

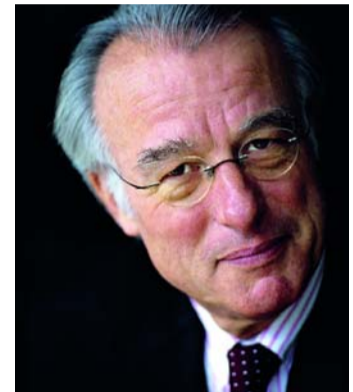
ELECTIONS THE HAGUE '10



You(')r(e) right to vote



The Hague city icon, City Hall by Richard Meier



Jozias
van Aartsen
Mayor
The Hague

You can vote too

The Hague is host to many international businesses and institutions. We are very proud of this and wish to fulfill our role as host to the best of our abilities. The city works hard to make it as pleasant as possible for all her citizens. Every four years a new city council is elected and consequently a new governing board is formed. On March 3rd it is your moment: that is when all the inhabitants of The Hague are given the opportunity to let their voice be heard. A large part of the international community is entitled to vote in these local elections. The exact conditions that apply can be found in this paper. In addition in this paper you will find a concise overview of the different political parties and all kinds of practical information concerning the elections. I call on you all to make use of your democratic right to vote on March 3rd. That is the way to have an influence on the city where you, even if it is often only temporarily, reside. Our beautiful and widely acclaimed International City of Peace and Justice: The Hague, la Haye, Den Haag.

Jozias van Aartsen
Mayor The Hague

Who can vote?

Although most elections in the Netherlands are open to Dutch citizens only, international residents may take part in the municipal elections provided they meet the requirements stated below. Many foreign nationals are unaware of their right to vote in municipal

elections to the municipal council. The next elections are on Wednesday, March 3rd, 2010. With the exception of embassy and consular staff, most expats over 18 who are registered in The Hague have the right to vote in local elections. Citizens of European Union (EU)

member states are eligible to vote. International residents from non-EU member states must have lived in the Netherlands legally and uninterrupted for five years in order to take part in the municipal elections. Specific voter registration is not necessary.

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MARCH 3rd
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS
2010



Interview with Frits Huffnagel

Unique facilities for expats in The Hague

The Hague is the most international city in the Netherlands. Elsewhere in the Netherlands an English or French speaking person is often a tourist. In The Hague it is often someone who works and lives here. That is why for the Mayor & Aldermen supporting the expats has been a top priority for years.

In 2006 the first Expat Desk in the Netherlands was opened at The Hague City Hall. Alderman Frits Huffnagel (International Affairs and City Marketing): "Of course we are very proud of this. The recent Decisio report, by the international organisations themselves, indicates that the level of service by the Desk is high. Satisfaction has grown further!" In the City Hall but also on location well frequented 'Welcome to The Hague'- programmes are often organised. Huffnagel has news: "Even before the summer a unique one-stop shop will be opened in the City Hall at the location of the current Expat Desk. Until now everything revolved around providing information. But with the arrival of the IND, the Immigration and Naturalisation Service, also documents like residential permits and social security numbers will be provided. That is important to the new arrivals amongst the expats, because this enables



Frits Huffnagel, Alderman The Hague

them to work in the Netherlands and for example open a bank account. Also direct registration of the expats can be arranged." The latter is important for many administrative actions such as applying for the obligatory health care insurance. "The collaboration between IND, the Expat Desk and the Expat Volunteer Association Access is great. And all that under one roof." With the program Excellent Service The Hague is leading in the Netherlands. The almost 40.000 expats are of great importance to The Hague. The city acquires an increasingly cosmopolitan character and that is beneficial to city pride.

"In addition every expat ensures at least one extra job. And many expats are our future goodwill ambassadors in the world. That is why we intend to make their stay as enjoyable as possible." Hence the motto of the council member: 'Often we welcome a stranger, but we want to make sure that we send home a friend'. The latter however is not always necessary. "Lately I encounter more and more expats who wish to remain in The Hague to live and work." Smiling: "Well, that doesn't surprise me! However, whether people are here on a temporary basis or permanently, I hope that everyone will use their right to vote!"

StemBus and StemTram

Do you still remember the old green and yellow HTM trams and the old HTM buses? They'll be back on March 3rd for the municipal elections. You will



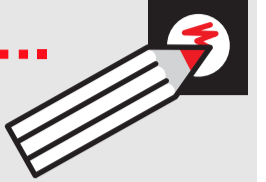
not only be able to sit in them in order to get from A to B, but you'll also be able to vote in them. A special StemTram and StemBus will function as alternative polling stations for The Hague's municipal elections. The tram and bus will both follow a special route. Residents of The Hague will be able to vote where the StemTram and the StemBus make their stops. You can find the timetable and route of both the StemTram and StemBus at www.denhaag.nl/gemeenteraad.

