



**MOVING BREDA**

**RESPONSIBLY FORWARD**

**CHANGING TO PRESERVE**

**OUR CITY AND VILLAGES**

**Programme for the 2026-2030 council term**



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# Vision

## Introduction

Our Breda stands on the threshold of a significant transformation. Over the next fifteen years, our city and villages are expected to grow to 215,000 residents. This growth brings opportunities, particularly in the areas of strong neighbourhoods, economy and employment, and smart mobility. As CDA Breda, we want to fully embrace these opportunities. At the same time, we are aware of our responsibilities. We know there is work to be done. How do we ensure that Breda, a green, vibrant municipality with a strong sense of community, retains its unique character while making room for tens of thousands of new residents?

If we want to preserve our Breda identity and shared prosperity, change is necessary. Growth demands choices: about housing, facilities, mobility, care, and the management of our increasingly busy public spaces. Above all, it calls for a community and municipality that work together. Only when government, residents, entrepreneurs, and social organisations join hands and take shared responsibility can we build the city and villages of tomorrow without losing today's soul. In this growing municipality, society remains the foundation: the way we live together and embrace the values and norms we share. It is the volunteers, associations, neighbourhood initiatives, and local entrepreneurs who make Breda what it is. By giving them space and playing a supportive role as a municipality, we ensure that growth leads not to alienation but to connection. That is how Breda remains a place where people feel at home, both old and new, young and elderly. That is **the power of togetherness**.

## Four changes for Breda

To preserve everything that makes our city and villages beautiful and welcoming within a growing municipality, we will need to make some changes. How we do that is a decision we make together. CDA Breda has held many conversations while queuing at the bakery, at the sports club sidelines, on school playgrounds. And we have listened.

We choose a path that is forward-looking and respectful, rooted in the strength of our community. We choose to live in close communities with

sufficient facilities, public spaces that are well kept and invite connection, a vibrant association life, and a service-oriented and responsible municipality that brings people together. This translates into four changes necessary to preserve our Breda.

### **Change 1: Housing and facilities**

We will keep building according to national policy to ensure continued access to government funding. This means a split of thirty percent private sector, forty percent mid-range and thirty percent social housing for bigger projects and area developments. We shift the focus within this breakdown: our priority in the private sector and mid-range is owner-occupied homes, not rental. We focus on affordable owner-occupied homes and reserve a portion for local residents. We also change how we connect facilities to housing projects: homes must be paired with enough shops, childcare, sports facilities and community centres. This keeps neighbourhoods close-knit and connected.

### **Change 2: public space**

We opt for a public space that is safe, clean, accessible and green. This forms the foundation of a liveable municipality where everyone feels at home. We adjust the budget because public spaces will need investment and more upkeep in the years ahead to achieve this. We invest in play and sports facilities in public spaces, which means every neighbourhood becomes movement-friendly. We green paved neighbourhoods further, provide thorough maintenance and address places that feel unsafe. This ensures our municipality remains a pleasant and familiar place to meet, move around and relax.

### **Change 3: Associations and volunteers**

Associations are communities in small form. They teach values, norms and respect. Associations and volunteers are the backbone of our society. We change how they are supported by the municipality: fewer rules, one municipal desk also open in the evenings, and an alderman with associations in his/her portfolio to represent their interests. This helps associations and volunteers keep doing their important work, from sports to culture, heritage to neighbourhood initiatives, allowing residents to take part actively in social life.

We also change the focus of events. While Breda currently hosts many commercially organised events, we want to focus on local and smaller-scale ones to preserve our Breda identity.

#### **Change 4: Municipal services**

We change the way residents communicate with the municipality. Alongside keeping physical contact, we improve digital communication with a MijnBreda app and a track and trace system for reports. This keeps a direct connection between residents and city hall, even as our municipality grows. We also commit to a realistic spending pattern. We first check where the municipality can save money, review investments and see which expenses can wait. This ensures enough funds stay available for what really matters.

Breda must be a municipality where everyone feels at home, where there is room for connection, growth and entrepreneurship, and where we build together for a fair future and shared prosperity. This programme offers concrete proposals and ambitions to make that possible during the 2026 to 2030 council term.

We ask you to join us in thinking, acting and building a Breda ready for tomorrow, without forgetting what already makes us special today.

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## A special message to our new Bredanaars

Whether you have called Breda home for many years or have recently arrived, you have chosen an exceptional place to live. Breda is a vibrant municipality that reflects all the best the Netherlands has to offer: from a historic city centre and rich traditions to beautiful natural surroundings and warm, welcoming people.

This March, you will have the opportunity to vote and help shape the direction Breda will take over the next four years. At CDA Breda, we have a clear vision for our growing municipality. While growth is certain, how we manage is a choice we all share. We believe it calls for thoughtful stewardship. Together, with the municipality, residents, volunteers, and entrepreneurs, we can **move Breda forward responsibly**.

We have translated our election programme to English<sup>1</sup> to ensure that all residents, including those who do not speak Dutch as their first language, can access our plans and ideas to make living, working, and enjoying life in our municipality even better.

We recognise that moving to a new place comes with its challenges. That is why the municipality, together with local organisations, offers support and resources to help newcomers settle in and participate fully in community life. We encourage you to reach out and get involved.

**Building a strong community requires everyone's participation.** Whether you lend a helping hand to a fellow resident, volunteer at your local sports club, or organise or take part in neighbourhood activities, every action helps build a stronger, more connected Breda, where everyone can feel at home.

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<sup>1</sup> This election programme has been translated with the assistance of AI. If there are any discrepancies, the original Dutch text will prevail.

## What we stand for

CDA Breda has many ideas for our villages and neighbourhoods. These ideas are not isolated, they stem from our core values.

### **The strength of togetherness**

We believe in the strength of people and communities. What unites us is stronger than what divides us. Living together doesn't happen automatically, but it's visible all around: a parent coaching youth sports, neighbours caring for shared green spaces or students and entrepreneurs taking part in community initiatives.

A community is built together. Where respect, values and norms are not outdated but cherished. Where we stand behind our traditions and culture. Where the common good outweighs individual interests. Where people take responsibility for their surroundings, care for one another and support each other. Where we hand our villages and neighbourhoods on to our children and grandchildren in better shape. Together, we can achieve more.

### **Sharing responsibility**

We stand for a government that supports where needed and provides space where possible. For example, by backing neighbourhood initiatives or making volunteering easier. The municipality is a recognisable, approachable and reliable partner in the lives of our residents.

At the same time, we believe responsibility starts with people themselves, in their street, neighbourhood or association. The municipality steps in when basic services like care, education or safety are at stake, but always respects the initiative and strength of people and their communities. The human dimension is key: decisions are made not about but with residents and entrepreneurs.

### **Hopeful and respectful politics**

CDA stands for hopeful and respectful politics, close to the people, attentive and listening to what matters in our villages and neighbourhoods. With an eye on today and the generations to come. As a local party, we work on solutions for issues that affect you directly: care and support nearby, safe streets and vibrant communities. Deeply rooted locally and with clear connections to The Hague and Brussels, this is how we make a difference for Breda.

## Our ten priorities

- 1 Housing seekers come first.** Building affordable owner-occupied homes is our priority. We reserve a portion specifically for local residents.
- 2 We don't just stack bricks, we build communities.** We focus on neighbourhood plans and community-oriented approaches. Living anonymously and individually in Breda is not an option in our view.
- 3 No housing development without facilities.** Shops, schools, healthcare, sports facilities and community centres are essential. For seniors, we pay extra attention to ensuring their homes are located close to these facilities.
- 4 The first on-street parking permit remains free for residents.**
- 5 We bring public spaces into good order:** more greening, less litter, and movement-friendly neighbourhoods.
- 6 We tackle places that feel unsafe,** such as areas around the station. We provide more lighting and cameras and give enforcement officers greater powers to act against offenders.
- 7 We treat each other with respect.** Values and norms are the foundation of a strong society and are promoted through citizenship education in schools, participation in associations, and community connection.
- 8 Our culture and traditions are key to the identity of our municipality. We support volunteers and associations** through a single municipal desk and fewer rules. An alderman responsible for associations will oversee this.
- 9 We improve municipal services** both digitally (with a MijnBreda app and a track and trace system for reports) and physically (it will always be possible to meet a municipal employee in person).
- 10 We keep the tax burden realistic and as low as possible.** If funds fall short, we first identify where the municipality can save, reassess investments and consider which expenses can be postponed.

## Connection

**WE BUILD  
COMMUNITIES**

## Housing: affordable and connected

The housing shortage is a major issue and addressing it is our top priority. Our motto is: we don't just stack bricks, we build communities. That is why CDA Breda is committed to ensuring that residents can continue living in our municipality if they wish to, that there are sufficient facilities in the neighbourhoods, and that community initiatives have plenty of room to grow.

### Priority on owner-occupied homes

- We adhere to the government's distribution guideline of 30 percent private sector, 40 percent mid-range, and 30 percent social housing for larger projects and area developments. This approach increases opportunities for external funding and encourages mixed neighbourhoods.
- Within the private sector and mid-range categories, our focus is on owner-occupied homes. Conversations with residents have shown a clear preference for buying homes, partly because it allows them to build equity, enjoy more freedom, and have stable fixed costs through a mortgage. Within the owner-occupied segment, we want to place more emphasis on affordable options. We also pay close attention to including garden space in designs, as this is a frequent wish expressed by residents.

