

# Election manifesto 2014 of the Green Party in Lund

## Vision

The Green Party policy stands for solidarity and long-term sustainability. The political horizon must stretch beyond the end of the next term of office. Lund should be a good municipality to live in for us, the present generation, but also for our children, grandchildren and future generations.

The Green Party thinks globally and acts locally. We can no longer wait for someone else to solve problems like climate change or social injustice. Action is required here and now. Economic short-sightedness has made us dependent on oil. Now bold political decisions are needed in order to replace oil with renewable sources of energy. The Green Party in Lund is ready to make these decisions.

Lund has good possibilities to handle the challenges of the future, but it will take more than pretty talk. We will develop public transport, extend the walkway and cycleway network and provide for more housing. We do not want more motorway exits or exploitation of parks and arable land. We will not pass on worn down schools to coming generations and we will not allow elderly care or school resources to disappear into private profits.

The Green Party is a feminist and norm-critical party, striving for an equal society for everyone. In our Lund everybody has the right to be themselves. We will never keep quiet in a society where everybody's equal rights are not fully respected. The Green Party is, and has always been, a tolerant and anti-racist party. We stand for an open-minded Lund without xenophobia or LGBT hostility. The fight against racism, sexism and homophobia never stops.

Lund municipality needs a green shift to make an ecologically, economically and socially sustainable Lund come true.

## Environment and climate

**Every decision should be climate smart and environmentally friendly.** We should plan, build and invest with reduced dependency on oil and eco-friendly construction as objectives. This is essential in order to reach the climate goals.

**Extend the walkway and cycleway network.** Lund must offer connected and direct tracks for both fast and slow cyclists. On main cycle routes, motor traffic should give way to cyclists.

**Give our children a toxic free childhood.** The municipality should, through supervision and preventive measures, ensure that children can grow up without being exposed to unhealthy chemicals.

**Invest in public transport.** Invest in faster transport types with capacity for more passengers. Implement tramways and give way to buses in traffic, for example through dedicated bus lanes.

**Make walking and cycling safe all the year round.** Give priority to the maintenance and snow clearing of walkways and cycleways. The residents of Lund should not be forced to take the car because it is too dangerous to walk or cycle.

**Make use of the sun and the wind.** Install solar cells on the roofs of public buildings and draw up a municipal strategy for the expansion of wind energy.

## Sustainable urban development

**Build on asphalt—not in fields.** High-quality arable land is needed for food supply in the future—empty parking lots are not. Build in the right place!

**Build Lund from the inside out.** To avoid claiming park land, we want to see higher, closer and more city-like urban areas in Lund as well as in the surrounding localities.

**Create blue and green passages.** Trees, parks, green walls and surface runoffs are great for recreational and health purposes, but also for our ability to handle climate change.

**Prioritize housing, not cars.** Urban planning that is not based on car traffic results in more and cheaper housing. Reduce the number of parking spaces and build residential buildings close to public transport instead.

**Invest in small tenancies.** The construction of tenancies and student flats must increase in order to solve the shortage of housing.

**Develop the centre of Lund.** During the term of office the Green Party wants to make a real effort to develop the centres and public squares in the city and localities of Lund.

## Education

**Give the pupils their teachers back.** The Green Party wants to have more teachers and other staff in schools and pre-schools. Smaller classes and pre-school groups will give the children more time with their teachers.

**Maintenance for health purposes.** Implement maintenance plans to keep mould and toxic chemicals out of our schools. Saving money on maintenance is an immediate health risk.

**Offer our children more cultural experiences at school.** The Green Party wants pupils to have access to more cultural experiences and be more culturally active.

**Meatless day in Lund's schools.** The municipal objective is that all food purchased should be organic by 2020. To reduce impacts on climate we want to introduce at least one meatless day a week in Lund's schools.

**Improve pupil health.** The preventive school healthcare must be improved. Schools must be better at detecting psychological problems, encouraging physical exercise and reducing stress among pupils.

**Develop the gender responsive pedagogy.** All children should have the same possibilities, irrespective of sex. The Green Party therefore wants to develop the gender responsive pedagogy in all schools and pre-schools in Lund.

## Culture and leisure

**Invest in local cultural centres.** The Green Party wants a large central cultural centre, but we also want to develop the municipality's cooperation with existing and local culture centres and sports and leisure associations.

**Make Kulturskolan more accessible.** The Green Party wants to lower the fees, shorten the queues and spread the activities of Kulturskolan—the culture school—to give more children in all municipal localities opportunities to take part in the activities.

**Expand and increase the financial support to culture and leisure associations.** The Green Party wants to reform the system for local financial support to clubs and associations to give more culture and youth associations the right to financial support.

**No political influence on Lunds konsthall.** Politically controlled art is not free. The politicians of Lund should not decide what to exhibit in the art gallery.

**More locations for street art.** The Green Party regards street art as a positive feature of local cultural life and wants to see legal graffiti locations.

**Horseback riding is culture.** The culture developing around horses and riding must be encouraged. The Green Party will promote the building of a new indoor riding arena in the municipality during the next term of office.

## **Equal rights for everybody**

**All municipal decision-making should reflect equality.** Equality should be integrated in all municipal services. Decisions about salaries as well as transport planning and financial support to non-profit associations should be made from an equality perspective.

**Abolish homelessness.** The Green Party wants the municipality to work for zero tolerance of homelessness, for example through the Housing First policy. All people have the right to housing!

**Treat poor and homeless EU migrants with dignity.** Poor and homeless people in Lund should get local support to provide for their basic needs, no matter where they come from.

**Improve accessibility for the disabled.** Things like paving stones and illegal pavement signs restrict the mobility of many elderly and disabled people. Lund should aim at making all premises accessible in the long run.

**Improve the knowledge of LGBT issues.** The Green Party wants the knowledge of LGBT issues to improve within the municipality. All municipal services should be LGBT certified.

**Help more refugees.** The Green Party wants to welcome more refugees to Lund. Today the municipality does not even fulfil its undertaking to take in 125 refugees per year. Lund can do better than that!

**Improve the working conditions of healthcare professionals.** The Green Party wants to abolish divided shifts. This is an equality issue, since divided shifts primarily affect women-dominated professions.