

A close-up photograph of a person's hands writing in a notebook on a wooden table. The person is wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt and a black watch with a white face and a brown leather strap. In the background, another person's hands are visible, gesturing during a discussion. The scene is set in a meeting or workshop environment.

Election Manifesto

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1. Who is eligible to vote in the municipal elections and how does the voting system work?

All EU citizens older than 16 years that have been registered in Freiburg for more than three months are eligible to vote in the municipal elections! This means that if you are registered in Freiburg you should also receive the official “Wahlbenachrichtigung” before the election!

The municipal election system is quite complicated. Since the Freiburg city council has 48 seats, every voter has 48 votes. You can use these 48 votes by either voting for one list (and thereby everyone on that list) or by focusing on single persons. This means that you can give one candidate up to three votes and then cumulate these votes up to 48. This means that you could give, in theory, 16 candidates of all different lists three votes. Or you can give up 16 different candidates on one list 3 votes. You can also only give one candidate two votes and another three and another one. The most important aspect is that you reach 48 votes in the end! Otherwise your ballot does not count and is invalid! This is also why you will receive the ballot one week before the actual date, so that you have the time to consider which candidate to give your votes to and to count again and again that your ballot won't be invalid!

2. Young Greens Election Manifesto Municipal Elections Freiburg 2019

We take the future in our hands!

We as the Young Greens want to get engaged in the municipal elections with our candidates and this manifesto: We want to do this for you and for ecological and social politics in the Freiburg City Council!

3. Open Society

An open society means for us a society where every person can participate – independent of their sex/gender, their sexual orientation, their looks, their skin colour, their origin, their religion or their body. A sustainable society is only possible if every person has the same chances and discrimination ceases to exist. However, this does not exist at the moment for

the LGBTTTQ+ community, for women, for refugees or for people of colour. Therefore, we have two core projects for the city council, the introduction of gender sensitive language within all communication of the city and a Queer Centre. Moreover, we have five other projects that also further support this idea!

3.1 Gender sensitive language

As a queerfeminist organisation we fight for visibility of women and other disadvantaged groups. Visibility starts with the language. By using the generic masculine, we cannot be inclusive for women. Therefore, we demand that the city uses in all its official communication externally and internally gender sensitive language. Before deciding the “how” we want to focus on the “if”. We want to further support the Gender & Diversity section within the city administration also in this process. Obviously, this is not our only concrete feminist project. We demand further an equal distribution of women in leading positions within the administration. Fighting for gender sensitive language is only one aspect of our fight for more visibility of diversity within our society!

3.2 Queer Centre

Our second demand is to create a Queer Centre within Freiburg that is connecting the existing voluntary work concerning the LGBTTTQ+ community. These organisations are doing great work in a variety of sectors. However, these structures don't receive sufficient funding from the city and they lack good access to rooms for their activities. Accordingly, members of these organisations have already demanded the establishment of such a centre. Again, such a measure is only one aspect of a greater effort for more visibility. Other measures include the establishment of a Queer Contact Person at the Freiburg police or a further focus on Queer tourism. The centre should function as a safe space and as a room for the activities of the volunteer organisations.

3.3 Volunteer Platform

We consider volunteer work as essential for an open society. Therefore, we want to establish an online platform for volunteers to connect themselves and improve their work!

3.4 Accessibility

We want to make sure that people with handicaps have better accessibility throughout the city, especially in public buildings. This should be included in every planning of new buildings by the city!

3.5 Anonymous applications

There should be only anonymous applications for any open post at the city administration. This prevents discrimination within the administration on multiple levels!

3.6 Freiburg becomes Solidarity City!

We want that Freiburg becomes a city for everyone independent of their legal status. Accordingly, persons should no longer be illegalised just for their legal status. Every person in Freiburg should have access to all the infrastructure of the city. Freiburg needs to use the legal abilities it has! Freiburg can follow the practice of Sanctuary Cities in the United States which have a lower unemployment rate and a lower criminality rate according to the evidence!

3.7 Decriminalising Cannabis & Establishing a safe drug use room

We want that Freiburg establishes a room where it is possible to consume drugs in a safe environment. Such rooms have been established in numerous German cities over the last 15 years. They have shown that such a project lead to lower death rates and the drug use is also transferred from the streets into such a safe environment.

During the last month, around 2 million people in Germany consumed Cannabis. The prohibitory approach by the federal government does not seem to work and has even more negative consequences: Cannabis on the black market is often contaminated with toxic substances and there have been reports about 'overbreded' Cannabis. This leads to health risks for the consumers and the dealers and criminal organisations are the only ones that profit from this. They also don't care about the age of their customers. Besides the consumers, the justice system also suffers from a failed drug policy! There were in 2017 204,904 investigations concerning Cannabis where around 80% were dealing only with small amounts! This further strains our police and justice authorities. The repressionist approach has failed and it is time to think about actual youth protection, education and consumer protection. Therefore, we demand a research project for the controlled legal sale of Cannabis.