### Priority for local residents

- We partly give priority to our own residents when it comes to new housing developments. This strengthens social cohesion: people can stay close to family and friends, volunteers remain active in their sports clubs, and children can continue attending their familiar schools. If people are forced to look outside the municipality, we lose not only residents but also community involvement and spirit.
- In new housing projects such as Bavel South and West, Woonakker Teteringen, or Beeks Buiten, we reserve a portion of the homes for residents of our municipality who want to buy their first home or move up the property ladder. This creates a double benefit: it frees up (social) rental homes for those on the waiting list and gives residents

the opportunity to buy within their own community, helping to keep the neighbourhood intact.

## **Consistent policy and focus**

- The government must be consistent and reliable. All too often, municipalities introduce additional requirements during construction, causing uncertainty and delays. We believe it is important that the municipality does not change the rules it sets out in advance and appoints a dedicated contact person, such as a project manager, for each major development project.
- We will continue with the starter loan, a scheme that allows first-time buyers to partially finance their first home through the municipality. This scheme is very popular, and the budget allocated at the start of the calendar year is often used up quickly. Therefore, we want to distribute the budget throughout the quarters to give more residents the opportunity to benefit from it.
- We do not build everything at once but spread the construction of new homes over time. This ensures development aligns with the current needs of our municipality. By focusing on specific projects, like the ongoing work at 't Zoet, we can develop in a targeted and careful way.

## **Using available space innovatively**

Beyond building new homes, we need to make smarter use of the space we already have. We focus on better utilising existing homes through splitting, adding extra floors, conversions, shared housing and improving the flow of residents. At the same time, we pay close attention to maintaining the quality of life in residential neighbourhoods. This calls for courage and innovation from the municipality.

- We will make it easier to split homes and to place (pre)care units in gardens. A tailored approach is needed here. For example, if one house on a busy street is divided into three separate homes, there is not suddenly space for three times as many cars. This means that based on the parking pressure in the area, it may be decided not to issue parking permits for the new homes within that neighbourhood (if

permits are required in that part of the municipality), similar to policies in other large cities.

- We want to take an active approach to tackling empty homes. For long-term vacant office buildings, we will explore whether their zoning can be changed to (temporary) residential use. We will set up a vacancy monitor to clearly identify which residential and commercial locations are affected, and we will urge the national government to allow municipalities to introduce a vacancy tax. After all, every empty home is one too many.
- We want historic buildings not only to be preserved but also to remain in use by adopting a flexible approach to permitting new uses. At the same time, preserving the historical character of these buildings, both inside and out, is a key consideration, requiring a tailored approach. This way, we connect the past with the future. A good example of this could be the repurposing of the soon-to-be-vacant Willibrordus Church in Teteringen.

## **Supporting local initiatives**

Residents come up with all kinds of smart solutions to the housing shortage and community building. They need the space to further develop these ideas.

- Through so-called CPO initiatives (Collective Private Commissioning), residents design and build their own neighbourhoods. This results in more affordable homes and stronger social bonds. We want to support and encourage this by providing suitable locations, clear procedures and a dedicated contact person within the municipality.
- The home-sharing scheme ('hospita') brings together two groups: people looking for housing, such as students, and older people who find living independently increasingly challenging. We want the municipality to launch an awareness campaign because although there is interest, there are also practical concerns around benefits, pensions and rental rights.
- We believe it is important that new residents get to know their neighbourhood and that the community gets to know them in return. This creates a strong sense of belonging. We encourage residents to continue to give newcomers a warm welcome. We ask the municipality to explore how neighbourhood welcome packages can be revitalised by local residents, taking current privacy regulations into account.

## **Urban and village development: building with character**

Urban development shapes how Breda will look in the future, where we live, work, relax and move around. CDA Breda wants this development to be balanced with the quality of life in our city and villages. That means building where it makes sense and protecting what is valuable.

### **Focus on connection and identity**

- Breda is a community built on connection. We invest in strong communities within villages and neighbourhoods. Those who prefer to live more independently and without much contact with neighbours may find a better fit elsewhere. In short, we don't just stack bricks, we build communities. That's why we focus on community building from the very start of development to bring new neighbours together and create strong neighbourhoods.
- Strong communities require strong neighbourhoods and local facilities. When expanding, we want sufficient amenities to be provided at the same time: schools, healthcare, sports clubs, shops, green spaces and good transport links. By investing in this public capital, we strengthen the livability and sense of belonging in villages and neighbourhoods, ensuring the identity of our municipality is visible and felt.
- Breda is reaching new heights with its residential towers. We believe it is important that the Grote Kerk, at over 97 metres tall, remains the tallest building. Iconic buildings play a key role in preserving Breda's character.
- We also protect the identity of our municipality through architecture. We insist that new developments do not all look the same but allow room for distinctive features and striking designs.

### **Making smart use of limited space**

- Space is scarce, which means tough choices have to be made. We challenge the municipality on this. We believe not everything has to be

built in Breda itself. Other municipalities in the Barony region have space and can contribute to the metropolitan growth of the area.

- In addition to the current large-scale development projects, we look at smart, smaller expansions, adding a street or neighbourhood on the outskirts of the city and villages.
- Gardens are important for our residents and the environment. That's why we want a better balance between high-rise buildings (apartments with balconies) and low-rise homes (including senior housing with gardens). We also want more space in designs for semi-public outdoor areas such as shared gardens, biodiverse spots where people can meet. More green space also means cleaner air and less heat stress, making it a win-win.

## Traffic and transport: safe and smooth

Good mobility and infrastructure are essential for an accessible and liveable municipality. We invest in roads, public transport, safe cycling and walking routes, and smart parking policies so that residents can travel quickly, safely and sustainably. This remains important as our municipality grows.

### Improving traffic safety

We will take measures to increase traffic safety.

#### In the neighbourhood:

- We involve residents in plans to make their neighbourhood more family friendly. We aim for a 30 kilometre per hour speed limit where it is feasible and sensible. Streets must be designed in such a way that this speed can be effectively enforced. At the same time, 50 kilometre per hour roads will remain to ensure smooth traffic flow and to prevent shortcutting through residential areas.
- We will explore ways to separate slow and fast traffic to create safer main routes for through traffic.
- We want to help set up more monitoring points for traffic nuisance and make the results publicly available. Residents can request a monitoring point if there is enough support from the neighbourhood.
- We are all ordering more and more packages for home delivery. While convenient, delivery vans on often narrow streets create concerns. Unsafe situations, parking damage and blocked roads are not uncommon. We believe the municipality should hold delivery companies accountable for their role and responsibility when it comes to traffic safety. We can use Breda's logistics expertise to develop smarter urban distribution.
- At locations in neighbourhoods where red light running and speeding occur regularly, such as the junction near the Intratuin and the Noordelijke Rondweg, we will increase enforcement to improve traffic safety.

### **In the city centre:**

- We have seen that bicycle streets improve traffic safety, as demonstrated in Boschstraat. We want to explore where additional bicycle streets can be introduced. In particular, we want to focus on Molenstraat and Sint Annastraat. These are narrow streets in the centre with little or no sidewalks. At the same time, many delivery vans use these routes and there are many children cycling and walking around the library. The situation is dangerous and needs to be addressed.
- Fatbikes frequently cause hazardous situations in traffic, especially in the busy, narrow streets of the city centre. We want to minimise this nuisance and therefore support a zero tolerance policy in the city centre. This means increased enforcement and immediate fines for fatbike riders who break traffic rules, with no warnings issued.

### **Reliable and accessible public transport**

- Everyone should be able to rely on good connections, no matter where they live or work. When evaluating public transport services, financial profitability should not be the only consideration. The social value is equally important. That is why we aim to guarantee accessibility for all.
- Residents who depend on demand-responsive transport, such as the 'belbus', have very limited access after 7 pm and on weekends. We advocate for clear accessibility standards. The municipality should work together with the province and neighbouring municipalities to promote shared mobility. Shared transport can make the difference between being isolated at home and fully participating in society.
- The station is frequently inaccessible due to lifts being out of order. Various parties tend to blame each other, while residents with limited mobility, wheelchairs or strollers are left stranded. A long-term solution is urgently needed, one that does not leave our municipality dependent on multiple parties. We therefore propose converting part of the staircases into ramps.
- We are committed to establishing a direct rail connection between Breda and Utrecht, one of the few places in the Randstad region where

we still lack strong links. This connection could also help reduce congestion on the A27 motorway, making it a win-win situation.

- The high-speed rail line is vulnerable to disruptions, with trains frequently not running. The municipality and province must urge the NS and the national government to make improvements.
- We want to better utilise the potential of our international station. Therefore, the municipality should request the Belgian railways (NMBS) to include Breda as a terminus for lines that currently end at Noorderkempen station. Additionally, the first train to Brussels should depart earlier, allowing passengers from Breda to arrive in time for the start of the working day.
- Hazardous goods trains and other dangerous transport pass daily through our residential areas. While accidents are unlikely, the impact would be severe if one occurred. We are concerned about the safety of our residents and built environment. These additional trains also contribute to increased congestion and delays on our rail network. We want our municipality, together with others on these hazardous transport routes, to raise this issue urgently in The Hague. We cannot wait for a disaster to happen.

