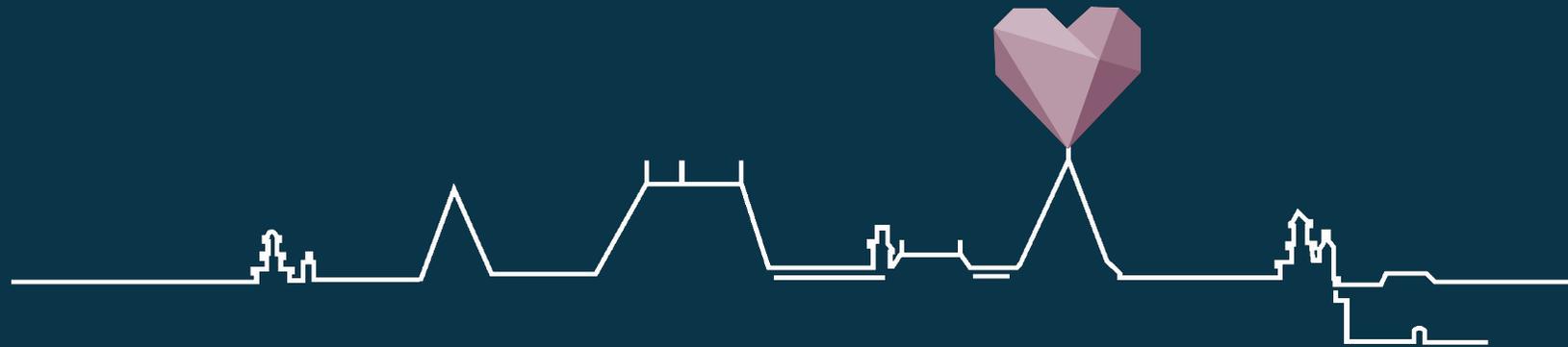


Statenkwartier Internationals

an initiative of **Stichting Wijkoverleg Statenkwartier**
(Neighborhood Association)

February 24, 2026



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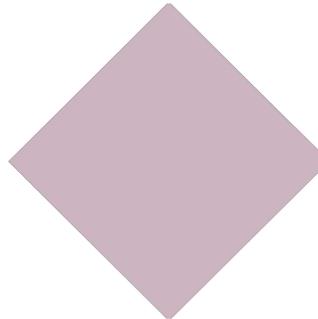
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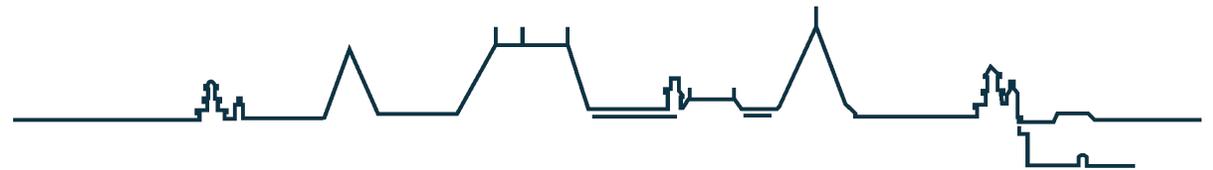


FEBRUARY 24, 7:00 – 10:00 PM
COUVÉEHUIS Frankenslag 139
REGISTER via statenkwartier.net

statenkwartier.net



Jörg Meier
MODERATOR



STATENKWARTIER

19.30 - **Welcome**

19.35 - **Introduction** by the 12 City Council candidates - max 3 min each

20.20 - **Debate: Safety & Traffic** in Statenkwartier
(CU/SGP, GL/PvdA, HvDH, NSC, Volt, VVD)

20.45 - **Debate: Youth Inclusion** in Statenkwartier
(50PLUS, CDA, D66, Drerrie vDH, HSP, PvdD)

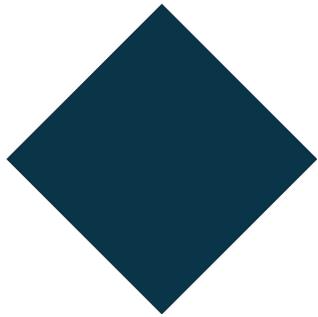
21.05 - **Audience Questions**

21.10 - **Elevator Speech**
(candidates respond - max 1 min each)

