthcare, and leisure.
- Municipality must buy more locally and regionally
- Inviting regional entrepreneurs to tenders

Work and income

The Onafhankelijke Partij Diemen is aware that work is more than earning an 'income', for many it is also a way of participating in society. Also, for people with a disability or distance to the labour market. If this is not possible, temporary support is needed.

This means for us:

- Continue to invest in the local economy of Diemen so that there is work for residents
- Continue to use 110-115% above the social security standard as the income limit for the minimum policy
- We support initiatives to raise the minimum wage
- Actively assisting in debt restructuring
- Introduce screening for trustees to avoid problems with rogue trustees
- The municipality can ask people on welfare to provide a quid pro quo in society if this promotes their connection with society.
- Extra income is allowed if it encourages reintegration

Energy transition is not a political issue

The Onafhankelijke Partij Diemen is of the opinion that solving the energy problem cannot be achieved with solar and wind energy alone. We advocate a 'and-and' approach in which we do not want to exclude all other energy sources. We are thinking here of the import of high-calorific gas, the development of (green) hydrogen gas, biomass gasification and safe energy sources yet to be

developed. We are also in favour of investigating energy storage in districts and neighbourhoods with so-called neighbourhood batteries.

We have already seen that the burning of woody matter in a biomass power station has been overtaken by reality. We believe that the energy transition must also keep pace with the technological developments that are now taking place at an accelerated pace.

The solution to energy transition is not only a Diemens political issue

It is important that at provincial and municipal level, but people are also thinking about solutions to the energy issue. This is an issue that will occupy us for decades to come. We are of the opinion that the right long-term decisions cannot be taken in government cycles of four years. And certainly not by laymen in the field of energy technology and innovation.

To find the right long-term solutions, experts are needed who are not controlled by politics. The Onafhankelijke Partij Diemen is therefore a proponent of deploying our 'bright minds' (TU Enschede, Delft, Eindhoven, etc...) that the Netherlands has to offer to make the right decisions. Decisions that are not driven by political conviction. We also believe that a committee of counter experts should be appointed to review the outcomes of the Regional Energy Strategy and, if necessary, issue binding recommendations.

In concrete terms, this means for us:

- Citizen consultation on climate crisis. Due to the low turnout at the RES, this issue needs greater support in our municipality
- We are in favour of inviting all companies to install solar panels on the roofs where possible and provide subsidies/loans for this.
- There is no place for wind turbines in our developed municipality
- We adhere to the "and-and principle" and want all alternative energy sources to be explored and implemented if possible.
- To organise the Power Saver Game - an initiative of our party in cooperation with the University of Utrecht - throughout Diemen to let the residents save energy in a playful manner
- Diemen aims to be energy neutral by 2040. We can only achieve this in small steps and in close cooperation with our residents and entrepreneurs.
- The aim is for municipal buildings to be energy neutral by 2030
- From 2022 onwards, only energy-neutral, and climate-resistant buildings will be built in Diemen.
- Contributing to a smart energy grid to manage production and consumption peaks
- In electric cars we can temporarily store power and use it as a battery when they are not running
- Storing green gas in a buffer to combat shortages in the future
- Residents benefit from solar parks, for example through participation in the project.
- Investigate whether hydrogen, heat, and cold storage (geothermal) and electricity can be used to generate heat for homes
- Support new energy technologies and promote the insulation of homes.
- In Diemen, residents can save up to a third on energy costs.
- Encourage energy efficiency by rewarding the inhabitants.
- Compensation for low incomes if they must make their house more sustainable.
- (Temporary) Compensation for rising energy prices
- The compensation must come not only from the municipality but also from the state. As a small municipality, we cannot possibly provide so many resources.

A waste plan with an idea

Litter, overflowing containers that are not emptied on time and vermin are the result of a failing waste policy in Diemen. It is an eyesore for many residents and does not help the quality of life in neighbourhoods. This must change.

The solution to the waste problem in Diemen does not lie in providing four different containers (bins for organic waste, PMD, paper and residual waste) to low-rise buildings. And certainly not by removing the organic waste bins in the high-rise buildings.