## **Investing in mobility and infrastructure**

- We have seen traffic congestion increase in Prinsenbeek. The village becomes gridlocked during the morning rush hour due to shortcut traffic. This causes difficulties for residents and businesses. We want to preserve and improve the liveability, safety and air quality in the village. Therefore, we support the pilot traffic measures scheme. However, we advocate for a low-threshold contact point where residents can raise questions and concerns, staffed by officials who can respond quickly. This way, the municipality can make rapid adjustments and ensure that while shortcut traffic is addressed, for example, grandparents providing childcare are not affected by the measures.
- The Noordelijke Rondweg needs to be improved to enhance traffic flow and reduce mobility nuisance. Full tunnelling is not necessary for this, and we oppose such an approach. This also saves money, which can

be better spent on other roads causing problems, such as the Zuidelijke Rondweg and Oosterhoutseweg in Teteringen.

- In addition to motorways, we invest in good and affordable alternatives to car travel, such as express cycling routes, public transport and shared mobility. This gives everyone the option to consciously choose what best suits their situation at any given time.

## **Parking in a growing municipality**

Over the past year, paid parking has been introduced in more neighbourhoods to restore liveability. This has created more space for children to play safely on the streets and for residents to park near their homes. We have also seen a decrease in the ‘waterbed effect’, where cars destined for paid parking zone A would previously park in unpaid zone B. This is a positive development. The visitor parking scheme, which allows guests to park at a low cost, is also being well used. We want to ensure that parking pressure remains manageable and that support for the system continues.

### **For residents:**

- The first parking permit per household for on-street parking remains free of charge.
- We want to ensure there are enough parking spaces in new developments. A portion of our residents depend on cars for work, so project plans must accommodate this without increasing parking pressure in other neighbourhoods.
- Our municipality is growing and several neighbourhoods already face high parking pressure. That’s why we work together with residents to determine what their neighbourhood can handle and explore alternatives. This helps keep the area liveable while ensuring everyone has a parking spot. For CDA Breda, every resident has a right to park.

### **For volunteers and entrepreneurs:**

- Following the example of the teachers’ permit, we advocate for a visitor parking scheme specifically for clubs and community initiatives. This would help ease the parking burden on volunteers.
- It is important for entrepreneurs that customers can park close by. Therefore, we will ensure there are enough parking spaces near the

city centre. If parking areas such as Molsparking and the Chassé are repurposed, full alternatives must be provided.

- The municipality should work together with the Entrepreneurs' Fund to explore ways to make parking more attractive for shoppers. For example, we see potential in voucher-based parking and reserving parking spots in garages.

**For everyone:**

- More streets should be freed up for community life, as was done during the last council period with Oude Veste. These areas now prioritise slow traffic and provide space for greenery, play and conversation. We want to cherish these places. At the same time, we recognise that many people depend on their car. That is why we are committed to more parking garages and transport hubs.
- We support shared mobility but recognise that improperly parked shared scooters cause nuisance both inside and outside local ordinance zones. We want society to no longer bear the costs of these issues; instead, providers and users should be held responsible. Therefore, we call for faster removal of incorrectly parked scooters and for all related costs to be fully charged to those responsible.
- It is positive that more bicycle parking spaces have been created in the city centre, but supply is still insufficient. We therefore ask the municipality to designate more spots, including both secured bike parking facilities and unsupervised bike racks and stands.

**For one another**

**WE CHERISH THE  
POWER OF  
TOGETHERNESS**

## **Associations and volunteers: the backbone of society**

For the CDA, volunteers are invaluable. Volunteers bring colour to our society, keep associations running and help communities thrive. The Netherlands has a large and active volunteer community, and we are proud of that.

CDA actively promotes volunteer policies to recognise and support the important work volunteers do. This is especially true for associations. They create opportunities for social connection, bridge generations, neighbourhoods and backgrounds, and act as the social glue of our municipality. We see that associations and organisers of volunteer events are facing challenges. That is why action is needed.

### **Support for a vibrant community life**

At the national level, the CDA has drawn attention to associations and their interests through the 'Vereniging Nederland' initiative. In Breda, we go a step further:

- We advocate for a municipal audit into the state of the association scene in Breda. This will help us understand how effective and efficient current municipal policies are, allowing us to make targeted improvements.
- We stand firmly for fewer rules and more freedom for associations, foundations and cooperatives.
- Volunteers often struggle to navigate the many regulations they face, from grant and event applications to safety rules and liability insurance. That is why we support association boards with their legal responsibilities. We also ensure that support and insurance policies keep pace with the times and are well suited to today's situation.
- We insist on consistent municipal policies: clear rules that remain stable year to year, along with understandable and transparent criteria for permits and subsidies. We propose creating an advisory council for events to avoid unnecessary bureaucratic burdens and to facilitate communication between organisers and the municipality.
- We encourage active municipal support in the use of spaces such as areas for building carnival floats or youth training, as well as in

financing and participation. We will also explore creating a municipal events and associations depot, enabling the municipality to provide resources for improved accessibility and other needs.

## **Engaged municipality through personal contact**

We encourage personal contact between the municipality and associations.

When they can connect more easily, they are better able to collaborate.

- There should be a single municipal point of contact for all associations. This service desk will provide guidance on regulations, handle applications and support permit procedures. Since volunteers are often active in the evenings and on weekends, accessibility will be improved and the desk will be open outside regular office hours at least part of the time.
- We want to appoint an alderman for community associations. By explicitly including this important theme within his/her portfolio, we can better safeguard and further strengthen the vibrant community life in our municipality.
- We advocate for an annual shadowing day where municipal officials spend time with an association of their choice. This allows them to hear firsthand about the needs and concerns of associations, helping to improve cooperation between associations and the municipality.

## **Breda's culture and heritage: preserving and passing on**

Our culture and traditions are the pillars of our municipality's identity. They form the foundation of our society and strengthen the bonds between people. We honour this shared heritage, shaped by generations before us. CDA regards art, culture and religion as sources of inspiration and strength, especially in uncertain times.

### **Passing on culture and heritage**

- We want to make culture accessible so that every resident can feel connected to our history and pass it on to future generations.
- Together with associations and residents, we commit to preserving our heritage. This includes not only cultural heritage such as traditions, customs and festivals but also tangible heritage like buildings and monuments. These are essential to the local recognisability and identity of our municipality. By jointly identifying which buildings and monuments qualify as heritage, we can better protect them against unwanted demolition or alteration.
- Breda should better organise its heritage and archives. This could be done by establishing a Heritage House, a place where our history and identity are researched, shared and exhibited. The municipality should take the initiative and involve heritage societies, historical groups and volunteers.

### **Proud of what makes Breda unique**

- We bring culture closer to home by supporting cultural activities in community centres and schools. In the neighbourhood, by and for the neighbourhood.
- We are actively committed to preserving local traditions and customs. We see carnival as a valuable cultural heritage that deserves protection. At the same time, we have noticed that electronic music is increasingly heard in some carnival locations. While carnival can evolve over time, we want to open a conversation about how to

preserve and enhance the authentic carnival atmosphere, including its traditional music.

- Breda is a musical city with a strong brass music tradition, ranging from harmonies and brass bands to jazz ensembles. This is partly due to our city's military history. We want to strengthen this musical heritage through events, cultural policies and music education in schools.
- We work to expand urban culture, local cultural initiatives and creative hubs, such as those found around Pier15 and Phoenix.
- When you say Breda, you say NAC. Every football match is a celebration in the stands. We strive to maintain a strong relationship between NAC Breda and the municipality, with a focus on the club's social significance for the city and region.
- We have seen several distinctly Breda events come to an end, such as the Ballon Fiesta, the national Taptoe, the Culture Night and Harley Day. We find this regrettable, as such events contribute to the unique character of our municipality. That is why we want a dedicated label to revitalise 'typical Breda events,' ensuring that volunteers taking on this task receive the right support from the municipality.

## **We prioritise local and liveable**

Breda is a welcoming and vibrant municipality where events and celebrations take place throughout the year in the city centre, villages and neighbourhoods. From carnival and 'klunen' to the Breda Jazz Festival and the Singelloop. This lively atmosphere creates connection. At the same time, we see how events are growing in size, becoming more uniform, commercial and causing more disturbance. That is why CDA Breda focuses on local and liveable, a tribute to our traditions with the support of our residents.

### **Balanced event policy**

- We call for a new events policy that emphasises distribution, space and quality requirements. This will allow us to focus on activities that are truly Bredaas and give organisers of both large commercial festivals and local volunteer-run events clear guidelines within our municipality. We take a cautious approach to increasing the number of large commercial events in Breda.

- Due to its immense popularity, carnival threatens to become unmanageable in Breda. We must therefore make carnival and its organisation sustainable for the future. We want to prevent the city centre from becoming too crowded and ensure our own residents remain engaged.
- We insist on fair distribution of event funding between the city centre and the villages and neighbourhoods. There must be balance. For example, we do not consider it desirable that the ice rink in the city centre receives substantial municipal support while the one in Prinsenbeek relies mostly on its own funding.
- We provide space for small-scale activities in villages and neighbourhoods organised by volunteers and for residents, for example by simplifying permit applications.

#### **Vibrant yet manageable**

- We commit to shared responsibility between the hospitality sector and the municipality. While the hospitality industry plays a vital role in the lively atmosphere of Breda, it also has a responsibility to help keep events and celebrations under control. This includes collaborating on safety measures, managing the flow of visitors, and minimising disturbances. Additionally, the hospitality sector can contribute financially to events that align with the character of the city centre. Together, this ensures Breda remains vibrant but liveable, a place where both residents and visitors feel welcome.
- We strive for a good balance between celebration and liveability. By using modern sound equipment and smart placement of systems, we can significantly reduce the noise impact of events. Where necessary, clear conditions will be set out in permits, such as maximum noise levels and curfews. These conditions will be published openly, so that both partygoers and local residents know what has been agreed.

