

**Five
indicators of a
progressive
social-liberal
vision**

- > Trust in people's own power**
- > Think and act internationally**
- > Reward performance and share wealth**
- > Work toward a sustainable and harmonious society**
- > Cherish our civil rights and shared values**

In the 2006/2010 election programme you will find concrete solutions to today's issues. The day-to-day reality of parliamentary work, however, is far more variable than we could possibly predict now. There will no doubt be issues that are only briefly touched upon, if at all, in this programme.

We have therefore chosen to translate our basic principles and ideas into five "indicators". Should any uncertainty arise, our elected representatives will give precedence to these indicators over solutions which, at the time of writing, may have seemed logical and valid, but which have subsequently been overtaken by the facts on the ground.

> Trust in people's own power

We believe in people's own power and their power to develop. This is why we feel optimistic about the future. People have the creative ability to keep coming up with new solutions themselves. We want a government that supports people's intrinsic creativity and resourcefulness. People themselves are the key to change and we want a government that acknowledges this fact. What people can do for themselves and for others is far more important and effective than anything a government might legislate.

> Think and act internationally

Societies are becoming interdependent in ever more ways. We welcome the entire world and wish to exclude no-one. In everything we do, we consider the effects our actions may have on others in the world. We recognise that Europe and the Netherlands are increasingly becoming one. International cooperation and economic progress are the keys to a world with fewer wars and conflicts. Our actions must be pragmatic, level-headed and based on facts.

> Reward performance and share wealth

People may not all be the same, yet they are all equal. People are different and we want a government that provides the freedom for those differences to flourish. We seek economic independence for as many as possible and we believe in rewarding those who have excelled. We want a dynamic, open society in which everyone has the freedom to make their own decisions and to develop as they wish. We consider it a matter of course that wealth should be shared. We want to see the maximum number of people participating socially and economically because this is the road to increased prosperity for us all. We acknowledge that for we all bear a responsibility for those in our society in less fortunate social and economic circumstances.

> Work toward a sustainable and harmonious society

We want to embrace the world with respect and compassion. Respect and compassion for the people around us and for our environment. The earth is not our personal property and it is no consumer item. We wish to stop the depletion and pollution of our environment. We feel the discussion on the environment should shift its focus from finding arguments for preservation to finding arguments for damage.

> Cherish our civil rights and shared values

The fundamental values of our society are freedom and equality for everyone, regardless of beliefs, religion, sexual orientation, leanings or origins. Physical safety, non-violent solutions to conflicts of interest and freedom of expression that is observed with respect, including respect for our democracy, are our core values. These values are universal and paramount. We defend civil rights, both at home and elsewhere.