

Election Program **STIP**

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On Point

What is STIP?

Students of Technology In Politics (STIP) is the largest city council party in Delft. A party for the future, by the future. Our enthusiastic technical council members provide a fresh perspective on Delft. Independent of any national or European party, we find pragmatic new solutions. Solutions specifically for Delft.

The party holds 6 out of 39 seats in the city council, making it Delft's largest party. STIP has participated in the coalition since 1998. This makes STIP a stable, progressive voice in Delft politics. Since 2022, Maaïke Zwart serves as alderman on behalf of STIP, managing the Sustainability, Work & Income, and Economy portfolios.

The 5 key priorities of STIP

Tackle the housing crisis

STIP believes that living in Delft must be possible for everyone, but unfortunately the housing market is completely locked. We break the housing shortage with movement in the market, building more, and using the existing stock better. Shared living is the solution to the housing shortage and prevents loneliness.

A city that comes alive

Delft buzzes with energy and creativity. STIP makes space for atmospheric bars and restaurants, a busy music venue, and inspiring art. Furthermore, Delft must invite you to move, whether you run through green spaces, skate through the city, or dance until the early hours.

Prepare Delft for a sustainable future

STIP works for a city that is ready for a sustainable future, by making our streets greener, healthier, and more social. We ensure that we repair, reuse, and upcycle more. With well-insulated houses, sustainable transport, and a heating network that uses Delft heat, we make the transitions a success!

Put Delft's knowledge to work

In Delft, we work in a historic city on the world of tomorrow. Here we think up, make, and apply ideas. Everyone deserves an equal chance. STIP believes in an inclusive economy that works as a springboard for talent, with jobs for everyone. We value our local makers and invite visitors to discover the versatility of welcoming Delft.

Delft takes care of each other

In Delft, we look out for each other, everyone belongs, and everyone can participate. With focused attention on mental health and social connection, STIP tackles problems early. This way we prevent these problems from becoming bigger. Every child deserves the space to develop talents, and young people are involved in decision-making for Delft.

Vision for Delft

As a young generation, we look beyond daily issues and quick fixes. Delft pulses with a unique blue heartbeat, combining historical splendor with a future-oriented view. That future starts today. Our vision extends beyond city limits. Delft represents more than just a city between the Rotterdam and The Hague metropolises; it beats as the blue heart of this dynamic region. STIP views the city as a smart system we can improve every day. Using a fresh, pragmatic approach, we apply our city's wealth of knowledge to prepare Delft for tomorrow.

STIP builds a living, connecting city. A place where you are not anonymous, but neighbours know each other. Lively streets and bustling squares invite meeting and socializing, creating a shared living room in the city center. This connection drives our city. Seeking each other out, sharing knowledge, and collaborating generates the best ideas. A chance meeting on campus sparks a new business; a shared garden starts a close friendship.

Delft's strength lies in its people. In the student viewing the world freshly, the entrepreneur bringing bold ideas to life, and the older resident sharing their experience. By bundling these forces, we create a city that is attractive for everyone. A city where our children want to grow up, young talent feels at home, and where we grow old together pleasantly. This defines an inclusive and warm city: a place where we not only share housing, but also share lives.

Knowledge of the city, for the city. On Schieoevers and the Campus grounds, forming the Delft Innovation District, students and entrepreneurs work together daily on groundbreaking technology. We must apply that ingenuity right here in our streets, not just export it worldwide. For smarter, more sustainable homes supporting comfortable living. For a green, healthy environment giving space to cyclists. And for a strong local economy driven by locally created innovations.

Delft's future lies in our hands. It is a shared responsibility and joint adventure. Let us build a resilient, inventive, and connected city together. A city that we can be proud of, not only for its past, but especially for what we make it become together.

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Sucessees of STIP in the municipality

The Student Housing Action Plan was drawn up, resulting in the realization of more student homes.

Bars and restaurants received more space for larger terraces.

Pop music received more funding and we are significantly improving night culture.

During roadworks, we involve Delft residents more actively and extensively in the redesign.

Students can apply for financial compensation for high energy costs.

More sucessees of STIP

Actions on housing

We set up a contact point at the municipality for establishing shared living forms like housing groups.

Rental Team launched to help tenants with excessive costs and conflicts with landlords.

More attention for youth housing in new construction plans.

Plans for more shared housing at Van Hasseltlaan and Kruithuisweg.

Starter loans are continued and expanded.

Keep the economy moving

Entrepreneurs are less restricted by scrapping unnecessary rules like the color palette and maximum heights for planter boxes.

Trash cans now have donation rings for deposit cans and bottles.

Freed up money for affordable business space.

Bustling city

We expanded nightlife with wider opening hours for shops, entertainment venues, and larger terraces.

Events in Delft receive more subsidy and are advertised more actively.

We focus on new construction for a multifunctional Theater de Veste.

The Rietveld Theater will renovate, giving Delft an extra place for culture and talent development.

Prinsenhof is being renovated, making it sustainable and accessible.

We apply the Fair Practice Code to subsidies for cultural events, ensuring fair pay for workers in the cultural sector.

Accessible city

Station Delft Campus becomes accessible by bus, additionally we investigate if tram line 1 can be extended to station Delft Campus.

Together with the region, we ensure you can easily park your bicycle upon arrival in different villages and cities.

TU Delft parking facilities are used as P+R locations for the city.

Tram line 19 is being extended so it will also drive past the TU Delft Campus.

East-West connections with public transport are significantly improved.

A green future

Obtained 3.5 million euros extra from the National Government for making houses more sustainable.

Events get a sustainability push from the municipality.

We design the low-traffic city center together with residents and entrepreneurs.

The Beatrixlaan and Gasthuisplaats both become beautiful large city parks.

The municipality of Delft sets a good example and saves energy itself too.

The Yes, Yes-stickers were introduced to combat unnecessary advertising waste.

A fitter Delft

A new vision on sport in Delft is coming. Sports in public spaces is included in this.

Skatepark de Middenberm has been refurbished.

More water tap points are coming, especially at playgrounds

Inclusive and connected city

Study allowance for students with a medical disability has been increased.

The municipality of Delft apologized for the role in slavery. Additionally, the colonial past is now visible in the city with a publication and inclusion in education.

Loneliness among students receives attention in municipal policy.

The community contacts are expanded further. This way we make better connections in the neighborhoods.

Menstrual products are offered at more places and the municipality sets a good example in this.

The cost-sharing standard has been relaxed. This way people on welfare have more to spend if they live together.

MBO students can participate in the OWee and get to know Delft optimally.

We make Delft Safer

BOAs (community service officers) are deployed smarter and more effectively in cooperation with the police.

The municipality of Delft joined the Public Spaces initiative: we stand for an internet based on public values like privacy, autonomy, and transparency.

Delft only uses safe cameras and no controversial Chinese cameras.

Delft has more firework-free zones.

STIP council group



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Successes of our alderman

In recent years, our alderman Maaïke Zwart achieved a lot with and for the city. Below is an overview of successes that became possible because of her. We are super proud of that!

Big steps in the energy transition, for example with the construction of the heating network for 15,000 homes on Delft geothermal heat, the Insulation Plan, the Roadmap Climate Neutral, the homeowners' Associations (VvE) approach, the use of energy helpers from 015 Duurzaam and regional cooperation via the Regional Energy Strategy.

First steps in the development of Schieoevers have been taken with the adoption of the zoning plan Schieoevers North, the Vision station area Delft Campus, the construction start for the new building of Laga, the opening of Stationshuis and the opening of the Terminal.

The economy of Delft is running great with a strong growth in the number of jobs, more starting companies at YES!Delft than ever and the opening of new business buildings like NEXT 2, Haskoning, opening House of Quantum & opening new headquarters of DSM-Firmenich TTH (Taste, Textures & Health).

More and more Delft residents participate through, the accessible help you can get at WijWestdichtbij, the vouchers from Haaglanden Leert Door and the beautiful results of our partners in the city like Werkse!, Stichting Stunt, de Firma van Buiten, GGZ Doel, Scope and the Boostlabs.

Concrete results achieved in the circular economy with the Circle Lab, Decluttering days, the free furniture maker, competitions and the circular craft network WINNEN!