## Equal opportunity: no one left behind

Financial worries, health problems, social exclusion and limited opportunities affect individuals, their families and future generations. For CDA, equal opportunity is therefore essential. Everyone deserves a fair start and the chance to participate fully. This begins with quality education, appropriate care, affordable housing and work with prospects.

Social capital is equally important. People who can rely on a strong network of family, friends and neighbours have greater access to support and opportunities. That is why CDA wants to strengthen communities and support initiatives that bring people together. The municipality plays an active role in this, working hand in hand with social organisations, schools, employers and residents.

### Addressing growing concerns

- We are firmly committed to early detection within legal boundaries such as the GDPR. By collaborating with food banks, churches, associations and other local organisations, we can more quickly identify who needs help. This way, we prevent small problems from turning into bigger issues.
- We invest in information provision, debt assistance and neighbourhood-based support, while making room for valuable initiatives.
- Schools work together with parents to spot problems early and provide support when needed. We focus on collaboration between childcare, education, parents and the local community. The municipality ensures accessible facilities and steps in where necessary.

### Enabling participation

Everyone should be able to take part in our society. This is not a favour but a matter of human dignity. A strong society leaves no one behind.

### **Activities in Breda:**

- We have noticed that not everyone entitled to the Bredapas knows about it. This is a shame, as the Bredapas is a key to participating in our community: it makes sports, culture, education and leisure activities more accessible. That is why we want everyone who qualifies to receive the pass automatically by mail. Currently, this only applies to those receiving social assistance. We also want to expand the pass to additional groups, such as informal caregivers.
- We are proud of the new library opening in Hoge Vucht. It is much more than shelves of books; it is a meeting place where children can learn and play, and where residents can improve their digital skills. For CDA, it is important that libraries remain accessible to all Breda residents, regardless of their background or neighbourhood. The municipality must continue investing in strong, accessible libraries, including one in Prinsenbeek, where space for a library function should be provided.
- Breda has countless valuable initiatives, such as toddler gymnastics classes for young children, which are often free thanks to municipal subsidies. We believe it is important that everyone can participate, while those who are able contribute according to their means through an income-based contribution. This way, activities remain accessible for those who need them and we can reach more people with the available resources.

### **Equal opportunities in education:**

- We actively support primary and secondary schools in Breda in the transition to inclusive education. Together with schools and educational partnerships, we ensure every child finds a suitable place in education that honours their talents, abilities and development.
- We want to strengthen compulsory education laws to give extra attention to vulnerable groups for whom attendance is not yet a given. Parents will be proactively contacted to ensure timely registration of their children.

**Inclusive labour market:**

- We advocate for an inclusive labour market where everyone can participate. We support initiatives that promote this participation, such as basic jobs where people who face difficulties entering the workforce carry out socially valuable tasks, or the ‘WerkgeversServicepunt West-Brabant’, which helps connect people with barriers to employment to employers.
- We back inclusive employers who offer guaranteed internships and inclusive workplaces, helping to meet employment targets, for example through collaboration and advice.

## **Childcare and education: a solid foundation**

Education is more than learning from books. It is where children and young adults are shaped, where values are passed on, and where friendships grow. This is where we invest our efforts.

### **Appreciation for parents**

- We view the family as the cornerstone of society. It is the first place where children learn values, norms and respect for others. At the same time, many parents face the challenge of juggling numerous responsibilities, from parenting and work to sports, care and involvement in community organisations. We want to help parents better share the load. Investing in quality childcare and education is essential to achieving this.

### **Support for teachers and childcare workers**

- It is challenging to recruit enough teachers and childcare workers for schools and daycare centres. The municipality should explore ways to offer better support, for example by looking into housing options for education and childcare professionals with low or middle incomes.
- The municipality, together with schools and childcare centres, should investigate how administrative burdens can be reduced so teachers and childcare workers spend less time on paperwork.
- We encourage the involvement of (grand)parents. Working with childcare providers and schools, we promote voluntary (grand)parent participation for example, in reading activities or as playground and crossing guards. This also helps to ease the workload of teachers.

### **Good buildings and facilities**

- We invest in integrated child centres as welcoming community hubs in neighbourhoods, both in existing and new buildings. This applies to every village and neighbourhood because every child deserves equal opportunities.

- All children and young people deserve a good school building. A pleasant and safe learning environment helps them develop well.
- Schools and the municipality should explore ways to improve climate control in school buildings.

## **Learning about values and norms**

- Citizenship education is an essential part of schooling. Children learn about values, norms and how to treat each other with respect. This also helps counteract polarisation. That is why we believe it is important for children to receive citizenship lessons in school.
- CDA supports community service and social internship programmes. These help young people develop personally while contributing to society. Where needed, the municipality should assist young people in finding meaningful projects.

## **Further education and transition to the labour market**

As young people grow up and study in Breda, they lay a strong foundation for their future. They develop their talents, networks and self-confidence. At the same time, they are valuable members of our municipality as employees, volunteers or active association members. It is up to the community and the municipality together to ensure Breda remains an attractive place for them to live and work.

- We strengthen the connection between education and the labour market by encouraging closer collaboration between educational institutions, local employers and innovation centres. This promotes practical and future-proof training.
- We encourage internship and work-learning programmes where students gain hands-on experience and employers can retain young talent. The municipality of Breda itself also has a role here as a major employer.
- Vocational education is a driving force behind the local economy. We support retraining and upskilling to help workers adapt to changing economic needs.

- We cherish our universities of applied sciences. They are vital for the development of young talent, innovation and Breda's appeal as a student city. It is important to us that these institutions have the space to grow and thrive. A key part of this is finding a new location for the arts programmes of St. Joost.

## Care and wellbeing: with a human touch

We want to keep care accessible, available and affordable, which is why we create ample room for innovation. We focus on collaboration between the municipality, healthcare providers, schools, insurers, care offices, families and volunteers.

We advocate for a care system based on trust and less bureaucracy, so that caregivers can spend more time with people. Prevention is essential: by investing in healthy neighbourhoods, safe outdoor spaces and raising awareness around nutrition, exercise and mental health, we can prevent issues and ease the pressure on healthcare services.

### Mutual support

The municipality acts as a facilitator and safety net, not as a provider of all care. We first look at what people can do themselves, then what the community can offer, and only afterward involve professional help. The focus is on mutual support: helping people regain independence with the support of their network.

- Care should remain local and personalised. We support initiatives like ‘Welzijn op Recept’, volunteer home visits, and the use of support families. We also advocate for pilot projects such as ‘Voorzorgcirkels’.
- We make caring for each other easier by encouraging resident initiatives like care cooperatives, providing solid support for informal caregivers, promoting a dementia-friendly municipality, and cooperating with social organisations that foster social cohesion and active participation.
- We emphasise the importance of self-care. We support providers of physical activity programmes, healthy eating initiatives, senior fitness, fall prevention and awareness campaigns on mental health, drugs, smoking, vaping, laughing gas, alcohol and sexually transmitted infections.

## **Coalition against loneliness**

CDA is the party that stands against loneliness. We are concerned about the rising loneliness among residents: half of the people in Breda feel lonely. At the same time, initiatives that have proven successful in other municipalities have yet to gain sufficient traction in Breda. This needs to change. We promote a coalition against loneliness and call for a Breda action plan to combat loneliness, following the example of other municipalities.

- We want the municipality to actively focus on strengthening social networks, with additional attention to the elderly and vulnerable groups. The community life plays a key role here: playing sports together, making music or volunteering brings people together and prevents social isolation. CDA wants to strengthen and support this unifying power of associations. For us, community life is an important remedy against loneliness.
- We consider mental health just as important as physical health. Moreover, mental health issues often lead to physical problems. In a society where pressure, stress and loneliness are on the rise, the municipality must actively contribute to preventing mental health issues and to bringing together parties for quality, person-centred support. We achieve this by collaborating with healthcare providers, schools, associations and community initiatives.
- We provide social support by investing in youth care, mental health services (GGZ) and social housing to tackle loneliness and mental health challenges.

## **Awareness requires commitment**

Awareness campaigns are important, but they are not enough. That is why we advocate additional measures.

- The Iceland prevention model, a specific approach to preventing children from becoming addicted to drugs, alcohol or smoking, has proven effective. The municipality should take this as an example and apply the lessons learned in Breda.
- A large part of our population is overweight, leading to health issues and additional pressure on healthcare. We want to raise greater awareness about healthy lifestyles through gym classes at schools,

sports clubs and local initiatives. Breda is committed to creating a sustainable and healthy food environment. We also want the municipality to engage with providers of unhealthy foods about their role. Small changes, such as placing healthy food at eye level and reducing advertising of unhealthy options, can make a difference. Health begins with the small choices people make every day.

- Vaccination rates are declining. This is a worrying development, as it puts children, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, at risk of serious illness. We will focus on targeted information campaigns and cooperation with schools, childcare centres and the Public Health Service (GGD) in neighbourhoods where vaccination rates fall below or threaten to fall below critical levels.
- Breda has committed to a smoke-free generation. Beyond awareness, concrete action is needed.
  - Second- and third-hand smoke (exposure to smoke residue) is harmful, and 'seeing smoking encourages smoking'. Therefore, places primarily aimed at children, such as playgrounds, schools and sports clubs, must become smoke-free. This applies to vaping as well.
  - The municipality should engage with hospitality entrepreneurs to explore forming an alliance for smoke-free terraces. The more hospitality businesses join this initiative, the sooner we can work towards a smoke-free generation.
  - The municipality must strengthen enforcement against illegal vape sales, especially near schools and in shops.