4. Living in Freiburg

Freiburg is a young, modern and green city. It is necessary that Freiburg calls out, similar to Basel, a climate emergency. Moreover, we need to become emission free long before 2050 to prevent the climate catastrophe. Due to the university of Freiburg, we have high numbers of persons moving to the city. Therefore, the creation of the new quarter Dietenbach is an essential step in guaranteeing an adequate living situation for everyone in Freiburg.

4.1 Solar Panels in Freiburg

We need to get more solar panels in Freiburg. We can achieve this by establishing that every new building must have solar panels on the roof! Only with such decentralised energy projects, we will be able to achieve our climate goals.

4.2 Façade Greenery

By fighting for greener buildings in Freiburg, we ensure that the city becomes cooler in the coming hot summers and that more pollution is extracted from the air. Moreover, stronger biodiversity is guaranteed.

4.3 Greening Streets

We want that streets in Freiburg become greener to guarantee a higher biodiversity within the city. We don't want that the grass within Freiburg is mowed at the same time to ensure a life cycle for these grass spaces.

4.4 Funding for Urban Gardening

More and more people in Freiburg aim at consuming regionally grown food. This can be done by Urban Gardening which gives people the opportunity in Freiburg who do not have their own garden, to grow their own food. Moreover, we want to encourage school gardens to create sensibility for regionally grown products.

4.5 Creating more recreational activities

In order to guarantee that there is a substantive amount of recreational activities for young people in Freiburg, we aim at several concrete projects. First, we want that there is a new ice rink which follows high energetic standards. Second, we want the funding for the renovation of the Freiburg Westbad so that it can be reopened again! Moreover, new sports grounds have to be created in Freiburg to ensure that there is enough space for youth activities!

4.6 Renaturation of the Dreisam

The renaturation of the Dreisam along the SC stadium represents one of the most beautiful spots in all Freiburg. We want to further fund such renaturation projects to ensure a healthy ecosystem and higher flood protections.

4.7 Allowing new construction forms & Creating a flat exchange platform

Freiburg will lack more than 15 000 apartments by 2030. To ensure that all living space in Freiburg is used to its highest efficiency we want to create a platform where people can exchange their flats. Therefore, we ensure that students and young families have better access to affordable housing.

Due to the rapid population growth in Freiburg, it is necessary to become more creative to allow affordable housing close to the city. Therefore, we are receptive towards new ideas and forms of construction such as "Tiny Houses" and we want to fund such projects.

4.8 Digitalising Freiburg

A digital city is essential for creating a modern city that is ready for the challenges of the future. Therefore, we demand an online service for all Freiburg residents. Furthermore, the schools in Freiburg need to become more up to date concerning the digital age. This goes for the equipment but also for the teachers!

4.9 Public Wi-Fi

We want a public Wi-Fi across the whole city!

4.10 Cradle to Cradle

We want to fund projects that follow a cradle to cradle philosophy. Such a philosophy ensures that all resources are used in a sustainable way and that they are recycled where it is possible.

4.11 More Public Fountains

By building more public fountains we prevent the unnecessary use of plastic bottles. Thereby, we ensure that everybody has access to clean water without being forced to consume anything!

4.12 Allow self-reliant constructions for young people

We want to follow the ideas of Heidelberg where a group of students build their own apartments. This can be established as a project in Dietenbach.

5. Participation of Children and Youth

It has been said for a long time that the young generation has not been interested in politics. But the big demonstrations concerning Fridays for Future and #SaveYourInternet showed that young people want to get engaged and that they want to be heard. Therefore, we want to ensure that this generation is heard, especially on the municipal level.

5.1 Youth Participation in the Town Hall

We want to create a commissioner for children and youth which reports directly to the mayor. This person must ensure the participation of the young generations by bringing all the organisations responsible for youth participation together to a Round Table.

5.2 Youth Participation in the City Council

Youth under 16 years don't have the right to vote in the municipal elections. Nevertheless, their needs are also relevant! Therefore, we demand that there is a similar process as a citizens' initiative for the young generation where they can collect signatures and are then allowed to bring their issues into the City Council.

5.3 More Social Work for the Youth

Social Work is an important institution at our schools. Therefore, we want to further strengthen it and create new jobs!

5.4 Make the "8er-Rat" more successful

The concept of the 8er-Rat is already quite successful since it brings together students from multiple schools and backgrounds. We want to extend this to even more schools to make its work more inclusive and successful.

5.5 Gemeinschaftsschule at the Tuniberg!

We want that the new school built at Tuniberg will be a Gemeinschaftsschule because such a school allows for more social inclusion and more self-reliant and independent learning. Thereby, students can participate better in society.

6. Cooperation in the City

It is often tried to weigh security against freedom. However, we demand better security, especially for women, in our city without restricting our freedoms!

6.1 Cooperation instead of Law and Order

Instead of establishing more jobs in the Gemeindevollzugsdienst that only harms the social climate in our city by harassing homeless people and street artists we demand that more social and street workers are funded. Moreover, we are against an increase in video surveillance in Freiburg and if it must be established we want a clear label!