Students put their creativity to work for the elections

Communication students from The Hague University and InHolland have worked very hard for the council during the past few weeks. In groups of 4 to 5 students commercials have been created to motivate the voting behaviour amongst young people. In the first week of February a professional jury selected the best commercial at The Hague University. This commercial is broadcasted through The Hague University, McDonalds and KFC-branches in The Hague. <<

did you know that....

The city council of The Hague holds 45 seats?



street talk

NAME: Afshaan Shafi

AGE: 'Not important'

OCCUPATION: International Civil Servant

FROM: USA, Santa Monica

Quote:

I think that it's really remarkable that in Holland the municipalities allow foreigners to vote. I voted in the last municipal elections and hope do so again in these elections. It gives me an opportunity to have a say in what's happening in our town!

Vote Guide

You wish to express your vote on March 3rd, but you don't know which party to vote for? In that case you can make use of the 'Stemwijzer' (Vote Guide) on www.stemwijzer.nl (in Dutch). By responding to propositions you can see which parties most closely represent your opinions. You can also look through the profiles of all participating parties' candidates on www.wiekiesjij.nl (Who do you elect). Click on 'Den Haag' on this website (in Dutch) to view candidates from The Hague.

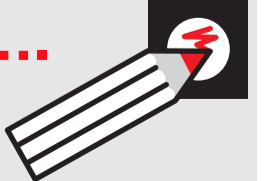


Pre-election night party

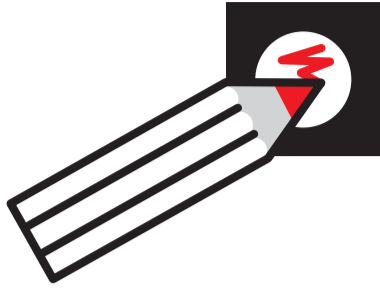
On March 2nd 2010 The Hague will hold the first ever 'VekiezingsNâch' (Election Night) at the Grote Markt. Starting at 20.00 hrs. all residents of The Hague are welcome on the Grote Markt and the restaurants and bars there to celebrate the 'VekiezingsNâch' together. What can you expect from the 'VekiezingsNâch'? In any case lots of music, dance, theatre and comedy as well as debates between party leaders, a debate between political youth groups and student unions, a school debate and a fashion show. At the stroke of midnight you'll be welcome at the Koorenhuis where you can be one of the first in Europe to cast your vote. Don't forget to bring your voting pass (stempas) and a valid ID. <<

did you know that....

A new governing board is elected every four years?



20 parties to choose from...



Candidates for municipal elections 2010: Who will you vote for? On January 22nd the election office at the Municipality of The Hague decided on the candidates list for the municipal elections on March 3rd 2010. A total of 20 political parties are taking part in this year's municipal council elections. The parties present themselves in this special election newspaper.

(The political parties have provided the content of the following three pages)



01: PARTIJ VAN DE ARBEID (PVDA)

Jeltje van Nieuwenhoven
www.denhaag.pvda.nl

Why should people vote for you?

The Dutch Labour Party, PvdA, stands for an undivided The Hague where everybody counts. Citizens should take an active part in society. Our main focus is on employment, employability and equal opportunities. For those who cannot work or provide for themselves we offer support. We take pride in our international city of justice and peace and are pleased to accommodate so many expatriates here. For all our citizens, permanent and temporary, we want our city to be safe, clean and green, provide good, affordable housing, schools and healthcare facilities. In order to do so we need a solid and prosperous economy.



02: VVD

Sander Dekker
www.vvddenhaag.nl

Why should people vote for you?

The VVD only spends your money on useful things, such as a clean and safe city. The government will spend less money, allowing the VVD to cut taxes on your home or business (OZB) by 10%. Dog-license fees and tourist taxes will be scrapped. Parking tariffs will be frozen. From now on, parking money will be spent on new parking spaces. The VVD invests in your safety. More police on the streets. More conductors on trams. And punishment for those who deserve punishment. Vandals will not get away with community service. Offenders must pay for the damage they have wrought.



03: CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (CDA)

Karsten Klein
www.cdadenhaag.nl

Why should people vote for you?