More successes of our alderman

Energy helpers of 015Duurzaam have helped 3,500 households.

Opened a counter for Homeowners' Associations (VvE's) to help with sustainability.

he vacancy rate for business space in Delft is very low! There is a great effort for affordable space for example for bicycle repairers, bakers and painters.

Cooperation is taking shape for the Innovation District Delft.

Freed up more money for events and a subsidy for events in the neighborhoods.

The Delft economy becomes sustainable with the Dellufs bakkie and D'serve.

Unique support from the tourism sector for the increase of the tourist tax: a share goes back to the city.

Actions and collaborations in the city to let both residents and entrepreneurs buy locally.

Beautiful initiatives started to stimulate the visitor economy of Delft with the Year of Vermeer, Luminescence and the musical Willem van Oranje.

Secured a lot of money for the development of Kabeldistrict, Station Delft Campus, Innovation District Delft, the energy transition, Regiodeal Delft West and the Work Landscapes of the Future.

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Candidate list 2026



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6. Julian Gommers
7. Tessa Hartog
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9. Sanne Wolff
10. Bart Meenderman
11. Robin Oosterhoff
12. Remco van den Broek
13. Emma Cai
14. Floris Nieuwenhuyse
15. Benthe Schik
16. Oscar de Boer
17. Darius Roitman
18. Anna Bakker
19. Moos Wolters
20. Luuc van der A
21. Lotte Boost
22. Philip Reuchlin
23. Josephine Heins
24. Viktor Berentzen
25. Bibi Jacobs
26. Wisse Zijlstra
27. Elaine Wan
28. Felix Groeneweg
29. Luteyn Kampstra
30. Robert van Poeteren
31. Ryan Mbunga
32. Sander van Arendonk
33. Dariia Makhnach
34. Tijn Derks
35. Justus Jellema
36. Wouter Klein
37. Tom Flendrig
38. Robine Berger
39. Sofia Vissee
40. Emilie Westerling
41. Denise Beijer
42. Shifra van Houwelingen
43. Rens Bruggeman
44. Fye Cremers
45. Unna Diegenbach
46. Varun Bapu Sudheendra
47. Micha de Bie
48. Menno Gravemaker
49. Guido Sluijsmans
50. Maaïke Zwart



Lead candidate's Vision

This is the moment to get Delft ready for the future. Delft must remain a city where you can live, build a life, and take part. For too many people, finding a home has become an endless search—and that calls for courage: pushing through on housing mobility, making it easier to share a home, and building faster where possible. Where others hesitate, STIP chooses to act.

We will use scarce space more intelligently, so that starters, students, young families, and older residents can see a future here again. And because housing is more than just a roof we will also make room for a city that truly comes alive: culture, creativity, sport, and places to meet one another. We will tackle sustainability challenges with measures you can feel in your neighbourhood: more green space, healthier streets, and a transition that remains affordable. As a knowledge city, Delft has everything it takes to strengthen equal opportunities; STIP wants to use that strength so that everyone can keep up.

With pride, I present STIP's plans for the coming term. As a local party, we know Delft inside out. We bring young, creative, and innovative ideas—and turn them into concrete results. Delft needs action now. STIP is getting Delft ready for the future.

Vote on 18 March: STIP—On Point!



Alderman's Vision

Delft is a city full of energy, creativity, and innovation—a city where we know one another. A city where we work together on a vibrant and future-proof community, in which everyone can take part. As an alderman for STIP, with the portfolios of sustainability, work & income, and the economy, I am proud of what we have achieved together over the past years.

We are leading the way in the energy transition. With the development of the geothermal source, the expansion of the district heating network, and a roadmap towards a climate-neutral city, we are making sustainability concrete and achievable. Through 015duurzaam, thousands of households have already been helped to save energy, and with the VvE helpdesk and the insulation programme we actively support residents.

Delft is also economically strong. We secured major investments for, among other things, Delft Campus Station, the Innovation District Delft, and the Schieoevers area. And we give entrepreneurship room to grow, with new buildings such as the Stationshuis, NEXT 2, and the Terminal. Vacancy rates are very low, we have invested in our events, and more companies have launched through YES!Delft than ever before. That's how we keep our city buzzing.

In the area of work and income, together with our partners in the city we help as many people in Delft as possible into employment. I am proud of the opening of WijWest Dichtbij, where residents can easily drop in with questions. In addition, we are pushing circularity forward, with initiatives such as Circle Lab, the circular craft network, and the debt-relief days.

I would like to continue as alderman—to work with you all to make our city even better, more welcoming, and more beautiful.

Maike Zwart



Tackle the housing crisis

STIP believes that living in Delft must be possible for everyone. However, the reality is harsh: the housing market is completely locked. The number of single-person households is increasing, while loneliness grows. Young people are often at the back of the queue for social housing, starters have almost no chance of a bought or rented home, and students barely find a room. The construction of student housing has been at a standstill for years, while the existing stock is shrinking due to renovations and sales. Because construction in this segment is lagging behind in particular, tackling the shortage of student housing is the top priority for STIP.

STIP wants to break the deadlock in the housing market. We choose a city with lively, mixed neighbourhoods where everyone has a place. STIP focuses on movement in the housing market, by building more and, as a municipality, helping residents find a suitable home. We will also scrap obstructing rules and make room for innovative and efficient forms of living. Stimulating shared living is central to this. In this way, we not only utilise every square metre optimally, but we also combat growing loneliness, which is increasing primarily among the elderly, young people, and students.

Affordable and pleasant living in Delft

Delft has little space, so we must act smartly with what we have. STIP chooses to go upwards: we make new developments higher and add extra storeys to existing buildings (rooftop extensions).

STIP makes the splitting of existing residential buildings into more living spaces easier. This is how we create more homes without occupying extra land.

Everyone must be able to live pleasantly and affordably. Therefore we build across all sectors, but STIP primarily focuses attention where the shortages are greatest. These are student homes and building in the mid-segment: mid-rent and mid-price purchase. This ensures that people in social housing can move on to make room for those who need social housing the most.

STIP wants neighbourhoods to have a diverse housing supply, to meet the diverse housing needs of residents. Therefore, STIP wants 1/3 of the homes in Delft to be social housing. We are also making agreements about building and spreading social housing with the regional municipalities.

Many tenants in Delft pay too much and do not know what their rights are. STIP is therefore making the Rental Team (Huurteam), which performs a free rent check and helps with conflicts, much more visible in the city. This ensures that tenants can claim their rights and landlords stick to the rules.

Sharing the neighbourhood together

STIP is making it possible again for people to live together in a house by relaxing the strict rules for home sharing. We are going to review the rules for home sharing (conversion permit) per neighbourhood. This ensures more affordable homes, better use of living space, and less loneliness.

Diversity in the neighbourhoods is important. STIP wants different kinds of residents to be able to live together in the same building or the same neighbourhood, such as in the successful project 'Abtswoude Bloeit!'. Therefore, via housing policy and in new construction projects, we will actively steer towards a diverse mix of housing types.

The number of elderly people in Delft is increasing. STIP also wants to stimulate suitable shared living forms for this group. Therefore, the municipality is actively supporting initiatives such as 'Knarrenhofjes', where self-reliant elderly people can live together and help each other.

Many people want to live together with others. The waiting lists for housing groups (woongroepen) are long. STIP ensures more room for housing groups in Delft, in existing neighbourhoods and new construction projects.



Students belong in Delft

The shortage of student housing is large and demands breakthroughs now. Therefore, STIP wants the municipality to get to work quickly with new construction at multiple places in the city, such as the TU Campus and at existing complexes in the neighbourhoods.

STIP wants 3,500 student homes to be built before 2030. To guarantee this goal, the municipality takes the lead with a strict schedule and faster decision-making. We make hard, binding agreements with partners like the TU Delft and DUWO.

Being able to live in a student house is a defining part of your student time. At this moment, there are obstructing national and local rules that ensure many student houses are being sold. STIP is at least taking the step locally by scrapping rules for home sharing that worsen the availability of student houses.

Due to national rules, mainly studios are built for students, while loneliness among students is increasing. Shared living helps precisely with mental well-being. STIP wants the municipality to do what is possible and for the municipality to use subsidies and local regulations to preserve shared student housing and build new ones. STIP also advocates lobbying to the national government to make housing benefit (huurtoeslag) possible for rooms with shared facilities.