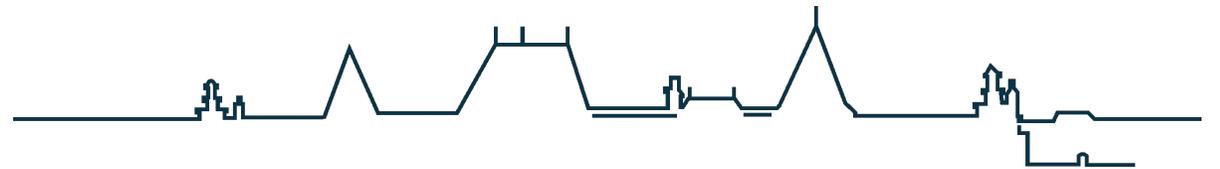
21.25 - **Closing remarks**

21.30 - **Networking**

22.00 - **Doors Close**



INTRODUCTION CANDIDATES



STATENKWARTIER

CANDIDATES

(3 minutes each)



- **50PLUS**

Hanna Mitra Rambaran

- **CDA**

Jaap van der Valk

- **CU/SGP**

Johan Hofland

- **D66**

Patrick Beekhuizen

- **Drerrie vDH**

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Robert Barker

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Mylène Tabernal

- **VVD**

Lotte van Basten Batenburg

50PLUS - Hanna Mitra Rambaran

Lecturer international Public Policy & Leadership (THUAS)
/local/former councilor



Is **50 PLUS** for you?

Issue	50PLUS Stance	Impact on Expats
Pensions	High protection; link to inflation	Positive for those retiring in NL.
Work	End age discrimination	Positive for older professionals.
Migration	Restrictive / "Dutch first"	Negative for those seeking easier visas.
Taxation	Lower taxes for seniors/pensioners	Neutral unless you are a retiree.

CDA - Jaap van der Valk

Lecturer and legal advisor at The Hague University of Applied Sciences. Lives in Benoordenhout, married and two children (19 and 21). Lived abroad for five years, in Curaçao: attorney-at-law, journalist and divemaster

- Strong neighbourhoods
- Connected communities
- Engaged companies



DEN HAAG

CU/SGP - Johan Hofland

Born and raised in The Hague, besides his work in local politics he works for an international marine contractor.

- The ChristenUnie/SGP is a local christian political party, consisting of 2 national christian parties that are working together locally, here in The Hague.
- We stand for a city where everyone feels at home, where we invest in people and seek justice together.
- We believe in the strength of society and in a reliable, approachable government that is there for its residents and acts as a shield for the vulnerable.



ChristenUnie
SGP

D66 - Patrick Beekhuizen

Born and raised in The Hague, international experience, former board member of Wijkoverleg Statenkwartier.

- Social Liberal Party, international profile
- Largest party nationally
- Leading party in Municipal Executive of The Hague



Patrick Beekhuizen #22

Het kan wél

D66
Den Haag

patrickbeekhuizen

Drerrie vDH - Mohammed El Baroudi



DRERRIE
VOOR DEN HAAG

USE YOUR VOICE!
REPRESENT YOURSELF

Do you live in the Netherlands for >5 years? **OR** Are you an EU citizen living in The Hague?

CITY ELECTIONS
MARCH 18TH 2026



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TIRED OF THE HOUSING CRISIS?
WANT TO MAKE THE HAGUE A BETTER CITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE?
TIRED OF FEELING LIKE YOU DON'T BELONG?
WANT TO LIVE IN PEACE IN THE HAGUE WITHOUT FEAR OF DISCRIMINATION?

MAKE THE HAGUE A HOME FOR US ALL

VOTE DRERRIE.



DRERRIE
VOOR DEN HAAG

GL/PvdA - Maarten De Vuyst

GroenLinks-PvdA: a combination of the social democratic Party and Green Party. First time a joint list of the two parties participates in the municipal elections in The Hague. The goal of the joint list is to become the largest party in The Hague and keep the city government as progressive as possible.