## **Drugs have no place in a healthy society**

We stand for a healthy society. Drugs do not belong in it. That is why we strongly support a robust and preventive drug policy.

- There must be stricter enforcement and investigation of hard drug sales.
- We want to counter the normalization of drug use and discourage drug consumption. Therefore, we aim to expand information about the consequences of drug use and carry out discouragement campaigns. We start early with prevention efforts, such as education in schools in

collaboration with experienced professionals and experts from organisations like Jellinek or the Trimbos Institute.

- Shisha lounges should require permits.
- We want better insight into drug use to identify vulnerable groups, using tools such as the Local Drug Use scanner and wastewater analysis. These insights can inform effective policies, improve prevention and strengthen enforcement.
- The municipality must crack down more on drug dealing in nightlife areas and at events. Reporting should be made easy, for example by allowing bar staff to message the on-duty police officer if they suspect drug dealing.

## **Youth care: local, tailored and responsible**

We are concerned about the accessibility and quality of youth care. Too many children and families wait too long for suitable help, while pressure on the system continues to increase. We want the municipality to have the courage to make clear choices: not every parenting challenge is a care issue that belongs in youth care.

- We advocate strongly for prevention, early detection and front-end screening, for example through schools, general practitioners and neighbourhood teams. Minor support needs can often be better addressed within one's own environment, with assistance from the social domain. The capacity and burden of parents must be taken into account when assessing the need for help and the support offered. In this way, space is preserved for children with complex issues who truly need specialised care.
- We want the municipality to actively steer on quality and cooperation among providers, with less bureaucracy and greater trust in professionals. We call for a local youth care policy that focuses on tailored solutions, collaboration with parents and clear communication among all parties involved.
- More attention should be given to the root causes behind requests for help, such as poverty, stress or social pressure: shifting from youth care to family support.

## **Social Support Act (Wmo): preserving a human-centred approach**

Like youth care, the Social Support Act (Wmo) is under pressure. The demand for support is growing while resources remain limited. Action is therefore necessary.

- The municipality must be willing to make choices, but always with attention to the personal circumstances of residents. Care and support must remain local, clear and accessible, especially for those who truly need it.
- The number of care providers in both youth care and Wmo is increasing, which is undesirable and leads to confusion and inefficiency. We choose to trust care providers, promote stability through long-term contracts, and establish clear agreements between the municipality and care providers. This reduces the risk of care fraud, excessively high invoices and 'locking in' clients.
- The municipality should encourage care partners to work more efficiently and effectively so that those in need receive better and faster support.

## **Sport: moving forward together**

For CDA Breda, sport and physical activity are essential pillars of a healthy and connected society. Sport brings people together, promotes physical and mental health, and contributes to social cohesion in villages and neighbourhoods. It also teaches important values on the playing field, such as respect and fair play.

### **Making sport more accessible**

- We are committed to providing low-threshold and affordable sports facilities, so that sport is accessible to all ages and backgrounds. It is important to us that residents can engage in sport all year round, so we will explore ways to keep sports and activity facilities open as much as possible during school holidays.
- We encourage residents to try out a variety of sports, for example through the Bredapas and the Youth Fund for Sport & Culture.
- We support clubs that make sport possible for people with disabilities.
- We are dedicated to preserving and promoting the talent development and elite sport that Breda is proud of.
- Playgrounds are important: they encourage children to move and play, foster social development and create connections in the neighbourhood. That is why we want playgrounds to be accessible to all children, including those with disabilities.

### **Sport by and for residents**

- NAC is a leading national symbol for sport and physical activity. We are proud of the club and the exemplary role it plays in encouraging sporting engagement and an active lifestyle among our residents.
- The Avondvierdaagse is a valuable event that encourages primary school children to be active while also fostering connections between children, parents and neighbours. It promotes a healthy lifestyle and social cohesion within the community. That is why we want the municipality to make organising the Avondvierdaagse as easy as possible.

## Seniors: extra attention

Breda is a vibrant municipality where seniors play an essential and visible role in the social and cultural fabric of our community. CDA Breda strives for a living environment that better recognises and supports the needs of all seniors.

The senior community is diverse and spans two generations: from active sixty-somethings who contribute their expertise and life experience through volunteering and informal care, to nonagenarians who require assistance themselves. It is important to acknowledge this diversity, seniors are not a one-size-fits-all group.

While many speak of an ageing population, we see opportunities for ‘silver valorisation’: harnessing and appreciating the knowledge, wisdom and life experience of our seniors. At the same time, seniors face a range of challenges that we are committed to addressing.

### Encouraging neighbourhood initiatives

Neighbourhoods can learn from each other. For example, IJpelaar has long benefited from the successful ‘Buurtkracht’ project, which connects people in need with those offering help, while seniors in Teteringen come together socially during the Village Meal (‘de Dorpsmaaltijd’).

- The municipality can support residents who want to start similar neighbourhood initiatives in other areas. This could include information sessions and practical assistance, such as helping to find suitable locations.

### Supporting informal caregivers

Many residents of Breda devote themselves to caring for loved ones. This deserves high praise. With more people expected to take on caregiving roles, awareness and appropriate support from the municipality are essential. CDA is committed to this.

- We prioritise respite care, allowing informal caregivers (‘mantelzorgers’) to take a break and focus on other things for a while.

- We advocate for a dedicated neighbourly support centre for informal caregivers, where both caregivers and those needing care can come for a chat and to discuss questions or concerns.
- We invite municipal officials to participate in the Day of the Informal Caregiver, so they can hear firsthand about the challenges faced by caregivers and those they support.

## **Better aligning housing needs**

We explicitly consider senior housing in our housing development plans.

- We encourage initiatives that connect supply and demand for senior housing. This also helps create movement within the housing market, allowing both young and old to continue living in homes suited to their life stage.
- For residents with no desire to move, we see opportunities to involve commercial parties in financial advice and prevention related to adapting homes for lifelong living.
- More space should be made available quickly for neighbours to explore and establish alternative forms of housing.
- We invest in clustered living arrangements that prioritise social interaction, such as ‘knarrenhofjes’ for seniors, a modern version of old people’s homes, multigenerational courtyards, informal caregiver homes and ‘kangaroo homes’.
- Senior housing should be located as close as possible to shops, healthcare providers and other essential facilities.

## **Improving mobility**

Loose paving stones in the city centre, relocated bus stops like those on bus line 4 in Princenhage, or removed benches such as in Van Koolwijkpark, mobility for seniors in Breda is not always easy.

- We want to improve mobility and accessibility by optimising public transport routes and creating more crossing points and seating areas.

## **Guaranteeing accessibility to the municipality**

Seniors should be able to reach the municipality in a way that suits them.

- The municipality will remain accessible by phone, post and in person at service desks.
- We support seniors who prefer digital contact with the municipality and encourage initiatives that help improve digital skills among older residents.

## **Honouring our veterans**

Breda is a defence city. We are grateful to those who serve and have served to protect our peace and security. We are proud of the veteran's park and monument completed during the last council period.

- We believe it is important for the municipality to stay in touch with our veterans and support them where needed.
- We will explore the possibility of calling on our veterans and their valuable expertise in emergencies and efforts to strengthen our resilience.

## **Safe and resilient**

**WE TAKE ACTION TO  
SET THINGS RIGHT**

## Public spaces: inviting places to meet

Public spaces belong to everyone and form the heart of our city, villages, neighbourhoods, streets and communities. CDA Breda sees these areas as places where people come together to be active, play, catch up and relax. A clean, safe and well-designed environment contributes to health, connection and enjoyment of life.

### Investing in maintenance

In recent years, Breda has made considerable progress in improving public spaces. This requires continued investment and better maintenance in the coming years. We are committed to continuing on this path and further enhancing our public spaces. Our investments focus on:

- Green parks and gathering spots;
- Safe cycling paths and adequate lighting. We also call on our residents to highlight where and how safety can be improved;
- Neat pavements and accessible routes;
- Plenty of benches and play areas;
- Proper upkeep of streets and greenery: clean parks and tidy streets.

### Space for social connection

- Public spaces must be accessible to everyone. We remain committed to this and will make no compromises.
- For every project, both residents and ‘practical experts’ are involved: designers who know the situation firsthand, for example because they travel through the area daily by bike or on foot.
- Public spaces are places where people meet. We ensure these areas are designed to adapt to local activities such as markets, neighbourhood barbecues or sports events.
- The sound barrier in Heusdenhout has become overgrown, sunken and makes residents feel unsafe. We want to transform this barrier into an open, well-lit park for sports and recreation. By linking it with the area between the Leyen, we will create a green belt.

- We advocate for more public toilets, including accessible toilets for people with disabilities (changing places toilets). Participating in public life can be challenging for people with bladder or bowel issues, toddlers who are toilet training, pregnant women and the elderly. In short, many of our residents are affected. We notice that some business owners make their restrooms available, and we appreciate this consideration for others. By complementing these initiatives with more public toilets, more residents can take part in social life.

## **More greening**

- We encourage the creation of small front gardens, community gardens, parks and green spaces that invite people to meet, play and relax.
- We reduce heat stress by tackling urban hardening. We motivate property owners to enhance their gardens, houses, roofs and facades with greenery.
- We will continue the Green Streets & Squares project to further green and improve public spaces.
- We encourage neighbourhood participation in green management by involving residents in the design, maintenance and use of green spaces, fostering ownership and community spirit.
- The restoration of nature in the Ulvenhoutse Bos offers opportunities to expand the Wolfslaar estate. The municipality should investigate this further.