STIP wants to preserve the right to choose your own housemates. Choosing your own housemates is important for social safety and the atmosphere in your house.

STIP wants to make the housing supply for students clearer. We want the municipality, together with corporations and large landlords, to investigate how the supply can be better bundled, for example via one central platform.

More homes for young & old

Movement on the housing market is crucial to tackle the housing shortage. Many elderly people currently find no suitable house. STIP breaks this standstill. We are going to build more suitable homes for the elderly and expand the successful senior housing coaches, with the goal of doubling the number of seniors helped.

It is important that homes match the demand of house seekers. Sometimes the home you started in has become too small, or you can now afford a larger house. That transition must and can be better. Therefore, STIP wants to facilitate the flow from social housing to mid-rent.

Starters find a first home with difficulty. STIP opens the door for starters and middle incomes by building more affordable rental and owner-occupied homes and making existing homes better available to them.

Buying your first house is difficult. Therefore, we retain the starter loan. This gives the starter just that extra support.

Young people also have difficulty finding a home. Therefore, STIP wants to focus, in cooperation with young people, on the construction of youth housing that is tailored to their needs, for example with a cultural space like music studios and theatre and rehearsal rooms.

Flexible in times of need

The housing shortage demands quick solutions. STIP wants the municipality to actively search for places that are quickly available for temporary housing, in Delft and in the region.

STIP wants the municipality to engage early with organisations like SHS Delft regarding chances for temporary housing, for example during long-term redevelopments like the DSM site and the Innovation District Delft.

A Delft resident waits on average more than five years for a social rental home. STIP wants to experiment with new ways to distribute homes, such as a lottery system for a home or rewarding active applicants.

A spare room in your house? STIP wants it to become easier to take someone into your house. Therefore, STIP is going to make renting out a spare room (hospitaverhuur) easier, for example by scrapping the minimum square metre limit and allowing living together in studios.



A city that comes alive

Delft is at its best when the city buzzes with liveliness, energy, and creativity. From the historic city centre to deep into the neighbourhoods, residents, makers, and organisers ensure vibrancy, encounters, and wonder. For STIP, culture is not a luxury, but the oxygen that connects us all. We ensure that creativity can flow freely and that space arises for new stories and local makers that reflect the city: a place where our innovative technology and rich history reinforce each other. Culture here is not something just to watch, but an experience we make and share together.

That liveliness does not stop when the sun goes down, but takes on a new dimension in a bustling nightlife. STIP sees a vibrant city, where full terraces and atmospheric squares are the places where friendships for life are formed and old friends embrace again. Entrepreneurs get the freedom to create atmosphere, so that fun and relaxation always come first. At the same time, the public space invites movement: whether you run through green spaces, skate through the city, or dance until the early hours. In this dynamic city, sport, culture, and nightlife flow seamlessly into each other, so everyone feels the freedom to experience Delft to the fullest.

Culture must be seen

STIP wants cultural institutions and events in Delft to be accessible to everyone, regardless of background, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

Theater de Veste must receive a future-proof location in or around the city centre as soon as possible. Live performance and socialising are at the heart, and there is room for night culture. Invest in a new city theatre that is ready for the future and offers space to makers, cultural entrepreneurs, players, and audiences.

We are increasing the visibility of art and exhibitions in every part of the city. We are reducing red tape for applications and continuing to give space to pop-up initiatives in retail properties, such as the pop-up store of 38CC.

STIP wants more exhibitions, art, and performances outside the city centre. This way, culture gets a place in all of Delft. Therefore, we support cultural hotspots like Lumen in the Leeuwenhoekpark and the initiatives of Stichting DelftsPeil and the Cultuurhuis Delft. Together we build strong networks in all neighbourhoods.

We support neighbourhood activities with budget and practical help. We want to make it easier for residents to organise something fun in their street or neighbourhood. The municipality makes facilities available such as a party tent, sound systems, power, and chairs for street parties and small neighbourhood events.

The traces of Agneta and Jacques van Marken are still visible in Delft. With enthusiastic Delft residents, we are bringing history to life, for example through education, temporary exhibitions, or a museum.

Bustling into the night

STIP wants a permanent music venue, for example on the Schieoevers.

The current offer for youth culture is limited for a city the size of Delft. STIP appreciates the temporary HAL015, but also argues for a permanent location (like the former Speakers) with more space, where young people and organisers can organise events more often, including in the evening and at night.

The Night Mayor is a good step, but STIP wants a full night vision. This ensures a suitable offer for everyone, from techno ravers to jazz lovers and early-bird dancers.

STIP wants to establish a Delft Night Council: an independent platform that strengthens nightlife, ensures safety and inclusivity, and acts as a point of contact for entrepreneurs, the municipality, and residents. This way we make room for culture, events, and talent development in the night.

STIP wants to look at possibilities for nightlife hospitality on the campus grounds together with TU Delft. The campus offers a lot of space without this necessarily leading to nuisance. This creates a lively campus where students, young people, and other residents can come together.

Going out must be fun and safe. STIP wants the municipality to make clear agreements about this with entrepreneurs and to facilitate safe spaces.

Events give Delft color

Events ensure encounters and fun. Therefore, STIP wants to increase funding for events. This allows existing events to remain and develop further, and gives new events the chance to prove themselves.

Therefore, STIP wants Delft to make room for major sports, music, and cultural events. As a skate or cycling competition, a music festival, a marathon, or an Architecture Month. The municipality actively looks for possibilities.

STIP wants it to become easier to organise events. STIP is committed to a relaxation of rules regarding events.

We are continuing the subsidy for events in the neighbourhoods. This way we stimulate encounters and fun close to home.

STIP wants extended serving hours for large events. This stimulates atmosphere and allows us to keep control over alcohol consumption and safety.

STIP advocates for more event grounds where there is room for festivities, such as festivals, markets, and lustrum celebrations.



More life on the street

A city lives on the street. We want the ground floor of new developments to be lively. Bars and restaurants, shops, workplaces, culture, and sport get a place.

We want to utilise space on rooftops optimally. STIP wants Delft to transform flat roofs into gardens, bars and restaurants, and other meeting places.

Public space can be more cheerful. With street art and more legal graffiti spots, we make Delft more beautiful and give starting artists space.

We choose open shop windows instead of closed facades. We offer space for closed distribution points and storage spaces on the edges of the city.

STIP sees a unique opportunity in the old DSM terrain to turn a closed factory site into a lively part of the city. We want to open the area as a place for encounters, culture, and innovation. In the long term, DSM-East will become a sustainable and mixed district with homes, businesses, and cultural facilities, where we preserve the monumental buildings.

We make smart use of public space for amenities such as water refill stations, neighbourhood gardens, and lockers where you can pick up parcels.

During important sporting and cultural events, squares are converted into one large living room with the help of large screens, so that Delft residents can watch together.

Entrepreneurs make the city

STIP stimulates buying local and is committed to a strong Delft, with space for markets, makers, and business. Local purchasing strengthens our economy! Therefore, STIP supports the further development of the entrepreneurial initiative Delfinitely.

Local shopping centres are the heart of the neighbourhood. STIP protects space for local shopping centres during redevelopment.

Give space to bars and restaurants, night licences, and more places to go out, so that the city continues to buzz in the evening too. A lively evening and night make the city centre an attractive place. Ensure there is always something to do, without unnecessary restrictions.

We allow 24-hour serving in designated nightlife zones. Night-time peace applies in residential streets; liveliness where possible, silence where necessary.

STIP considers it important that Delft encourages more cooperation in the city centre with entrepreneurs (such as SCMD, BOB, KHN Delft) and the cultural sector. With joint initiatives and wider opening hours, we make the city centre livelier together.

STIP wants to draw up a new retail vision with local entrepreneurs. This gives future perspective to shopping areas like Leeuw&Stein and De Hoven, and entrepreneurs in the city centre.

STIP wants more terraces and terrace boats. We are removing unnecessary rules, such as the restriction in colour choice and restriction of wind screens.

We are standardising opening hours. This allows entrepreneurs to choose when they want to be open, between 06:00 and 22:00, every day of the year.