Most important points:

- Build enough, affordable houses for all people in The Hague
- Make sure our public space is safe for women and girls.
- Every child deserves our support

GROEN
LINKS
DEN HAAG

HSP - Kelly Musyoka

International Studies (Leiden University), Community worker at The Hang-Out 070

For an international and livable The Hague:

- Housing is a right: homes are for living, not profit
- Equal access to housing, work, and participation for internationals
- Accessible community spaces
- Zero tolerance for discrimination
- International solidarity



CANDIDATES



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HvDH - Coen Bom



NSC – Thomas Karmarker

21 years old, student at Leiden University College. Half Dutch, half Indian.

I stand for NSC because we want a city that is more accessible, transparent, focused on helping people connect with each other.

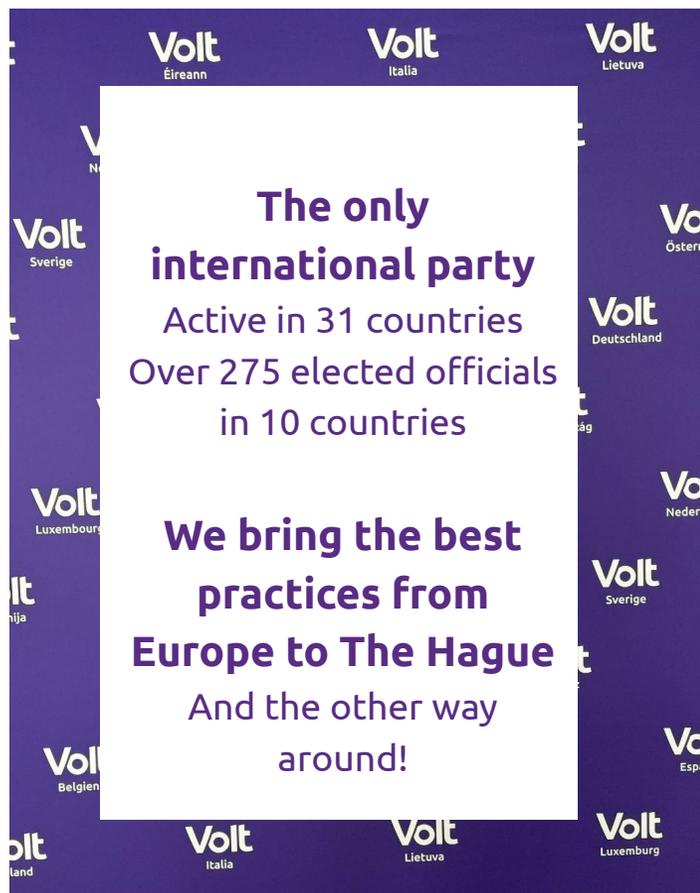


PvdD - Robert Barker

- Vote for the greenest party of The Hague
- Represented at all governmental levels
- Deputy mayor Robert Barker
- Main points:
 - No animal suffering, but animal rights
 - Less pollution, more nature
 - Less exclusion, more coexistence



Volt - Mylène Tabernal



The only international party
Active in 31 countries
Over 275 elected officials
in 10 countries

We bring the best practices from Europe to The Hague
And the other way around!

Think European. Act local.

The Hague for and with internationals

Your voice counts

- Citizen participation
- All city information in multiple languages
- Boosting digitalization

Improve the neighborhood

- Safe streets, 8-year-test
- Invest in public transport
- More green, less parking pressure

Liveability

- 80% affordable housing ambition
- Faster diploma recognition
- Integration through work & language

International & lively city

- The Hague as Europe's peace hub
- THE place for international conferences and organizations
- Structural investments in culture and sports

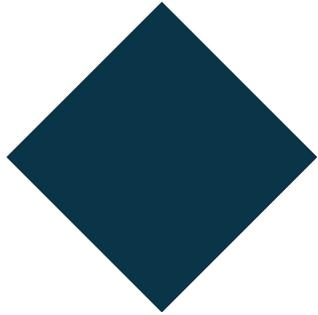
VVD - Lotte van Basten Batenburg

Resident of Statenkwartier since 2016,
Party leader of the VVD in The Hague City
Council since 2022.