The Christian Democratic party welcomes the international community! A well functioning expat desk to inform expats on all possible areas, a working permit and a 'civilian service number' have to be arranged in a short period of time. Good information should also be available related to hospitals and schools. We are willing to listen to the wishes of expats and take action. Easy integration in The Hague should be facilitated. Not only the working expats need our attention, but also the family that moved along; a clean and safe city, a pleasant living environment, sufficient sports and play facilities, international stores, and sufficient capacity for international schools.



04: SP (SOCIALIST PARTY)

Ingrid Gyömörei
www.denhaag.sp.nl

Why should people vote for you?

It's time to humanise local politics. According to the SP (Socialist Party), all amenities should be available in the neighbourhood. The demolition of affordable housing must be stopped. Together with the SP, let's create a more social The Hague!

- more affordable housing
- conductor on every tram;
- healthcare, education and sports in the neighbourhood;
- stop megalomaniac expensive building plans;
- living, working and studying in (ethnically) mixed groups of people;
- more local bobby's;
- no buildings in dunes;
- protection of nature;
- careful treatment of conservation areas.



05: GROEN LINKS

Bert van Alphen
www.denhaag.groenlinks.nl

Why should people vote for you?

We have been part of The Hague's municipal government for the past four years. Many things have been achieved, but there are many issues still to be resolved and we have ambitious plans.

1. GroenLinks aims to improve the quality of life in the city by limiting traffic in residential areas, creating spaces for people to relax and for children to play and, secondly by adding more green to public spaces.
2. GroenLinks wants to improve the cultural life in The Hague, including productions of international standing and character, where other parties want to cut the budget for culture.
3. GroenLinks actively promotes a climate of tolerance between the various social, religious and ethnic groups in the city.



06: D66

Marjolein de Jong
www.d66denhaag.nl

Why should people vote for you?

D66 has ensured that as an inhabitant of The Hague, you are not only informed about your surroundings but can also actively influence decisions affecting you. D66 places great value on culture as cultural establishments are pivotal to The Hague. Essentially they provide for much of the available entertainment within the city. D66 has a firm belief in education as a basis for our policies. Not only do we want to place a porter at every school in our city, we also aim to ensure that each school is safe and has a good environment. Vote D66 on the 3rd of March to guarantee a 'green' and pleasant city, with a clear direction for the future.



07: ISLAM DEMOCRATEN

Dilaver Delikaya
www.islam-democraten.nl

Why should people vote for you?

The international character of our city The Hague, welcomes companies and embassies from all over the world. A lot of employees from those international companies and embassies are living and working in the Netherlands. In the past Islam Democraten has already worked together with expats in the case of a dangerous over-way on the Benoordenhoutseweg. Islam Democraten holds its doors always open and is willing to listen to members of the community as a whole. Voting for Islam Democraten means voting for the gainings of the community as a whole, no one excluded!



08: POLITIEKE PARTIJ SCHEVENINGEN

Jaap Spaans
www.ppscheveningen.nl

Why should people vote for you?

The Politieke Partij Scheveningen (PPS) wants to make a social difference for Scheveningen and The Hague. Young and old people can work and live in a nice, green and safe environment. The city and the boulevard should be places where traffic and parking is no problem. We are opponents of high buildings near the coast. Historical buildings need to be saved, not torn down. The harbour of Scheveningen has to be a place where lots of people can find work in the fishing industry and tourism. Scheveningen has an impressive cultural tradition. People should be educated about this. The tradition needs to be saved.



09: HAAGSE STADSPARTIJ

Joris Wijsmuller
www.haagsestadspartij.nl

Why should people vote for you?

The voice of the inhabitants should no longer be ignored. We want a green city with respect for all cultural heritage and we are in favour of a vibrant city with great art and nightlife. The Haagse Stadspartij fights for a social and safe city with better healthcare and more homeless shelters. First we want to reduce the vacancy of buildings instead of building thousands of houses. No more high-rise along the coast. No cruise terminal on the Zuiderstrand-beach. We give priority to public transport, bicycle and pedestrian and want public transport free of charge. We want every citizen to read, speak and write the Dutch language.



10: PARTIJ VOOR DE DIEREN (PARTY FOR THE ANIMALS)

Marieke de Groot
www.partijvoordedieren.nl

Why should people vote for you?

The Party for the Animals stands for compassion and sustainability. We are the first political party ever not to focus on short term human advantages, but on what is important for animals, nature and the environment in the long run. We are a party for people who have the courage to take a bigger leap, who are willing to look beyond their own interests. For the city of The Hague this means that we intend to stop all costly prestige and hobby projects that politicians are trying to realise mainly in their own interest. Besides we want to turn The Hague into the greenest and most sustainable city in the Netherlands, where people can live in harmony with animals, nature and the environment.