Moving in an active city

STIP ensures that public space everywhere invites sport and exercise, from the car-free city centre to the neighbourhoods. We realise this with green walking paths, better lit and obstacle-free running routes (such as the 5km around the centre), sport posts, and sports lockers with lending equipment. T

STIP wants more skate spots, obstacle courses in public space, and an indoor skate park. Delft is bursting with talent, from skaters to freerunners: urban sports deserve space. Also think of calisthenics, parkour, and freerunning routes. The city becomes a healthy environment for young and old.

We want swimming in parts of the Schie, the Grote Plas, and the Abtswoudse Bos to become possible. We are committed to safe recreation at these city beaches with good water quality and clear information.

STIP wants Delft to retain swimming pools. Even at moments when it is cold, it must be possible to swim.

STIP wants rowers to be able to exercise safely on the Schie. We ensure clear sailing rules and cooperation with rowing associations.



Keep sport accessible

Sport must not be a luxury. STIP ensures that everyone can exercise, even if you have a tight budget or a disability. Sport keeps people healthy and brings them together. We focus on the Youth Sport Fund (Jeugdsportfonds), allowances for adults with a low income, and free sports activities in the neighbourhood.

STIP remains committed to sport coaches in all neighbourhoods. They organise activities, connect people, and ensure that sport is accessible to everyone. STIP advocates for more small sports courts in the neighbourhoods, so that sport coaches also have the space to offer their activities.

Buildings of sports clubs are being made sustainable and set up for future growth. Subsidies are available for this, and we make no distinction whether it is a sports club for young people, the elderly, or students. This ensures a fair distribution of subsidies. STIP believes that TU Delft also has a major responsibility in this. As the university under which these associations fall, the university must ensure a v future for its students and sports facilities.

Space is limited in Delft, which is why STIP wants sports fields to be used multifunctionally. During the day schools and cultural activities can go there, in the evening and at the weekend there is room to exercise, and in the summer for festivals. This way we utilise every square metre optimally.

Sport and education go hand in hand. STIP wants sports facilities near schools, so that children can exercise easily. We also ensure good maintenance of existing sports locations.

Exercising makes you thirsty, so hydration is important. STIP wants sufficient water refill points to be available in Delft at sports locations, walking routes, and playgrounds. This way you can always have a sip of water while walking, running, or cycling.



Tackle the housing crisis

Delft is growing and changing, and we are not leaving this to chance. STIP envisions a city that embraces climate challenges rather than avoiding them, using them as an opportunity to make our living environment greener, healthier, and more social. In Delft, sustainability is not an abstract buzzword, but the standard for a good life: we build circularly with natural materials, turn waste back into raw materials, and ensure our neighbourhoods can withstand heat and heavy rainfall. Together, we are working towards a CO2-neutral 2050. In Delft, everyone can participate in the energy transition. We are connecting our homes to a heat network powered by Delft's own geothermal energy. This way, we share the heat, and our homes are literally warmed by the earth, ensuring comfort for everyone while we all benefit from progress. By giving space to residents and creative thinkers, we turn every street and every roof into part of the solution.

We are giving public space back to people and nature. The street is no longer a storage space for parked cars, but a dynamic place for meeting and greenery. STIP chooses a clear division: within the city, we take the bike; for regional destinations, we step into fast and comfortable public transport. Because all amenities are reachable within a ten-minute bike ride and public transport connects seamlessly, cars are guests and cyclists have the right of way. This creates a safe, accessible city with clean air, where you can move around smoothly and where children can play on the street without a worry.

Building the sustainable city of tomorrow

STIP ensures good ideas don't get lost in bureaucracy. We actively create space for temporary initiatives by entrepreneurs, artists, and residents, for example through the temporary use of construction sites (like at the Beatrixlaan), empty buildings, and low-regulation zones like the Green Village.

We encourage shared facilities in new buildings. Co-working spaces, shared living rooms, and sports areas get priority. This contributes to social interaction and results in more efficient and sustainable use of space.

STIP wants residents to be involved from the start of construction projects. The municipality makes plans and developments transparent.

We want to use design competitions more often to encourage parties to come up with the best design and to allow residents to share their ideas about the city layout. This harnesses Delft's creativity.

We build faster by running steps in construction processes in parallel and looking at simplifying procedures.

A warm home for everyone

STIP wants better insulation; we are accelerating the existing insulation plan, focusing on sustainable bio-based materials.

STIP wants everyone to be able to participate in the energy transition. Therefore, the municipality helps households on a tight budget with subsidies for home investments. Additionally, we are making agreements on affordable rates for sustainable energy.

STIP ensures the municipality communicates clearly about costs and subsidies for sustainability, including for student houses and student societies. This prevents surprises and builds trust. We ensure a fair distribution of transition costs: everyone must be able to participate, even those who cannot afford it themselves.



STIP builds with vision

STIP requires that new developments and redesigns always account for more extreme weather conditions. We build in the right places, with room for (rain)water, greenery, and cooling, so that Delft remains liveable even after 2100. In existing buildings, we focus on sun shading through cooperatives and organisations like 015duurzaam.

We want the municipality to create a publicly accessible online digital twin of Delft for research, analysis, and forecasting. This allows us to better predict whether Delft is well-prepared for the climate of the future.

STIP wants to capture rainwater locally in Delft: in public spaces, at companies, and at homes. This makes us more resilient to both drought and downpours. We also encourage water reuse and limit unnecessary paving. Delft will become a smart water city, leveraging the knowledge of IHE, TU Delft, Universities of Applied Sciences, and companies specialised in water challenges.

STIP wants a sustainable construction policy as the standard for the future. We stimulate circular construction, the reuse of materials like asphalt, and building with timber. Temporary structures must also be climate-adaptive.

For major interventions, such as replacing sewage systems or street redesigns, we tackle the entire street at once, the 'facade-to-facade' approach. We combine this with climate-adaptive measures such as light-coloured paving, greenery, and water storage. This makes the city future-proof in one go.

New energy in the city

STIP strives to be completely gas-free by 2050. We do this by tackling the heat transition in multiple neighbourhoods simultaneously. We encourage appropriate technologies per district: from heat networks in high-rise buildings to heat pumps in new developments.

STIP is deepening cooperation with grid operator Stedin to tackle the overcrowded electricity grid. This includes proactively reserving space for transformer substations, which are well-integrated into their surroundings.

STIP coordinates construction work for new developments smartly with grid reinforcement. Digging once minimises disruption.

STIP chooses grid-aware subsidies and building plans. The municipality and residents become more sustainable without overloading the grid, for example by smart charging outside peak hours.

Innovating and creating together

We collaborate with the region, for example the Metropolitan Region Rotterdam-The Hague, to develop new sustainability innovations.

With organisations like Duurzaam015, we share knowledge about sustainability with Delft residents so that everyone stays warm in winter.

STIP continues to commit to new and existing sustainability initiatives together with organisations like Holy Folie from the Social Impact Hub and 015duurzaam.

STIP supports energy coaches to ensure homeowners and associations improve the sustainability of their properties step by step. The municipality facilitates this with walk-in consultation hours and active communication.



From waste to resource

STIP wants the most effective solution for separating waste. Sometimes that means post-separation, sometimes source separation. We want clear regulations that are easy for residents to follow and execute.

Waste is not a problem but an opportunity, so STIP makes waste separation easy. We do this with clear communication, easily accessible locations, and smart facilities, such as Avalex cargo bikes for fine-meshed waste collection, repair cafés, sharing platforms for tools, and circular hubs in the city.

STIP wants to reduce waste right from the production phase and is engaging with entrepreneurs to encourage zero waste.

STIP focuses on circularity and supports circular entrepreneurs like Circle Lab. With places in the city for the circular economy, such as bike repairers and fixers, we make circularity the new normal.

STIP encourages initiatives where everyone can drop off or pick up items for free, such as 'De-clutter Days' (Ontspuldagen) or swap markets.



A tree for every home

STIP ensures trees, greenery, and playgrounds in every neighbourhood.

Parks and rows of trees serve as green buffers for fresh air, noise reduction, and necessary shade in a warming city. We realise this through an area-specific approach, in active cooperation with local residents. STIP continues to subsidise resident initiatives such as facade gardens, neighbourhood vegetable gardens, and 'tile flipping' (tegelwippen - replacing paving with plants) to green the neighbourhoods together and improve liveability.