## **Combating litter and neglect**

- Extra efforts are needed to keep the city clean. For example, due to heavy use, the city centre is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain. We also see signs of deterioration caused by damage and graffiti.
- We want the municipality to be more active and frequent in tackling street litter. In areas with severe problems caused by litter, we advocate for more cameras to catch offenders.
- We have noticed people emptying trash bins in search of recyclable items with deposits and then leaving the mess on the street. We want

to install donation rings around bins at frequent locations to reduce littering.

- The municipality should involve entrepreneurs in making the city and villages cleaner. After events, there is often not only a lot of litter on the streets but also in shop window frames, for example. Working together is therefore important.
- Litter is an eyesore, therefore we are rolling out the ‘Breda Blinkt’ campaign throughout the municipality and encouraging residents to dispose of their waste properly. If there are places where littering happens regularly and bulky waste piles up next to containers, we will first assess whether containers need to be emptied more often. If people continue to dump waste illegally, we will focus on increased awareness and enforcement.
- We work in a neighbourhood-oriented way and are prepared to adjust the intensity of efforts and investments depending on the area. In neighbourhoods prone to neglect, we increase cleaning frequency. After all, rubbish attracts more rubbish, harms social safety and reduces a sense of ownership.
- Plastic pollution in waterways like the Mark river and city canals is a serious problem. This pollution is harmful to fish and birds and negatively affects recreational activities. We support existing initiatives that help reduce this pollution, such as the self-navigating WasteShark boat, the Entrepreneurs Getting Their Hands Dirty initiative and the Plastic Catcher at Belcrum Beach. We believe it is important that the municipality engage in dialogue with these organisations to understand their needs and help them continue their valuable work effectively.

## **Breda: a community that encourages movement**

- In 2025 and 2026, we are the most play-friendly municipality in the Netherlands. We carry this Jantje Beton Award with pride and want to maintain it by preserving and improving our playgrounds.
- We invest in movement-friendly neighbourhoods: easily accessible sports facilities within the community where residents can be active together.

## **Safety and public order: strengthen and protect**

Residents of Breda should be able to walk the streets feeling safe. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. Consider areas around the station, where nuisance and drug dealing occur; Brabantpark, where riot police had to intervene; or the outskirts, where residents face intimidation and drug-related crime. For CDA, this is unacceptable. That is why we are committed to safety, prevention and tackling crime.

### **Safety in the neighbourhood: a firm approach to intimidation**

Where possible, we focus on preventing nuisance and intimidation, and where necessary, we will enforce the rules. We ask residents to participate in neighbourhood watch and to report incidents. In return, the municipality must ensure sufficient supervision and prompt action by police and enforcement officers when the situation demands it.

- We support safety initiatives led by residents, such as neighbourhood watch teams and apps. We assist businesses that want to ensure safety in their shops, shopping centres and industrial areas. Social safety, where residents feel protected in public spaces, deserves special attention. We take this into account early on when designing public spaces.
- Safety and the sense of security are under pressure in certain streets and neighbourhoods. We will take appropriate measures in these areas. Everyone in Breda should be able to walk the streets feeling safe. We welcome the role of the community police officer and neighbourhood enforcement officer, an initiative CDA has always supported. They provide residents with a fixed, approachable contact point to easily raise concerns. This local connection will remain in place.
- The area in and around the station feels unsafe to many residents, both on the city centre side (Willemstraat) and the Belcrum side (around Faam). We want enforcement officers working in this area to be granted greater powers to address these problems.

- We advocate for a women's advisory group where women can express where they feel unsafe in our municipality. We want the municipality to engage with this group to discuss how safety can be improved in those areas and then take targeted action.
- We want to combat street intimidation and sexually inappropriate behaviour. To that end, we support hospitality venues, schools and associations in preventing and reporting such behaviour, and we train our neighbourhood enforcement officers to enforce laws against street harassment.
- We do not tolerate vandalism, intimidation, threats or violence against emergency workers and (political) officials. Perpetrators should be prosecuted not only criminally but also civilly. The municipality must recover all costs from the offenders, including those related to sick leave and victim support.
- We will improve feedback to reporters so residents know how their concerns are being handled.
- Aggressive driving and other antisocial behaviour on the roads must be tackled more firmly.

## **Tackling crime**

Breda is an attractive location for criminals. Our municipality lies on the international smuggling route between the ports of Antwerp and Rotterdam, two of Europe's largest logistic hubs. This requires extra effort from our municipality.

- We address undermining crime in an integrated way through close cooperation between the police, justice system and other chain partners, under the leadership of the mayor. Undermining, that is, the blending of the criminal underworld with legitimate society, undermines our democratic and social structures and demands a strict and efficient response.
- We want to establish a municipal intervention team to actively combat undermining crime in our city, villages and rural areas. This team would include (green) neighbourhood enforcement officers, supervisors, social investigators and safety advisors.

- Criminal assets seized are reinvested in the neighbourhoods where the money was generated. This ensures funds do not disappear into general budgets but directly benefit the communities affected by crime.
- We advocate installing automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras at our entry roads and municipal borders. Our neighbours in Flanders have demonstrated that ANPR cameras can be an effective tool to track criminals.
- Neighbourhood enforcement officers face increasing violence and threats on the streets. To rebalance this and enhance their safety, we support issuing short batons to Breda's enforcement officers following proper training. We will explore further expanding measures and powers to better protect our officers in the field.
- We fully utilise the possibilities of the Bibob Act to prevent organised crime and protect legitimate entrepreneurs from unfair competition.
- We call for a municipal reporting point where residents, especially from rural areas, can easily and anonymously report suspected criminal activities. This local variant of 'Report Crime Anonymously' would send reports directly to the municipality, enabling rapid response.
- Serious reports of criminal activity are thoroughly investigated, balancing key values such as privacy and proportionality wherever possible. However, sometimes it is necessary to employ investigative methods that may not be comfortable for everyone.
- The increasing number of violent incidents in Breda's nightlife requires a solid approach. Every resident should be able to enjoy a night out without fear of being attacked.

## **Protecting our youth**

A safe living environment starts with protecting our youth and vulnerable groups. Parents play an important role in this, with the municipality stepping in where needed.

- We are fully committed to prevention in tackling (youth) crime. This includes creating more opportunities for youth workers and mentors. Some of our vulnerable neighbourhoods already have 'broeders',

volunteers who act like older brothers, guiding young people and helping them stay on the right path. This approach works and deserves to be adopted in other areas.

- We aim to reduce (youth) nuisance, domestic violence, child abuse and human trafficking through closer cooperation between the social domain, healthcare providers, youth workers, education and law enforcement (AVE strategy).
- We want to establish a broad societal coalition against weapon possession, especially targeting young people. This coalition actively opposes the use and possession of weapons and organises weapon surrender campaigns in collaboration with the municipality and police.

## **Supporting residents with misunderstood behaviour**

The number of reports involving residents exhibiting misunderstood or confused behaviour is increasing. This puts pressure on both safety and emergency services.

- We want support and care for individuals with confused or misunderstood behaviour to be provided more quickly. This can be achieved by better coordinating the work of the police, municipality and healthcare providers, for example through street triage or by allowing psychiatric nurses to accompany officers.
- Thanks to efforts by CDA Breda, the municipality is investigating how financial barriers can be removed for people with misunderstood behaviour. This means funds from separate budgets can be used more flexibly. The municipality must act swiftly on the findings so these individuals can receive help sooner.
- Residents need to know where to report concerns about individuals with misunderstood behaviour and expect prompt responses and action. Therefore, we want to work towards establishing a single, permanent reporting point.
- We invest in unconditional housing options for residents facing multiple challenges. This provides vulnerable residents with a stable home while simultaneously reducing nuisance in neighbourhoods and the city centre.

## A resilient Breda: mutual support

Resilience is an increasingly important issue. Geopolitical tensions and cyber threats are frequently in the news. We want to make residents and entrepreneurs more socially resilient by preparing for potential disruptions to services or threats to our society. This calls for decisive municipal policy and an active approach from residents and businesses, who must take their own precautionary measures. The focus is not on individual self-reliance, but on mutual support. During the past council term, CDA Breda has submitted several motions and taken other initiatives to raise awareness and prompt action on this issue.

### Preparedness for crisis situations

At the end of April 2025, Spain and Portugal experienced a major power outage with enormous consequences for people, hospitals and critical infrastructure. A similar blackout in the Netherlands is now considered a realistic scenario by experts, with power outages lasting up to 72 hours seen as a possibility. Such an outage could be caused by overload of the energy grid or a cyberattack. Our municipality must be prepared for crises such as extended power failures.

- We want to invest in emergency structures and collaboration with local businesses and social networks to strengthen our resilience. We will set up emergency support centres where information and essential supplies are available in case of emergency.
- The municipality must work together with the safety region and resident representatives to develop an emergency plan. We will use the guidelines provided by the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG). This plan clearly outlines what residents can expect from the municipality in terms of provisions, and vice versa. Residents can also consider their own information provisions, such as which neighbours will collect and distribute information from the town hall if all communication lines are down, or where in the neighbourhood they will set up a meeting point.
- Given global uncertainty, it is especially important that residents can sustain themselves during the first 72 hours of an emergency. We support the national government's awareness campaign encouraging residents to keep an emergency kit at home containing items such as water, food, batteries and cash.