The solution lies in the joint approach to the waste problem, by the municipality and the residents. The municipality must listen more closely to the wishes and expectations of the inhabitants. This can be done by first going into the neighbourhoods and *then* writing a waste plan.

Now the current alderman has formulated a waste plan solely based on insights from officials and the waste processing company Meerlanden (of which Diemen is also a shareholder). The waste plan was drawn up without any consultation with the residents.

Diemen must reduce its residual waste from 200 kg per inhabitant per year to 100 kg in 2022. This is unachievable with the current waste plan. If we do not achieve the 100 kilos, the inhabitants will have to pay more waste collection charges. And we are not in favour of that. Residents with a low income will be the victims of this.

The alderman is presenting the residents of Diemen with a *fait accompli*. Plus, there are now four different lorries driving through the neighbourhood to collect plastic, paper, VGF and residual waste. Is that sustainable?

The number of traffic movements through Meerlanden must be reduced and this can be done by building more environmental plazas with large collection containers. Relieve the burden on the far too small organic waste collection points by placing garden waste baskets in the neighbourhoods in April and September to prepare the gardens for summer and winter.

As a local party, we want to help determine the most efficient and practical solution to our waste problem for our residents, if we enter the coalition through your vote. The problem calls for an inventive solution. Like the Schillenboer 2.0.

We stand up for it:

- **Schillenboer* 2.0 - Neighbourhood concierge for waste and residual materials**

The Police are there for our safety. The Enforcement enforces the law. And the 'Schillenboer 2.0' is there for the quality of life. Especially in high-rise buildings, residents can be helped by a Schillenboer 2.0.

Every week, the 'Schillenboer 2.0' comes to the flats to collect the VGF waste. The residents receive a hygienic, lockable organic waste bin for this purpose. The Schillenboer 2.0 explains to the residents how they should deal with their waste.

Besides organic waste, the 'Schillenboer 2.0' sees to it that waste is put in the right container by *helping* the residents. Chemical waste and baking fat can also be offered to the 'Schillenboer'.

To *help*, the Schillenboer 2.0 has a trailer that people can borrow to take bulky waste to the dump with him. His lending equipment includes a branch shredder that can be lent out to gardeners who want to prune.

The resident is taught a new waste habit. Moreover, the Schillenboer 2.0 keeps an eye on things. Which benefits the quality of life.

* <https://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schillenboer>

Sustainability and the environment

The Onafhankelijke Partij Diemen wants a clean and healthy environment to live (live and work) in now and in the future. Together with our residents, we tackle problems to achieve a more sustainable society.

The Onafhankelijke Partij Diemen does this by:

- Diemen is not favourably situated as far as air quality is concerned. Consider, for example, the motorways, the Amsterdam Rhine Canal and the (probable) arrival of a biomass power station.
- We must continuously measure air, water and soil quality and take action if they are too polluting
- Mapping and monitoring the quality of open water in Diemen to issue swimming recommendations.
- Stimulating and helping companies to run their business in a sustainable and vital way. (Daarom Duurzaam Diemen, Duurzaamheids Café)
- Maintain standards of air, water and soil quality until standards are met.
- Making it possible for our residents to live more sustainably through education
- Think about the initiative of the University of Utrecht (PhD student Jan Dirk Fijnheer) and the Onafhankelijke Partij Diemen with the successful Power Saver Game Diemen pilot.
- The Power Saver Game approach could also be used to get our residents to separate waste and show that it pays off by reducing waste charges.
- Ban on Glyphosate (Roundup) on (leased) land of the municipality
- Removing Japanese Knotweed where possible
- Developing a Sustainability Game inspired by the Power Saver Game
- Developing a Sustainability and Environment App

Recreation and Tourism

Recreation and tourism are not only important for the well-being of our own residents but are also increasingly becoming a driving force for the economy. Promoting recreation and tourism by promoting recreation around is important. Think here of recreation on the Diem and Diemberbos.