STIP wants municipal planting to be diverse and as native as possible.

This ensures sufficient food for insects and makes our flora resilient in a healthy urban ecosystem.

We support 'Mow Less' (Maai Minder), create biodiverse verges, and use no toxic substances in the maintenance of public greenery. We also discourage the use of pesticides by residents and organisations in the city.

Animals deserve space in the city. The municipality sets rules for nature-inclusive and bio-based building, ensuring space is made for animals by default in new builds and renovations, for example with bat boxes, insect hotels, and nesting sites. In public spaces, the municipality considers animals by creating green corridors and safe crossings.

Wild animals look for food and often find this in litter or through feeding by people. This is very unhealthy for many animals like ducks and can lead to nuisance from rats and seagulls. Therefore, STIP wants the municipality to ensure a clean city where litter does not become food for animals, while informing residents about waste and discouraging the feeding of wildlife.

For animals in need of help, we are retaining the wildlife shelter in Delft and ensuring it is easy to find.

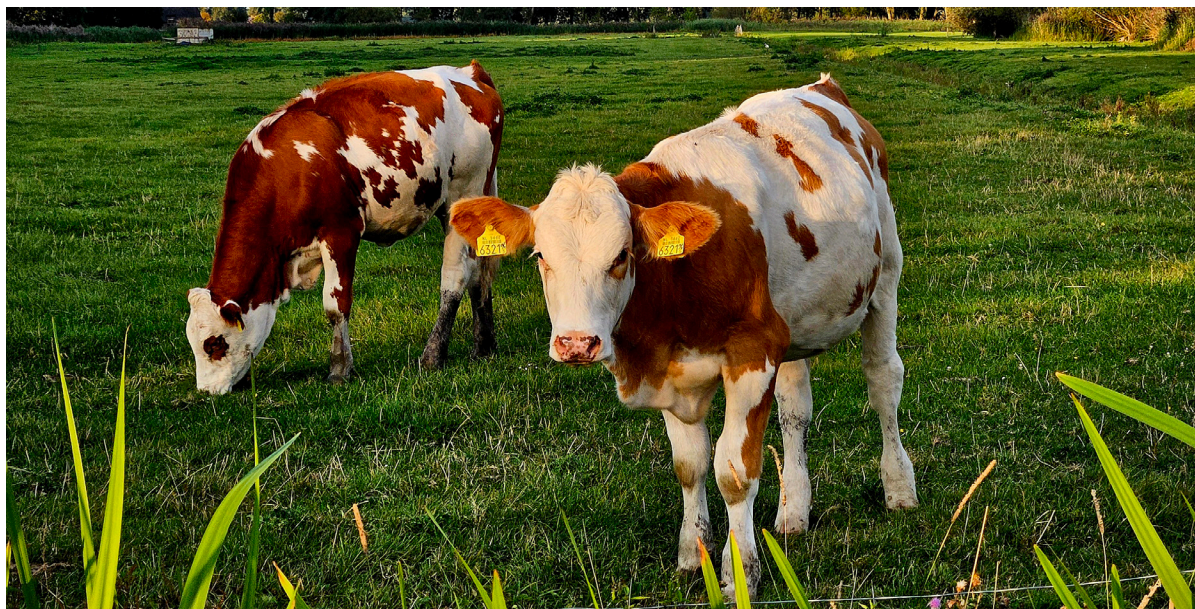
A healthy and clean city

STIP will establish a Healthy and Sustainable Food Agreement with local partners so that residents in Delft can eat in a healthy and sustainable way.

STIP combats light pollution by using LED lighting in warm colours and lampposts that are directed downwards.

STIP wants Delft to take steps in the 'Clean Air Agreement'. The air quality in Delft is currently as bad as smoking five cigarettes a day.

STIP wants a clean city without litter. We ensure sufficient trash cans with deposit rings (donatieringen). We also continue to support residents in keeping their streets clean and make it possible to join others' bulky waste pickup appointments.



Cyclists come first: Delft as the cycling city of the Netherlands

STIP wants all amenities in Delft to be reachable within a 10-minute bike ride. Whether you are going to school, work, sport, or the supermarket, the bike is always an option.

We invest in more and wider cycle paths, cycle streets, and a safe street layout that positively influences road user behaviour. Smart street design stimulates good behaviour.

In a cycle street, the car is a guest and the cyclist has priority. STIP wants more cycle streets in the city so you can cycle through town more safely.

Bicycle safety is STIP's top priority. We are lowering the speed limit on the roadway to 30 km/h in most places. As a result, scooters and e-bikes can use the roadway, keeping the cycle path safe. This creates space for everyone.

Together with the region, STIP wants to invest in metropolitan routes. A fast, comfortable connection makes commuting in the region by bike possible.

STIP wants to enable two-way traffic on many cycle paths so you never have to take a detour. Together with the Cyclists' Union (Fietzersbond) and other partners, we are looking for smart solutions.

STIP wants more bicycle parking spots that are open 24/7 in the city and around the station, making parking easier and more orderly. Whether you leave early or come home late, your bike must be secure.

Bicycle parking remains free; this way, we keep stray bikes off the street.

Temporary bicycle parking will become standard at major events. This keeps the city accessible and liveable.

Sharing takes you further

Shared cars, bikes, and scooters are a sustainable solution that saves space. STIP wants a shared vehicle to be available within 400 metres of every home. This provides more choice with less space.

All shared mobility will be electric as much as possible. We are creating mobility hubs where different forms of transport come together, making it easy to switch and encouraging the choice for sustainable transport.

We are strengthening public transport. We are improving connections within Delft and with the region, for example towards Zoetermeer, Naaldwijk, and Rotterdam via the airport.

Station Delft Campus will become accessible with good bus and tram connections. The station will be better connected to the TU Delft Campus, the Innovation District, Pijnacker, Den Hoorn, and Nootdorp.

We are investigating a future LightRail connection with Zoetermeer and Pijnacker.

Buses and trams get priority in traffic to speed up public transport connections.

Safe and lively streets

The car gets a less prominent place in the city streets. Street parking shifts to central parking spots such as underground or above-ground garages and P+R locations on the edge of Delft. This creates more space for safe sidewalks, parking for bikes, scooters, and motorcycles, and makes the city greener.

We are moving step by step towards a zero-emission city centre with a predictable sector roadmap. Logistics are clean and bundled. This keeps the centre accessible for those who really need to be there, without extra hassle for entrepreneurs.

We want more living streets (woonerven) to be realised so that streets around homes become safer for residents and children can play safely on the street again.

We are making Delft more accessible for everyone. We design sidewalks so people can pass each other, and we remove obstacles such as bollards, lampposts, and other barriers. This allows the elderly, the visually impaired or blind, and people in wheelchairs to move easily through the city.



Put Delft's knowledge to work

Delft is the city where we work on tomorrow's world against a historic backdrop. STIP sees our city as the birthplace of innovation: a place where ideas are not just born on paper, but are actually made and become visible in the city. This vision comes to life in the Innovation District, which we are transforming from a work location into a vibrant second city centre. Delft has the potential to be the region's incubator. With YES!Delft as the home of countless start-ups, scale-ups, and potential market leaders, it is a place buzzing with energy. Here, knowledge institutions and start-ups come together with culture and social interaction. We ensure that talent and business settle and stay here, and that the smartest solutions find their way directly to our own streets, neighbourhoods, and the rest of the world.

Progress only truly matters when everyone participates. STIP believes in an inclusive economy that acts as a springboard for talent, regardless of your background or education level. Whether you are developing the latest robotics, working at a social enterprise, or keeping the city running as a skilled tradesperson: everyone deserves the space to be entrepreneurial and to develop themselves. We value our local makers and invite visitors to discover Delft's versatility. By offering space to both the baker around the corner and the engineer of the future, we are building a city together that is not only economically strong, but above all socially connected.

Innovation District Delft

Delft has the best technical ecosystem in the Netherlands. The Innovation District Delft (IDD) is essential for the local economy and that of the region. STIP aims to strengthen this by further developing the IDD. STIP wants more space for companies and new initiatives. This ensures more companies can set up shop in Delft and the region, rather than moving far away.