## Enhancing cybersecurity

Technological advancements offer numerous opportunities for the municipality, residents and entrepreneurs. Together, we seek ways to leverage these developments to strengthen our community. However, we must not be naive about the potential negative effects that modern technology can bring. Crime in the digital and physical worlds is gradually merging, and the risk of misuse of personal data is ever-present. That is why action is needed.

- We promote digital resilience and raise awareness among residents and municipal employees about cyber risks and safe digital behaviour.
- We advocate for appointing cyber ambassadors in schools, associations and libraries. These accessible contact points allow residents to easily raise questions and concerns, and provide education on artificial intelligence, algorithms and digital skills.
- The municipality must clearly communicate how it uses and protects residents' data. For example, linking and analysing data can be useful, but residents must be transparently informed about this.
- The municipality should assess whether its digital security and sovereignty are adequate, particularly regarding the storage of residents' data in foreign clouds.

## **Asylum and integration: a fair approach**

In these times of increasing tensions, we want to bring people together. We are committed to welcoming refugees safely into our society, with responsibility and solidarity as our guiding principles. At the same time, we take into account the needs of all residents. This dual task brings challenges. The number of people needing shelter exceeds what we can provide. Quality of care is therefore vital. We must consider what our municipality can realistically handle, otherwise, successful integration will not be possible. Care institutions, housing corporations, social organisations and schools would otherwise be overwhelmed.

Providing shelter means more than offering a place to sleep, it's about creating a (temporary) home. There must be sufficient facilities for learning, sports, play and access to healthcare when needed. These services are essential for integration and active participation in society. In this way, we can offer proper and safe shelter to people fleeing hardship, ensuring care and responsibility while balancing rights and responsibilities. Living in our municipality requires clear involvement and effort from newcomers. Breda residents can also contribute to successful integration by being welcoming and making new neighbours feel at home.

Asylum and integration are often divisive topics. CDA chooses to unite people with an honest and realistic message that respects both concerns and opportunities.

### **Support based on capacity**

- We link the provision of shelter for refugees to the availability of facilities. There must be sufficient capacity in education, healthcare and other services to provide decent accommodation. We set clear standards for the level of facilities, excluding emergency or crisis shelters.
- We prefer small-scale shelter options spread throughout the municipality. This approach builds greater capacity and shared responsibility for hosting refugees while speeding up integration.

- We are renewing or establishing policies regarding community support, capacity and participation for asylum shelter. These will clarify the regular and emergency asylum procedures, specify where resident input begins and ends, and outline how the municipality will respond to residents' concerns and requests.

## **Participation is not optional**

- We focus on integrating new Dutch residents, with special attention to strengthening digital and language skills.
- We actively support community initiatives that promote integration, such as language buddies, job coaching, volunteer projects and tutoring. We back the organisations, associations and churches involved in these efforts. Our goal is for at least 95 percent of newcomers to be actively engaged in the local community within two years.
- We want to extend the social service obligation to newcomers, enabling them to quickly learn about and contribute to our society.
- Participation is not optional. Refugees who do not make an effort to integrate will face consequences, such as reductions in their living allowance.

## **Labour migration in balance**

In addition to refugees, Breda is home to labour migrants. They play a crucial role in sectors such as logistics, construction and agriculture, helping to keep the local economy running and securing our food supply. At the same time, we recognise residents' concerns about nuisance and feelings of insecurity, especially in rural areas. We are addressing these issues. As with refugees, living in our city and villages comes with responsibilities.

- We will not accommodate more labour migrants than our municipality actually needs.
- We ensure that homes in family neighbourhoods are not rented out to labour migrants who cause nuisance. That is why we advocate for a rental permit specifically for labour migrants.
- We want the municipality to ensure that labour migrants register their residence in Breda. This group is vulnerable when it comes to housing

and health and often depends on intermediaries. Registration gives us better insight into who they are, where they live, and what support they may need.

- We want increased inspections of homes where labour migrants are registered. Too often, more labour migrants live there than is permitted.
- The municipality must encourage employers to take responsibility, starting with fair contracts. For example, we see that an increasing number of labour migrants become homeless and end up on the streets when they lose their jobs, that they are attracted by the promise of a full workweek but then receive only a few hours of work per week, or that foreign workers are recruited anew while many labour migrants in our municipality are eager to work.
- The municipality must actively support unemployed labour migrants in finding new jobs or assist them with returning to their country of origin. Prolonged unemployment without prospects leads to frustration and nuisance for the labour migrants themselves as well as for the residents of our municipality. By providing timely, appropriate support, we ensure a humane approach and keep our neighbourhoods liveable.

## Responsible

**WE PASS BREDA ON  
WELL TO OUR  
(GRAND)CHILDREN**

## Future-proof economy: working for tomorrow

Our municipality and the Breda-Tilburg Metropolitan Region (SRBT) are bursting with economic strength, creativity and entrepreneurship. Our region is a breeding ground for innovative developments in plant-based production, applied technology and the creative industries. From high-tech startups to design studios and sustainable food processors, solutions for the future are being created here. We can be proud of this diversity and innovation power.

At the same time, we see that entrepreneurs in our region, just like elsewhere in the Netherlands, face limitations: an overloaded power grid, limited physical space (further constrained by nitrogen regulations), regulatory pressure and a tight labour market.

That is why CDA Breda opts for a realistic economic plan. We focus on three key areas: supporting entrepreneurs in solving their biggest challenges, stimulating innovation, and using physical space smartly.

### Addressing challenges for entrepreneurs

#### Combatting vacancy

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) form the vibrant core of our local economy. They provide employment, craftsmanship and lively neighbourhoods every day. Yet many shop owners in villages and districts are struggling. Vacancy threatens the livability of our centres.

- The municipality must actively collaborate with residents and business platforms to find solutions. This includes improving accessibility and ensuring sufficient parking. Entrepreneurs should be encouraged to experiment with ways to reduce vacancy since they know better than anyone what their neighbourhood needs.
- We keep an eye on balance. When the market in a neighbourhood is saturated with a certain type of shop, no more of that same type should be added. We believe it is important that the municipality provides direction so entrepreneurs know where they stand and

shoppers experience a diverse range of offerings.

### **Labour market action plan**

Finding staff is a major challenge for SMEs. During the previous council period, CDA Breda called for a Personnel Delta Plan to support companies with smart solutions and targeted incentives so they can continue to grow, create jobs and offer better products and services. This led to the municipality's 2024-2026 Labour Market Action Plan.

- Together with educational institutions and the business community, we will continue and accelerate these actions where needed. For example, increased use of technology can boost labour productivity.

### **Making entrepreneurship enjoyable again**

Entrepreneurs should be able to focus on their business without getting tangled in bureaucracy.

- The municipality must critically review its own rules and processes. Permit applications should become faster and simpler, and entrepreneurs should have a single point of contact within the municipality. This will make entrepreneurship more accessible, attractive and enjoyable.
- We advocate for a 'logbook' recording agreements between the municipality and entrepreneurs, ensuring these agreements remain clear and consistent even when there are staff changes at city hall.

## **Stimulating innovation**

### **Room to grow the Innovation District**

The Economic Vision prioritises stimulating and supporting the Applied Technology and Creativity sectors. This aligns well with the expertise found at Breda's educational institutions. The Innovation District, where technology, creativity and entrepreneurship come together, is a key part of this. We are proud of this innovative strength and want to preserve and strengthen this business activity.

- We focus on raising awareness, as our conversations show that many residents and entrepreneurs are unaware of this unique location.
- We encourage greater collaboration between the municipality, businesses, educational institutions and residents. This also creates opportunities to retain students trained at Breda's quality educational establishments for longer within our municipality.

At the same time, we remain mindful of the many other great SMEs Breda has or wants to attract. These businesses also provide employment and often support the community through sponsorship, among other things.

### **Agriculture and horticulture: sustainable and valued**

CDA stands for an agriculture and horticulture sector that is future-proof, with respect for nature, the environment and food security. Farmers and growers are partners in managing the landscape and producing food, and they deserve recognition and appreciation for this. Especially at a time of rising geopolitical tensions, local food production is of strategic importance. At the same time, urban development and nature are taking up more space, often at the expense of agricultural land.

- The municipality, entrepreneurs and residents in rural areas must work together to ensure that business activities and nature can coexist. This calls for cooperation and smart solutions.
- We want to give farmers and growers the freedom to experiment with new forms of agriculture and horticulture. Therefore, we advocate the establishment of 'experimental zones', areas where rules can be temporarily relaxed to easily test innovative and sustainable ideas. One key area to focus on is the reduction of harmful crop protection agents and pesticide use, as these substances also impact local residents and nature.

### **Increasing earning capacity for inclusive prosperity**

We observe that many SMEs are reaching the limits of their earning capacity. This means they see no room to grow further. This is a problem, as earning capacity is essential for the broad prosperity of our country. It finances vital services such as healthcare, education and defence.

- More attention must be given to innovation within SMEs. This enables them to work more efficiently, creates room for growth and allows them to further build their earning capacity and thereby contribute to the community.

## **Smart use of physical space**

### **Gaining control over space**

In many municipalities, large distribution centres focused mainly on goods transit, often referred to as ‘verdozing’, are being built. This requires a targeted approach.

- The municipality must gain more control over which businesses establish themselves here. This can be achieved by setting stricter conditions and exploring options such as leasehold arrangements. This way, the municipality maintains greater influence and uses scarce space more effectively.