Specifically, this is:

- Better facilitate the recreation of the Diem, Diemberbos and Scheg by (ambulatory) catering establishments, kiosks. But also bicycle and boat hire or guided tours by Scouting in our nature reserve.
- Think of the Diem, Diemberbos and Diemerscheg* as alternatives of recreation to the overcrowded parks and forests around Amsterdam
- Proper and maintained walking and cycling paths that connect to a larger network
- Making it easier to organise small, high-quality events

* <https://www.amsterdam.nl/projecten/diemerscheg/>

Landscape and Biodiversity

We regard the landscape and nature around Diemen as our outdoor living space, where you can exercise, walk, and recreate. The Onafhankelijke Partij Diemen considers this space important for us and our visitors.

What do we want to do for our residents?

- Preserving and further developing Diemen's nature
- We have nothing to do with looking green. The nature around us needs to be experienced. Think about picking gardens, fruit gardens and climbing forests (Diemberbos, Diemerscheg).
- Empowering residents to act as co-managers of green space
- Commit to increasing biodiversity through an active role by the municipality.
- Planting of different types of trees along roads, sowing of verges with wildflowers
- Greening and re-profiling Buitenlust

6. Public space, building & living, traffic & parking

Public space

The Onafhankelijke Partij Diemen wants a public space that is liveable, safe, sustainable and attractive, for and with all the residents of Diemen. Our public space must be well managed and maintained so that it can be properly used and enjoyed. The outdoor space must be green and above all clean. We want to tackle litter in all neighbourhoods. Especially in Holland Park, where the litter problem goes beyond all limits.

We are committed to:

- Litter can be fined by the Environmental Police through detection: the polluter pays
- Helping residents of the neighbourhoods to combat litter by providing information and resolving complaints
- Make better agreements with Meerlanden about litter
- Creating an environment that invites movement (playing and training)
- Experiential green space to be discovered and used, such as a tiny forest, picking garden, fruit forest and play forest
- Making public spaces 'senior, blind and visually impaired' proof

Building and living in balance

Diemen was relatively the fastest growing municipality in the Netherlands in 2020. In 2015 over 25 thousand people lived in our municipality. In 2021 that number exceeded 31 thousand. Large new construction projects such as Holland Park, Campus Diemen and Plantage de Sniep attracted mainly families from Amsterdam.

In the past 4 years, only 104 social housing units have been built by a housing cooperative out of the planned 1084. Diemen. The proportion of privately rented houses with a free sector rent is, at 24%, higher than average compared to the surrounding municipalities.

Diemen has done its bit for the housing shortage in the region. Now, work must also be done on places and facilities where the new residents can recreate, play sports, walk, and shop. The shortage of childcare facilities in the new districts must also be resolved. Building and living must be more in balance.

The municipality must build affordable houses under its own management and only allocate them to house hunters from Diemen. There is a huge shortage of social housing and starter homes for young people and young families.

The municipality must create the opportunity for the elderly and young people to come into contact and find a housing solution together. Often, elderly people live alone in owner-occupied houses. Elderly and young people who want to do so should be able to become flatmates without legal provisions standing in their way. Think, for example, of getting rent subsidy or not having their AOW reduced. A half-empty single-family house helps no one.

Slightly more than 50% of the 120 newly built social housing units and the many flats are allocated to Diemen residents.

We are in favour of building homes under own management on land owned by the municipality. After construction and housing of Diemense home searchers, the ownership is transferred to a foundation, collective or district cooperative.

We are committed to:

- Diemen municipality must become active as a project developer
- No (high-rise) construction in over-developed neighbourhoods
- Investigate whether social housing can be built in blind spots or on the outskirts of municipalities
- Introduce compulsory self-occupation for new buildings, unless for own family (discourage investors).
- Realising shell homes that can be finished by starters themselves
- A construction freeze for the next four years in developed neighbourhoods
- Tackling skewed housing in a creative way by stimulating circulation
- Housing allocation key: 40% social, 50% medium and 10% private
- The ambitions for social renting have not yet been achieved, but there are plenty of owner-occupied houses being built
- We are against urban densification in overdeveloped neighbourhoods

Traffic

The municipality of Diemen has grown enormously in recent years, which means that there will also be an increasing demand for good mobility, connections, and public transport. We are in favour of extending tram line 19 to Diemerbos. But also, the realisation of safe cycling paths for commuters and schoolchildren. By living, working, recreating, and playing sports, our living environment in Diemen becomes attractive and the number of travel movements is reduced.