STIP is proud of what is invented in Delft. We are building on our innovative economy, with jobs for everyone. STIP wants knowledge institutions and innovative companies to meet on the banks of the Schie to strengthen collaboration.

In the IDD, young technical talent of all educational levels is trained to become the makers, engineers, and inventors of the future. STIP wants to expand this so they can become tomorrow's leaders in new construction, infrastructure, and innovative start-ups.

Delft will organise an Innovation Week in the IDD, where innovations are showcased and the Delft knowledge industry is marketed internationally.

The Innovation District buzzes with activity. Here you can visit a museum, attend a cultural workshop, go out for dinner, and enjoy a drink or a night out in the evening. We are turning this area into a truly lively district, just like Strijp-S in Eindhoven!

Making room for entrepreneurs

- There is currently a severe shortage of space for many entrepreneurs.** STIP is allocating resources to make affordable space available, from start-ups to plumbers, painters, and the local baker.
- Start-ups and growing companies need sufficient affordable space;** therefore, STIP wants more business hubs. This makes it easier for companies to collaborate.
- We support Delft entrepreneurs in their search for the right location.** This keeps it attractive to settle and stay in Delft. STIP wants to further develop the "Delft Maakt Ruimte" (Delft Makes Space) initiative.
- STIP is creating extra jobs in Delft by investing in new commercial space** for both innovative companies and local entrepreneurs.
- STIP supports co-working initiatives where companies open up space for flexible workspaces.** This ensures efficient use of our business space and sparks collaboration between different companies.

A job opportunity for everyone

- STIP is committed to developmental jobs (ontwikkelbanen) in Delft.** These are jobs that prepare people for the labour market. We also want to make more use of work-study trajectories and vocational schools.
- We are committed to guiding more people towards work,** for example through reskilling, in high-demand sectors such as construction, technology, and healthcare.
- STIP wants to retain WijWest Dichtbij.** It is crucial to have a place in the neighbourhood where you can easily go with your questions.
- STIP is committed to giving people who work but still struggle to make ends meet more financial breathing room.**



Entrepreneurship is a joint effort

STIP encourages social entrepreneurship by stimulating cooperation between the municipality, society, and entrepreneurs. These entrepreneurs combine their business with a social goal, often committed to helping people in their neighbourhood.

Social entrepreneurs like Kopie Koffie and Firma van Buiten play an important role in the community and must therefore be given space in Delft.

The municipality supports social entrepreneurs with a clear point of contact and events where they can meet each other. This helps current social entrepreneurs and encourages residents to start new social enterprises.

The Municipality of Delft sets a good example with its procurement policy by focusing on sustainability, circularity, and social return. Wherever possible, we do



Experience Delft

STIP makes Delft more fun to visit with investments in museums and new tourist attractions. We spread this across the city and throughout the seasons.

We offer space to local entrepreneurs and continue the Visitor Economy Platform (Platform Bezoekerseconomie) partnership.

We continue to focus on effective ways to promote Delft, such as the Year of Vermeer and the Robot Year.

Through city-wide marketing and events, we position Delft as a premier destination for national and international tourists, for example by nominating Delft as a candidate for European Youth Capital.

STIP is committed to making Delft more attractive for business visitors and conferences.

From the canals, you discover a whole new side of Delft! Therefore, STIP supports water tourism, allowing even more people to enjoy the water. For example, by making electric boating in the city centre license-free.

STIP supports sustainable tourism with initiatives like D'serve.

From lab to life

Good new ideas must get the chance to flourish; therefore, STIP wants the municipality to continue supporting tech incubators like YES!Delft and Planet.bio.

The municipality encourages internships, open days, hackathons, and joint projects between educational institutions and the business community.

STIP wants to see new ideas applied in the city as quickly as possible. We therefore offer space to living labs like the Green Village and stimulate research initiatives like the Wijkuniversiteit (Neighbourhood University). This ensures that local knowledge is also used locally!

We value cooperation with the region. Delft's impact does not stop at the municipal boundary. STIP wants to strengthen cooperation with neighbouring municipalities on themes such as the economy, traffic, and the energy transition.



Delft takes care of each other

A strong city is not measured by the height of its buildings, but by the way we care for each other. STIP envisions a Delft where you can be yourself and where help is not something you have to search for, but is nearby and accessible: at school, in the neighbourhood, or at the club. Your background, gender, or who you love never determines whether you belong. We tackle problems at the source and invest in mental health and a strong social foundation, preventing people from getting stuck. This way, we build a resilient social safety net that does not keep people small, but gives them the support to stand on their own two feet again.

Equal opportunities should not depend on the neighbourhood where you were born. Whether you grow up in the historic city centre or in diverse Delft-West, every child deserves the space to develop talents, free from worries about poverty or debt. We do not create that equal start from behind a desk, but together with the strength of the city: with residents, youth workers, teachers, and volunteers. We support these key partners and listen to the voice of our youth. Together, we bridge the gap and make Delft an inclusive city where everyone gets the chance to participate and no one is left on the sidelines.

A Delft for everyone

STIP encourages residents to report discrimination via the reporting point Discriminatie.nl. STIP wants to make this reporting point widely known in the city by promoting it physically and online.

People fleeing war and violence deserve a safe place. Delft takes its legal responsibility and offers asylum seekers humane shelter. We pay attention to safe living spaces for LGBTQIA+ asylum seekers and other groups that need extra protection.

Delft should be a home for everyone. To this end, we provide housing for newcomers among other residents and ensure, through good coordination between civic integration, work, and guidance, that these people can quickly get to work in Delft.

We focus on cooperation with local initiatives and organisations. Think of buddy projects, language cafés, and neighbourhood initiatives that help newcomers integrate and connect with Delft residents.

Delft brings groups from different cultures together. To this end, we facilitate city conversations between different communities. This helps us bridge the gap and connect people.

We bring language lessons closer to home by opening more language centres in community centres and libraries, so that everyone can learn Dutch and participate in society.

A socially strong Delft

Delft has a huge number of residents, professionals, and social organisations with the knowledge and experience to strengthen Delft's neighbourhoods. To utilise this knowledge, we give space to these good initiatives with support and funding.

The municipality ensures that key players in the social foundation know each other. We connect schools, sports clubs, local entrepreneurs, and experts by experience. Together, we discuss what is needed in the neighbourhoods.

Public space, municipal buildings, and other social facilities such as sports buildings and cultural institutions must be accessible to everyone, including people with disabilities.

STIP believes that toilets in municipal buildings must be open to everyone. Think of the city hall, community centres, sports halls, swimming pools, libraries, and cemeteries. In addition, STIP encourages cooperation with entrepreneurs in the city to open up more toilets. We support the Hoge Nood app.



STIP is committed to acceptance

STIP wants the municipality to actively collaborate with organisations like DWH and Outsite to take concrete steps to increase the acceptance of LGBTQIA+ residents.

LGBTQIA+ acceptance must be visible both physically and online. We maintain symbols like the rainbow bridge and place clear information about support and facilities on the municipality's website.

STIP wants inclusive care, from youth care to elderly care. We ensure expertise on LGBTQIA+ themes in mental health care for young people. We also strengthen meetings between LGBTQIA+ seniors via the Roze Salon (Pink Salon).

We make agreements with educational institutions to provide information and education. In addition, we support schools in establishing Gender & Sexuality Alliances (GSA).

STIP wants more attention for LGBTQIA+ acceptance within sports and student associations.

Inclusion starts at the municipality

Delft promotes visibility and acceptance. On days like Coming Out Day and the Week Against Discrimination, the city raises flags. We support events that contribute to an inclusive city. STIP wants the municipality to actively propagate this message.

STIP wants the municipality to register gender, sex, and age on forms only when strictly necessary.

STIP wants Delft to procure inclusively and make agreements about inclusivity with all suppliers and organisations, for example via the Ongehinderd (Unhindered) quality mark.

Delft appoints inclusion ambassadors to make inclusivity a topic of discussion. This creates action on inclusivity.

The municipal organisation must be a reflection of society. Think of more civil servants with diverse educational levels and backgrounds.

Delft is getting to work with anonymous job applications to prevent discrimination in the labour market; this creates equal opportunities on the work floor.

