



Introducing the Dutch Socialist Party:

The Dutch Socialist Party (SP) is the third biggest political party in the Netherlands. As modern socialists we seek to build a society based on **human dignity, equality and solidarity**. To achieve this, we are active both inside and outside Parliament.

Members of the SP come from all walks of life. Factory workers and students, nurses and maintenance engineers, accountants and civil servants, pupils and pensioners all work together in our party. In the SP, young people are united in our youth organisation 'ROOD, jong in de SP' (RED, young in the SP). ROOD campaigns for better and more accessible education for all, for fair pay, good jobs and better housing for young people.

In Maastricht the SP is part of the local governing coalition. We are not, however, merely an electoral platform. If you want to change society, there is a great deal of work to be done outside as well as inside Parliament, provincial assembly or council chamber. That's why we organize

campaigns and demonstrations on an international, national and local level.

Ideals and Action:

We believe the growing division and inequality in our world and our societies are consciously cultivated under neoliberalism. By offering alternatives, based on social democratic principles we try to reverse this global trend. We actively campaign against high rents and bad working conditions. We campaign for the protection of the environment and better health care for all. We take a stand against the further erosion of social security and for a reasonable income for everyone; for equal opportunities, against the growing worldwide gap between rich and poor and for a more caring society.

Internationally:

The SP maintains good contacts with progressive organisations throughout the world. We exchange views and co-operate across borders on issues such as international security, globalisation and the unfair division of wealth in the world. The SP has taken part in international campaigns against the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and combats multinational corporations that undermine working conditions and pollute the environment. In the European Parliament the SP forms part of the Confederal Group of the European United Left / Nordic Green Left, the GUE-NGL (www.guengl.eu)

“The future is not for predatory capitalism, but for the people. The future doesn't belong to the market, but to us. Together we will fight for a world where it isn't the interests of the few which count, but those of us all.” Lilian Marijnissen - Party leader in Parliament

The SP in Maastricht, For the Students in Maastricht:

- *At the moment there are not enough housing facilities for students. Student housing needs to be a priority. Therefore we want a clear policy on how and where to house students in accordance with their needs and wishes.*
- *While we believe student campuses meet the needs of international (short-stay) students, the SP prefers diversity and city districts of mixed population. This is why we support standards for the density of the student population in various areas of the city.*
- *There should be enough opportunities to go out for Dutch as well as foreign students. Initiatives such as The International Student Club should be stimulated and well facilitated.*
- *The SP supports a broad variety of cultural activities, such as music, dance and stage arts. We want to invest in popular music by facilitating De Muziekgieterij, enlarging the rehearsal facilities and breathing new life in our popular music festival Bruis.*
- *We are looking for buildings or empty industrial areas, which can be transferred into cultural hotspots and/or can be used as workshops and studios.*

You can find more about the SP in

Maastricht at maastricht.sp.nl

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“Our civilisation came about thanks to collectivism and struggle. With your ideals in our heads and your militancy and courage in our hearts our mission will progress. The SP is ready to take the next step. Bring it on”. Ron Meyer – Chairman