The Onafhankelijke Partij Diemen wants to work for:

- Maintaining the bus lane in Diemen-Zuid, i.e., not creating a direct connection to Holland Park. Detour via Weesperstraat only takes 40 seconds longer
- Preventing dangerous traffic situations by using new smart technologies.
- Raise crossings to avoid getting wet feet
- Many bright lights at crossing points.
- Within Diemen to 30 km maximum speed.
- Promoting walking and cycling instead of car use
- Secure bicycle parking facilities and stations in Diemen and Diemen-Zuid, also by means of camera surveillance.
- Investigate opportunities for express cycle routes
- Better facilitation for the blind and visually impaired through guidelines (also in the shopping centre)
- Safe and obstacle-free zones for the blind and visually impaired
- Duty of the municipality to notify blind and visually impaired people when something is changed in the public facility in their neighbourhood

Parking

The parking policy in Diemen is unclear. There are too many exceptions to the rule. We advocate uniformity throughout Diemen.

How are we going to do this?

- A parking fee for visitors to Diemen
- Residents of Diemen can park anywhere in Diemen with a permit

7. Education, culture & arts, and sport

Education

Good and appropriate education is the foundation for our youth and young people in Diemen. There are now several good primary schools in our growing municipality. The arrival of a comprehensive school in Bergwijkpark is certainly welcome. The growth of our village will also create a need among children and parents for a secondary school in Diemen.

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Culture and arts for all

Culture is a wide-ranging concept. Just think of theatre, plays, music, dance, visual arts and media. Cultural-historical buildings are also essential to many residents and provide connection and relaxation.

The Onafhankelijke Partij Diemen believes that art and culture connect. That is why it is so important to preserve our cultural environment. Everyone who wants to make or experience art and culture must have access to it.

Theatre de Omval and the new library will play a key role for culture in Diemen in the future. Think also of de Hoop and de Schakel. But also, the Diemen Festivals, such as the Diemerfestijn, Sinterklaas parade, Liberation dinner, Jazz festival Duke and the Diemerharmonie.

We will deal with:

- Continuing to facilitate art and culture
- Preservation and care of local cultural heritage buildings and objects (statues and memorial stones)
- Maintaining subsidies for culture and the arts
- Stimulate cultural education in schools. Including music education by local bands, musicians, and musicians (private providers)
- Engaging and facilitating young people to express themselves culturally
- A Caribbean Summer Carnival
- Set up a Parkinson's or Alzheimer's cafe in De Omval.
- A monthly disco for people with mental disabilities in De Omval.
- Christmas market in Diemen with local entrepreneurs.
- Singing Christmas carols in church or joining a choir

Sport

The Onafhankelijke Partij Diemen is committed to a balanced and representative composition of the supply in sport. Sport provides social cohesion and community spirit. We therefore focus on a strong club life. And in developments, we want to talk with the associations, not *about* them.

Specifically, we want:

- Realising an Omni Sports Centre in the Diemer Meadows triangle (Football, tennis, korfbal, baseball, etc...)
- Realisation of an ice rink in combination with a sports field for the summer
- There are two swimming pools in Diemen, replace them with a future-proof swimming paradise.
- This new swimming pool must meet the future environmental and energy requirements
- An outdoor pool in the Diemer forest is also among our ideas
- Appointing liaisons to support the formation of omni-associations
- Enabling and encouraging healthy club life
- Involving citizens more in decision-making and implementation of sports policy
- Maintaining subsidies for youth sport, to keep access as low as possible