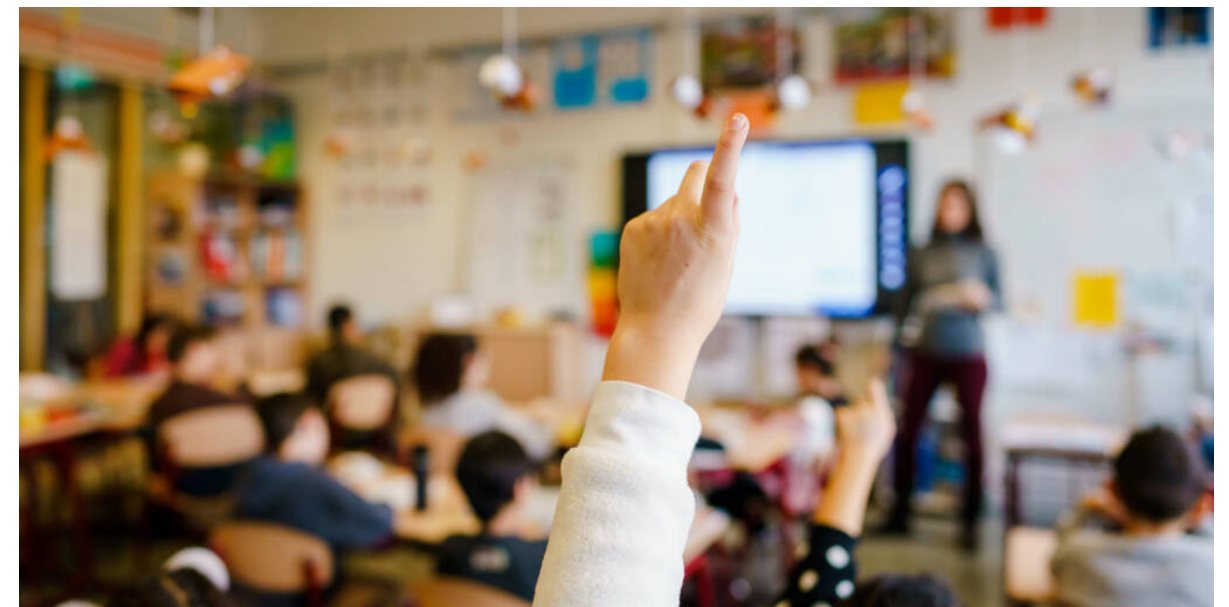
Delft does not cooperate with organisations that discriminate on, for example, the housing or labour market. There is zero tolerance for discrimination. The discrimination test will become a fixed part of policy making.

A library for learning

The role of the library has changed. Where people used to come mainly to borrow books, the library is now a place to learn, study, and come together. STIP wants to continue supporting DOK for the long term, thereby offering Delft residents a second living room and second study room.

STIP offers DOK the space to fulfill its task as a library and its ambition as a knowledge centre and connecting point for the neighbourhood. With the Reading Offensive (Leesoffensief) and Learning Square Delft (Leerplein Delft), DOK contributes to improving basic skills such as reading, writing, and arithmetic, but also digital skills such as filing tax returns, reading a leaflet, or making online purchases.

STIP envisions DOK Tanthof as a vibrant community hub rooted in the neighbourhood, developed alongside education, culture, and social partners.



Enjoying safely

We want to strengthen sexual health with STI test locations in Delft. An example of this is the rapid test location ZiZ in The Hague.

STIP wants the municipality to build up more internal knowledge about sex work, human trafficking, and signaling. Sex workers must be able to work safely. We ensure safety, support, and cooperation with involved organisations.

STIP wants to break the taboo on addiction. STIP wants young people in Delft to be better informed about (online) gambling addiction, drug use, and mental problems that can lead to addiction.

We make help such as Brijder walk-in consultation hours and support groups from AA (Alcoholics Anonymous), NA (Narcotics Anonymous), and CA (Cocaine Anonymous) easier to find and more accessible.

We also want to deploy street doctors for people who have difficulty accessing regular care, such as homeless people and asylum seekers who have exhausted all legal remedies.



Psychological attention

STIP wants to offer psychological support to young people through a budget for youth well-being and is entering into discussions with educational institutions and schools to expand anonymous consultation hours. This makes mental health care accessible and open for discussion.

STIP focuses on prevention. We combat loneliness in as many ways as possible by strengthening encounters and a sense of belonging.

We give families with complex problems one fixed point of contact for all requests for help. Integrate youth care, debt counselling, and WMO care (Social Support Act) so that help is faster and more effective.

STIP wants to ensure more general practitioners (GPs) and psychologists, also through regional cooperation. We want 'waiting list softeners' for people on waiting lists, so that people are already helped during their waiting time.

STIP wants Delft to strengthen Housing First for homeless people with sufficient scattered shelter spots. Only when someone has a safe home can recovery and help begin.

Suicide is the leading cause of death among young people under 30. That is why STIP supports the '113 benches', an initiative of the Suicide Prevention Foundation. STIP also wants Delft to participate in Suicide Prevention Week.

A helping hand

Preventing debt is better than curing it. STIP continues to invest in EMMA and JPF and focuses on early detection. Various social parties know how to contact the right municipal counters for help when they suspect debts, before it becomes problematic.

STIP wants attention for period poverty, for example by offering products such as tampons and sanitary pads in public places. Access to good care is essential for everyone.

The Participation Act (Participatiewet) falls short for young people in vulnerable situations. STIP chooses initiatives such as the Bouwdepot, so that young people do not get lost in the system but can build their future.

Buy Now, Pay Later services like Klarna get young people into debt at an early age. STIP wants to make this a topic of discussion and take action. STIP focuses on financial education for school children and young people and wants to make agreements with entrepreneurs not to use these services.

Opportunities for youth

The deployment of youth workers has improved in recent years. STIP sees that a personal approach is effective. We therefore continue to support personal coaches for young people who are (or seem to be going) on the wrong path.

STIP wants children to be cared for locally and not placed out of home unnecessarily. We invest extra in the most severe cases and cover light care via schools, sports clubs, and culture. Young people should be themselves.

Mental problems must be open for discussion and solved where possible. Knowledge and low-threshold help must be accessible.

Waiting lists in (youth) care are far too long. STIP wants people to be able to get help sooner and more easily, for example in community centres, the library, or at student associations. This way, Delft residents get support on time, and we prevent small problems from becoming big ones while waiting for help.



Liveliness for young people

Young people do not always have a place to come together. STIP wants hangouts and meeting points where sport, culture, and education come together.

We want to stimulate activities and talent development for young people, such as DJ workshops or gaming in community centres and other local organisations. The work of Delft voor Elkaar, Buurtfabriek, CanIDream, and STAD (Foundation for Talent and Dreams) are good examples of this.

STIP wants there to be enough to do for younger children as well. STIP focuses on fun and inclusive areas, child-friendly events such as the Cultuurbarbaren in the autumn holidays, and invests in places like water playgrounds and petting zoos. Moreover, there must be enough outdoor play areas.

Our streets are more than routes from A to B; they are also playgrounds for children. Let children have a say in how Delft can be designed better.

Delft will get sustainable schools with green and playful schoolyards, safe cycling and walking routes, and accessible sports facilities nearby. Children are involved in choices about their environment.



The young voice at the table

It is important that young people see that democracy matters and what role they play in it. We want young people to be able to make their voices heard and participate in decision-making, also locally in the city council.

STIP sees opportunities for a youth council. SIDDER (School Pupils in the Delft Council) is a way to introduce young people to the city council. STIP wants to involve more schools in this so that all students get to know their local representation.

STIP wants a children's mayor who lets the voice of Delft children be heard in the city administration.

STIP wants to appoint a youth official, who can bridge the gap to this group and help them on their way.

In many cities, young people from the age of 16 can participate in council committees. STIP wants to make this possible in Delft too and lower the minimum age for committee members to 16.