### **Better use of existing industrial parks: ‘revitalisation’**

Work locations are vital for our economy: more than half of Breda’s jobs are located in industrial parks and office sites. However, there is a problem. Few vacant plots remain, and creating new plots takes a long time or is not possible. Many existing sites are outdated and inefficiently organised. Businesses often cannot expand or are located in areas that no longer suit them.

- We choose revitalisation and efficient allocation of space within industrial parks. This includes building upwards with multiple floors instead of just ground-level structures, active land management, redesign and smart clustering of complementary businesses. Think of it as a land consolidation scheme, similar to what is known in agriculture.
- The municipality can support such revitalisation initiatives, for example at Rithmeesterpark or along the Noordelijke Rondweg. Together, we will have to solve the puzzle of scarce space.
- The development of new industrial parks must be done carefully, especially since much can already be achieved through smarter planning of existing sites.

- We want to redevelop areas into vibrant environments where people can live and work. For example, residents with gardening or handyman businesses who want to operate from home. The municipality should investigate this idea in collaboration with entrepreneurs. Businesses indicate that their employees often struggle to find housing near their workplace. Better integration of living and working could offer a solution.

### **Rural area: protect and strengthen**

The rural area around Breda is of great value. It provides space for agriculture, nature, recreation and tranquility. At the same time, this area is under pressure due to vacancy, undermining crime and increasing demand for housing and nature development.

- We want to protect and strengthen the outskirts. That is why we advocate appointing a rural district manager: a dedicated point of contact within the municipality for agricultural entrepreneurs and residents. This district manager can pick up signals, build connections and ensure that policies align with practical realities.

## **Sustainable and liveable: a shared responsibility**

CDA Breda is committed to creating a liveable environment where we all take responsibility for the future of our planet. Stewardship is central to this mission. We want to leave the Earth in better condition for our children and grandchildren. For us, sustainability and climate are not isolated issues but a shared responsibility that involves collaboration between residents, businesses and government.

The climate crisis is not only an environmental problem but also a social one, as vulnerable groups often bear the heaviest burden and have the least means to adapt. That is why we advocate for a fair and green transition in which everyone can participate. While we are bound by decisions made at the national political level, we strive to do what is necessary as effectively as possible at the local level.

### **Support for local green projects**

We support green energy projects that have strong local backing. We believe in the power of community collaboration: sustainable initiatives gain real support only when residents are involved. The municipality must play an active role by facilitating and supporting these efforts. This means clear procedures, swift decision-making and room for resident-led initiatives. Together, we will make Breda a climate-friendly municipality where sustainability is second nature.

- Breda is committed to being a City in a Park. Together with the volunteers of Breda National Park City, we are actively working towards this ambition.
- We facilitate and support resident initiatives to collectively invest in sustainable energy projects and provide easy access to advice from energy coaches.
- From our vision of a strong society, we see an important role for energy cooperatives, not only in energy generation but also, for example, in shared neighbourhood batteries.
- Residents should be able to charge their electric cars with their own generated power, even if they do not have a driveway. This could be made possible by allowing a shallow channel in the pavement to safely

conceal a charging cable from home to car. Especially once the net metering scheme ('salderingsregeling') ends, it will be crucial for residents to use as much of their generated energy as possible themselves. The municipality must carefully assess what is feasible in each neighbourhood and then provide a straightforward application form, quick responses and long-term decisions.

- We support industrial parks that cannot expand or become more sustainable due to network congestion. We do this by involving experts who, in consultation with network operators, help to use existing connections more efficiently, spread companies' peak demand together, combine energy generation (such as solar panels) and invest in shared batteries.
- Many areas in the Netherlands face a looming shortage of drinking water from 2030 onwards. Water reuse can save 80 to 90% of water usage. That is why we want to explore circular water systems and water-neutral building in collaboration with businesses and associations. Our municipality already has innovative, sustainable solutions we can learn from for example, NAC's system that collects rainwater and supplies water and oxygen to the grass roots.

## Easy waste collection

Proper waste management is essential for a clean and sustainable municipality. By investing in smart collection and reuse, we work together to create a future-proof living environment.

- It should be possible to book a timeslot at the recycling centre so visitors don't have to wait in often long queues.
- Breda will replace its recycling centres. We are committed to ensuring these new centres are better and more user-friendly than the current ones.
- We will ensure that bulky waste and garden clippings can continue to be collected from homes by the municipality free of charge.

## Focus on animal welfare

We strive for a municipality where animal welfare is a given and part of a caring living environment.

- We treat animals with respect and responsibility and take firm action against neglect and abuse.
- In the interest of flora, fauna and human health and safety, we control nuisance populations such as the large flocks of geese in the Valkenberg Park.
- Saint Nicholas' horse is part of our cultural heritage. We are committed to ensuring the horse's welfare so that this tradition is honoured and can be passed on to our children and grandchildren.

## **A service-oriented municipality: for every resident**

Every resident interacts with our municipality at some point. We believe it is important that these interactions are positive, supported by good service and clear communication.

### **Good service and communication**

An accessible and engaged municipality starts with excellent service. Residents should be able to easily manage their affairs, submit reports and know what to expect. CDA Breda wants the municipality to communicate in a more transparent, helpful and human way.

#### **One app for all municipal matters**

Residents increasingly use apps to communicate. The municipality must respond to this.

- We propose a 'MijnBreda' app: all your municipal matters in one app. Quickly apply for permits, submit reports or view documents. The app makes this simple, secure and always accessible.

#### **A track and trace system for reports**

Reporting issues in public spaces is relatively easy with the 'BuitenBeter' app, which we welcome. However, we see that residents often receive no response or only a delayed reaction to their reports, for example when they report dangerous parking situations or broken streetlights. A citizen-friendly municipality keeps its residents informed.

- We support a track and trace system, similar to package tracking, where residents can see the status of their report at each stage of the process. This makes the municipality's administrative procedures transparent and fosters greater understanding of decisions.

#### **Information about public works**

We often see road detours, closures or other municipal projects underway. While there are usually good reasons for these, residents often don't know the details.

- Clear information must be provided for municipal projects, for example through signage. Residents should also be informed about smaller projects so they stay aware of what's happening in their neighbourhood or village.

### **Constructive collaboration**

Volunteers frequently encounter challenges: after filling out lengthy permit applications, they receive a rejection due to a minor mistake or typo. Often, applicants are not told exactly what went wrong.

- The municipality should work constructively with residents and provide clearer explanations for rejections. In other words, rather than just a 'no', give guidance on how a 'no' can become a 'yes'.

### **Right to personal contact**

We consider the right to personal contact essential.

- Residents must always be able to communicate with municipal employees by phone, post or in person at the town hall.
- Every letter or email should include a department name and phone number so residents know exactly who to contact with questions or comments.

## **Finances: making wise choices with limited resources**

CDA advocates for more funding for municipalities, but unfortunately, the municipal council has no influence over this. What we can do is make sensible decisions locally with the limited resources available. In financially challenging times, residents can expect the following from CDA Breda:

- We always prioritise strengthening facilities and community spirit.
- We keep the tax burden realistic and as low as possible. If there is a budget shortfall, we first look at where the municipality can make cuts internally, review investments, and determine which expenses can be postponed.
- We identify and evaluate programs and projects that are no longer effective or necessary, in order to free up funds for other initiatives.

## **Breda's democracy in action: active participation together**

A strong local democracy requires engaged residents and a municipality that is open to dialogue, transparency and collaboration. We believe it is important that residents feel heard and can easily contribute their ideas and take part.

### **Digital participation**

We encourage residents and other stakeholders to engage with the municipality.

- We want to make greater use of online tools to involve residents. This includes keeping residents informed about plans and policies and gathering their insights and ideas. This allows us to reach more people and involve them in an accessible way. At the same time, we will maintain physical participation opportunities, such as open evenings. This ensures everyone can participate in a way that suits them.

### **Having a say in your neighbourhood**

A reliable, service-oriented municipality also requires the involvement of its residents. It's important to know what's happening in the neighbourhood or village and which solutions enjoy broad support. We believe it's vital that people engage in conversations with each other and with the municipality about these matters.

#### **Resident representation**

Resident representation ensures that the voices of inhabitants are heard when important decisions are made about their neighbourhood.

- We want to encourage resident representation. This can include residents meeting at community hubs, forming neighbourhood councils or developing neighbourhood plans together. In such plans, residents and the municipality agree on matters such as maintenance of green spaces, squares or streets, and tackling litter. Tuinzigt and Heusdenhout already have such neighbourhood plans.
- We encourage the creation of at least two new neighbourhood plans each year, aiming ultimately for every neighbourhood to have a plan

‘by the residents, for the residents’. After all, they know best what is going on in their area and what could be improved.

### **Neighbourhood rights**

Our municipality has neighbourhood rights (‘buurtrecht’) which means residents with good ideas for their neighbourhood can receive support from the municipality, such as information, funding or assistance. The idea must be beneficial to others and developed together with neighbours.

- We have noticed that neighbourhood rights are seldom used in practice and want the municipality to better inform residents about this initiative.

### **Instilling engagement from an early age**

In our view, understanding and contributing to political and administrative processes should begin as early as possible.

- The municipality should engage with schools on the importance of citizenship education and local Breda history, and actively promote these subjects itself.
- We want every student in Breda, during their time in school, to visit the town hall and the Stedelijk Museum Breda as part of their education. This also offers the municipality a chance to actively involve young people in decision-making.