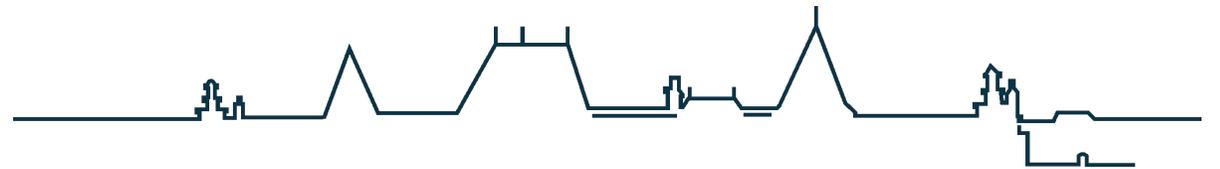
Top 3 priorities:

- Housing: building 20.000 extra homes in The Hague.
- Safety: both on the streets and online
- Traffic: Investing in traffic safety and solutions for traffic congestion





DEBATES



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Safety & Traffic in Statenkwartier

(CU/SGP, GL/PvdA, HvDH, NSC, Volt, VVD)

What is your action plan regarding:

1. The rising number of homeless people in the area?
2. The accessibility challenges caused by the Hubertustunnel closure and Zero-Emission zones?
3. Ongoing speeding and lack of enforcement of speed limits (e.g. Van Boetzelaerlaan)?

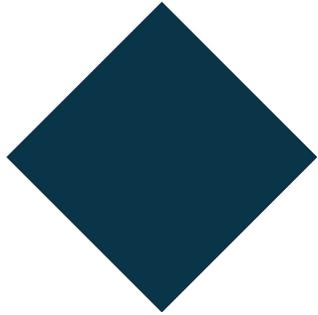


Youth Inclusion in Statenkwartier

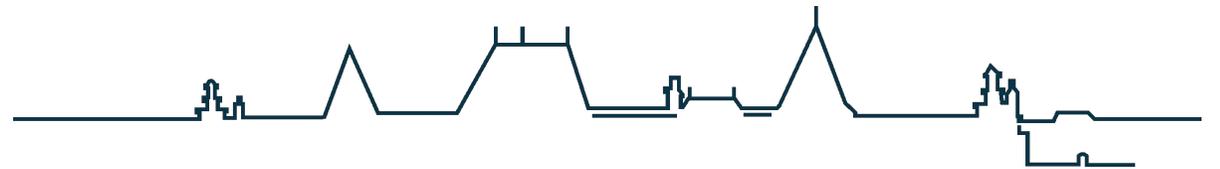
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What concrete measures and plans do you propose to:

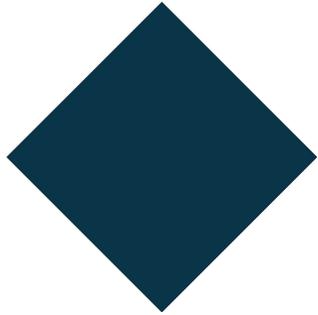
1. Ensure young internationals can afford again to live in Statenkwartier?
 2. Make sports more accessible for the youth
 3. Include the voices of students in politics
 4. Reduce growing polarisation between old/young, rich/poor, men/women and left/right also in the Statenkwartier (political divide)
- statenkwartier.net/internationals



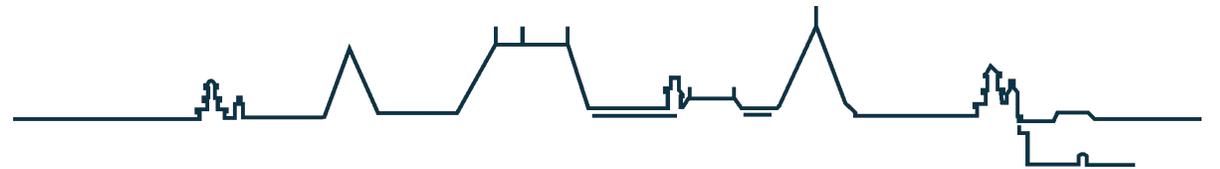
QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE



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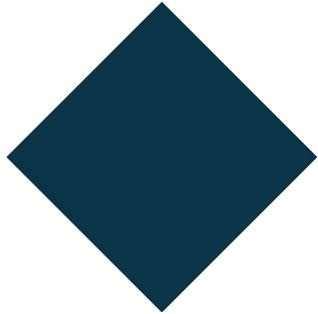
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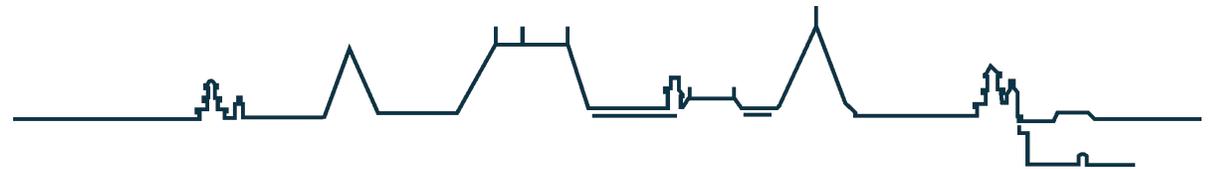
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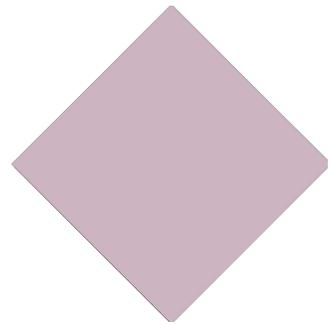
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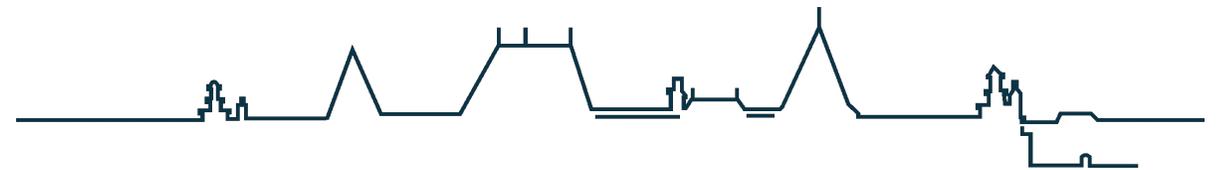
CLOSING REMARKS



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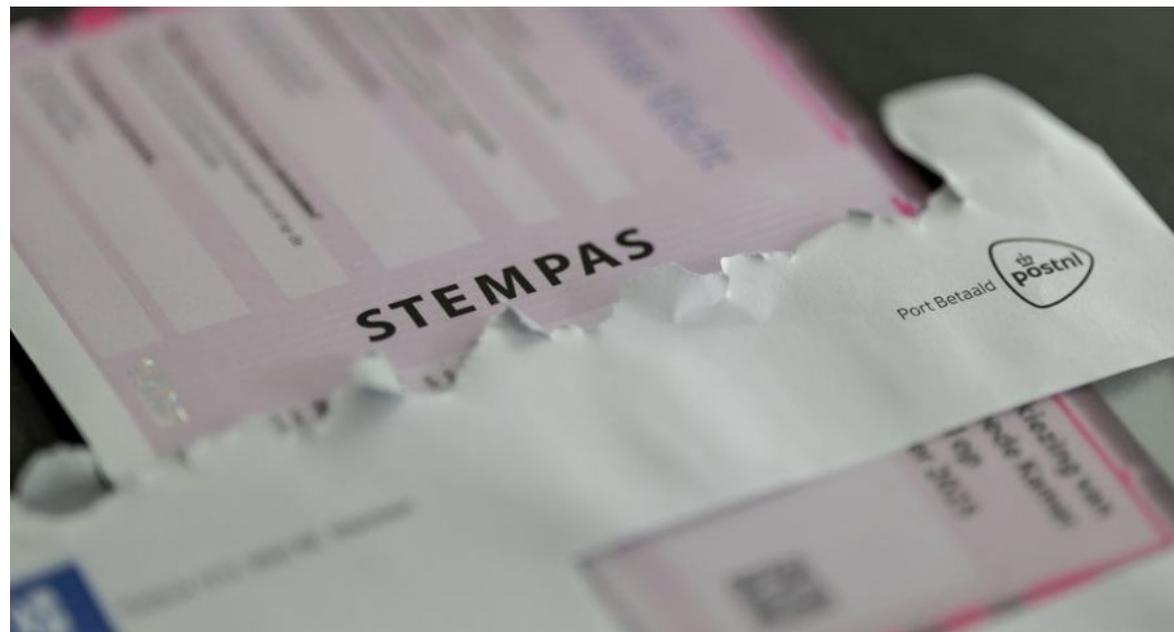


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for your ballot in the mailbox:



MARCH 18: Vote!