6.2 Ensuring Safety for Women

Domestic violence is the highest danger for women in Germany. Every third day a woman is killed by her (ex-)partner. Crimes against women in the public sphere happen way less but they are highly publicised. We want to raise the attention for domestic violence by funding a poster campaign and financing shelters! Moreover, we want a cheaper Frauennachtstaxi and create more awareness in local clubs by strengthening the “Ist Luisa da?” campaign.

7. Night Life and Subculture

Freiburg is a city with a high quality of living concerning the night life. These structures are often covered by voluntary work and must not be restricted by repressive measures by the city administration. Especially in our night life we see that clubs are dying and that there is a necessity for the city to act in accordance with its competencies to support the local night life and cultural activities.

7.1 More Cultural Activities

We need more clubs in Freiburg, to ensure that there is cultural diversity! We need the right infrastructure for such an endeavour. This means that clubs should move into facilities provided by the city. Therefore, Dietenbach needs to be created as an urban quarter that consists of bars and clubs.

7.2 Opening Pop-up-Clubs

If there is a short-term vacancy within buildings in Freiburg, we want the city to use these buildings to make the night life more attractive. Clubs can introduce creative concepts in the short term and give new impulses to the night life in Freiburg. This needs support by the city, especially by strengthening the FWTM.

7.3 Establishing a Night Mayor

Many European cities already have a night mayor that mediates between residents and bar and club owners. Thereby, conflicts are prevented, and new ideas can be developed. We want this for Freiburg as well with a budget for this position.

7.4 Abolishing Curfew

In Freiburg, there is a general curfew, meaning that all clubs, bars and restaurants have to close at 3 am on a weekday and at 5 am on the weekend. On the weekends, the curfew ends at 6 am, creating only one hour of effective curfew. We want to abolish this as it restricts a free development of Freiburg's night life.

7.5 Establishing Outdoor-Galleries

We want to bring more art to Freiburg's streets by giving young artists the chance to present their work to the public. Moreover, we demand yearly 'action days' where schools can become artistic and their art can be exhibited within the scope of a festival.

7.6 Creating a house for musicians

We support the demand for a house for musicians where artists can rehearse and get equipment. This also allows artists to network among each other, making the scene in Freiburg even more creative.

7.7 Establishing a Booking-Fund

We support the idea of a booking-fund which gives clubs money to afford acts that come from outside of Freiburg.

8. Ecological and social mobility

It is clear that we need to reduce our carbon emissions in order to follow the demands of the young generations. The area of mobility has special importance! However, this is an ecological and a social question. On the long term we want a free public transport system. However, on the short term we want a stronger public transportation that is affordable. Moreover, we want more P&R spaces that encourage people to more around the city without their own vehicle

8.1 Let us become the most bicycle friendly city in Germany!

We want that Freiburg becomes the most bicycle friendly city in Germany. We already established new infrastructure for bikes but there is still much left to do. This means that we need bicycle highways, broader bicycle lanes and more bicycle stands. Moreover, the city should support advertisement for job bikes and rental bikes. Other measures are a carfree Sunday and yearly car-free days on certain streets. This creates the space for street festivals so that pedestrians and cyclists can conquer the streets!

8.2 Longer tram schedules

On the weekdays, the tram only drives until 0:30 am. This is unacceptable for such a big and young city as Freiburg. Therefore, we want an extension of the tram schedule during the week. Thereby, the night life in Freiburg becomes more attractive. This would be similar to Tübingen where the public transportation is even for free on Saturdays.

8.3 Discovering Europe with the Semester Ticket

The Freiburg University is part of the European Campus. We want to strengthen this development by making our partner universities more easily accessible! This means that we want to integrate the connections to Strasbourg, Mulhouse, Basel and Karlsruhe in the Semester Ticket. Moreover, we want a Semester Ticket that covers all Baden-Württemberg on the long term.

8.4 Creating better Sozialtickets

We want more affordable Sozialtickets to ensure their accessibility and that everyone receives the support they need.

8.5 Electrifying the city's transport fleet

We want that the transport within the city has zero emissions by 2030! Therefore, we need electric busses and busses based on hydrogen! The same goes for the companies that belong to the city.

8.6 Supporting E-mobility

To make cars with an electric engine more attractive, we want more public charging stations and special parking spaces for these cars.

8.7 More Carsharing

We want to further develop carsharing in Freiburg since this saves emissions and space within the city. One carsharing car can replace up to six other cars! This space could be used for broader bicycle lines and other infrastructure.

8.7 Connecting the vicinity to the public transportation network

Within Freiburg many people use public transportation or their bike. However, most of the 60,000 commuters come to Freiburg by car. To change that, we need to connect the vicinity better to the public transportation network and improve the timing of this transportation. Another possibility would be to raise parking fees since this encourages commuters to use public transportation. Overall, the costs for public transportation should be below the costs for using a car!

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