Getting to work in Delft-West

- Every young person gets access to affordable sports and cultural activities,** thanks to structural support for initiatives such as Cultuurhuis, Rijke Leerdag, and Buurtfabriek.
- We prevent youth crime by placing more youth workers in the neighbourhood and creating space for creative initiative,** instead of just focusing on enforcement.
- We make Delft-West part of the vibrant Delft culture.** We want more festivals and art in the district, from murals to pop-up performances.
- We improve the connection with the rest of the city** with safe cycling connections towards the TU, city centre, and Schieoevers.
- The future of Delft-West is not made from behind a desk, but together with the people who live there.** STIP wants residents to determine priorities in neighbourhood renewal. We measure what works and learn from residents' experiences, so that every step contributes to equal opportunities in Delft.
- We invest in insulation, solar panels, and greening of flats and streets,** together with residents and housing corporations.



An accessible and safe municipality

We build a strong city on a foundation of trust. STIP chooses a municipality that does not rule from an ivory tower, but stands right in the midst of society: accessible, understandable, and always approachable. We want every resident of Delft, from young to old, to feel heard and to have influence on their own living environment. Whether you are digitally skilled or prefer to look someone in the eye, the municipality is there for you. With clear language, smart digital services, and an open attitude, we give residents the control and peace of mind to work together on an even more beautiful Delft.

In this city, freedom goes hand in hand with safety. We stand for a modern approach in which we dare to look honestly at what works: from a regulated drug policy to human-centric enforcement, focused on maintaining the atmosphere rather than punishing others. For us, safety means that everyone, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, or background, can move freely day and night. By investing in smart solutions and prevention, we ensure a safe and liveable Delft that is ready for the future.

Everyone can turn to the municipality

- STIP ensures that the municipality takes all its residents into account in its communication (in person or digital).** This means clear language at B1 level and support for the visually impaired and non-Dutch speakers.
- Communication and services from the municipality are also available in other languages,** such as English.
- Not everyone can easily come to the city hall for a question.** STIP wants to make it possible to ask questions in a low-threshold way via an online chat function at the municipality.
- Not everyone is equally digitally skilled, such as the elderly.** The municipality supports education and offers help where possible.
- Not everyone can visit the City Office during office hours.** We are investigating whether opening hours can be extended, and whether (travel) documents can be delivered or picked up at an automated machine.
- STIP wants to maintain the option of cash payments.** The municipality is making this process easy and accessible for everyone.

Delft thinks along

Delft actively involves social organisations and experts by experience in drafting policy and decision-making. We do not want to talk about people, but with people.

Delft is a city where people can think along; we do this proactively and encourage residents to use their 'Right to challenge'.

STIP focuses on active neighbourhoods. Residents get neighbourhood budgets to make their district more beautiful, greener, and more sociable.

Not everyone finds their way to the city council easily; in participation, we take into account a representative reflection of our city.

STIP wants the municipality and Delft politics to be visible. STIP actively participates in neighbourhood visits and supports consultation hours.

STIP values independent local journalism. STIP supports the Mediafonds Delft so that journalists can continue to do their important work and independent reporting remains possible.



Enforcement with a human touch

STIP believes in human enforcement. We invest in Susteams: enforcers who engage, guide, and safeguard the atmosphere.

STIP is committed to a safe Delft for everyone! On the street, in the pub, at home. During day and night. This is currently not the case, especially for women.

We ensure that femicide is actively signaled and combated. We break the taboos and focus on better signaling by the police. We provide shelter spots for women. Femicide will also be included in education.

We want people to be able to report emotional and physical violence more easily.

STIP prioritizes tackling online crime and cybercrime. In addition, we focus on high impact crimes and radicalisation.

Cameras are only deployed in extreme cases, with full transparency.

STIP wants enforcement to be targeted and proportional, focusing on high impact crimes, undermining, safe neighbourhoods, and digital safety.

STIP invests in smart and increased street lighting where the colour and brightness adapt to the situation. Because a well-lit city is a city for everyone.

Violence against the LGBTQIA+ community is tackled with zero tolerance.

STIP wants young people to receive education at school about crime and group pressure. In this way, we want schools to be an open place and try to prevent young people from going down the criminal path.

Partying should be allowed

STIP believes you should simply be able to enjoy a beer in a park, just like on a terrace. STIP wants fewer unnecessary rules in the General Local Regulation (APV). So that you can drink a drink anywhere in the city centre, as long as there is no nuisance.

We allow happy hours and ensure clear agreements.

STIP wants everyone to be able to enter the new year safely and cheerfully. That is why we advocate for a national fireworks ban. Instead, Delft organises a suitable show: festive, sustainable, and without risks. This turns New Year's Eve into a moment of connection, not damage.



Things you would rather do safely

By legalising both the sale and regulated cultivation of weed, we reduce illegal situations. This actively counters crime. STIP wants Delft to participate in national experiments such as the regulated cannabis experiment (wietexperiment). Furthermore, we actively speak out as a proponent of a regulated soft drug policy.

We accommodate our residents and Delft entrepreneurs by making a fifth and sixth permit for a coffeeshop possible. It is important that Delft residents can buy soft drugs in a legal and safe place.

We do not encourage drug use; however, when Delft residents want to use XTC, for example, it must be possible to do so safely. STIP therefore wants a place in Delft where you can get drugs tested for free.

We believe not only sexual education is important, but also access to contraceptives. Therefore, STIP continues to support the Youth Information Point (JIP) and offers advice on reporting sexually transgressive behaviour.

A digitally strong Delft

STIP focuses on digital autonomy within the municipality to limit dependence on Big Tech and strengthen control over own data and technology.

Delft can and must be even more transparent. We are continuing to build the open data platform, but we are also creating registers for municipal algorithms, sensors in the city, and data processing of our residents.

STIP wants the municipality to test algorithms that could lead to discrimination against strict guidelines. Preparations are also being made to vigorously implement AI regulation, in line with the European AI Act.

With new ICT products or services, the municipality ensures that as little data as possible is collected. Is it necessary? Then 'Privacy and Security by Design' are important starting points to minimise use where possible.

STIP wants the municipality to ensure that residents are not dependent on social media to stay informed about developments in the city. Therefore, the municipality places all information and current affairs on its own website; a chat function will also be offered here so as not to be dependent on third parties.

STIP wants the municipality to apply the Delft principles of digital sovereignty. We align with national building blocks and regional platforms. The control remains with Delft; we achieve economies of scale with partners.

Investing in Delft's future

We do not cut back on what makes Delft stronger. We choose long-term returns instead of short-term patch-ups. This saves Delft residents money in the long run.

STIP does not apply band-aids but comes with structural solutions for Delft. Delft continues with large-scale investments in the Innovation District Delft, Delft-West, and the energy transition.

Investments in the city and our residents must be paid for somehow. STIP looks critically at local taxes to do what is necessary for the realisation of those plans.

We want to determine tourist tax together with the sector. A part of the proceeds goes back to the sector to support the implementation of the vision on tourism.

The waste collection levy and sewage tax remain cost-covering. These levies are not increased to generate extra income for the municipality.

STIP dares to look at new innovative forms of taxation that work better for Delft, such as a land value tax instead of property tax (OZB).

Subsidies from the municipality are indexed fairly so that we prevent financial problems due to rising costs.

Looking beyond Delft

Delft currently provides many facilities for the surrounding municipalities; the Municipality of Delft deserves compensation for this. STIP wants to start a lobby at the national government for a fair distribution of the Municipal Fund. This allows Delft to invest millions more per year in the city.

STIP is preparing for the feared 'funding cliff' (Ravijnjaar). With smart financial policy and the right investments, Delft is prepared for the declining contributions from the national government.

Delft works together with other organisations, such as municipalities and provinces. This allows Delft to realise large projects and share the costs.

Co-financing is the standard. We only proceed if partners participate and the financial basis is sound.

Delft strengthens its ties and cooperation with Europe, to improve local projects and initiatives.



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The STIP election program was written by the election program committee of Studenten Techniek In Politiek, appointed by the board and the general assembly. This was done in close collaboration with the entire STIP fraction. In addition, former council members provided input, and numerous Delft residents with expertise in specific fields shared their suggestions and advice. We are incredibly grateful to everyone for the input we received.

All photos in this election program and in other STIP promotional materials have been made available to the association Studenten Techniek In Politiek.

Regarding internet safety and modern public services, STIP collaborates with the Pirate Party Delft (Piratenpartij Delft). This collaboration has resulted in, among other things, the 'Digital Sovereignty' initiative proposal!

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