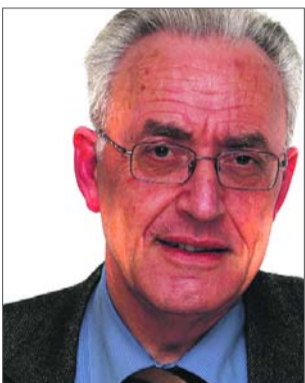


15: UNIE VAN DEMOCRATEN

Ahmet Daskapan
www.Unievandemocraten.nl

Why should people vote for you?

The union of democrats wants to shape the multicultural society by way of democratic principals and the universal declaration of human rights. We stand for a social government and a social policy. We stand for a mixed economy, in which the free market economy will be stimulated and the governments economical investments will be an important principal to make a strong economy. No taxes from the local authority, free parking, free public transport and no more unemployment. Last but not least, we want a course for all the Dutch citizens about the multicultural society, anti-discrimination and about other cultures and religions.



16: CHRISTELIJK SOCIAAL DEN HAAG (SGP)

Wim Pijl
www.ChristelijkSociaalDenHaag.nl

Why should people vote for you?

Christelijk Sociaal Den Haag - SGP is a platform that releases a Christian social sound in The Hague. Our list is made of Christians from all kinds of congregations who have a heart for The Hague. We want:

- A safer The Hague: Taking actions against slumlords, weed plantations, criminality, weed-coffeeshops and prostitution;
- A more liveable The Hague: Cleaner, greener, children friendly neighbourhoods;
- A more social The Hague: No budget cuts on healthcare, rehabilitation programs for drug addicts and prostitutes, and good integration courses;
- A nice, characteristic beach (Scheveningen/Kijkduin);
- Room for (migrant) Churches.



17: DE VRIJE TEGENPARTIJ

Co Roeleveld
www.devrijetegenpartij.nl

Why should people vote for you?

De Vrije Tegenpartij is a significant, new and local party. We differ from the current establishment. We are not into specific party philosophies and we won't participate in backroom politics, as the sitting parties do. Our designated representatives are all high-quality candidates who are free to follow their own conscience in every decision they have to make in reviewing the Municipal proposals. They have our city at heart. We challenge you: If you want to participate in the decisions made by local government and you want the best for the city and citizens of The Hague, vote for this local party, List 17.



18: STOP WILDERS NU

Frans Schulte
www.stopwilders.nu

Why should people vote for you?

A group of citizens worried about the effects of extreme right-wing politician Geert Wilders' PVV participating in the municipal election in The Hague started this local political initiative. Vote for Stop Wilders Nu (SWN) if you believe in The Hague as international city of peace and justice. SWN believes that although Wilders' issues are alright, his answers are wide off the target. SWN wants Wilders to tone down his statements because they are bad for the international position of the Netherlands. SWN would like to stimulate more international companies to establish their businesses in The Hague. And better quality retail opportunities, SWN will stimulate renowned brands to come to The Hague.



11: PARTIJ VAN DE EENHEID

Abderrazaq Khoufani
www.pvd-eeheid.nl

Why should people vote for you?

As a political party in The Hague we aim to stand up for The Hague community, in order to create a more friendly and coherent living climate for everyone in our beautiful city. This demands commitment and persistence to achieve what we all want. We want to lend a strong voice to the Muslim community in The Hague and stand up for all the more vulnerable people within the borders of The Hague. Banishing injustice and inequality is part of our focal points. This can of course be realised in various ways.



13: CHRISTENUNIE

Willy de Zoete
www.denhaaginbloei.nl

Why should people vote for you?

The ChristenUnie believes that people are valuable; everybody is talented and everybody is needed. All those different people together shape the city. When people flourish, the city will flourish. The ChristenUnie wants a safe, involved, durable and versatile The Hague. Major points from our election program:

- The Hague will become the most family-friendly large city; safe for children and their families.
- The Hague is an international city with space and mutual respect for differences in identity, religion and culture.
- Stop paid parking permits, start by developing a parking plan for the entire city.
- More opportunities for entrepreneurs and private initiatives, less rules; customer-friendly procedures. Together we make The Hague flourish.



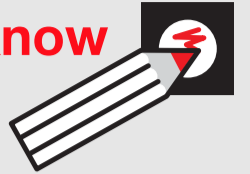
14: NEDERLANDSE MOSLIM PARTIJ

Khalid Ahmed Chaudry
www.nederlandsemoslimpartij.nl

Why should people vote for you?

Without International Organisations, Expats, our City could never enjoy the status of Legal Capital of the world, International City. I very honestly claim that 'I share their dreams' to struggle for a world free of Injustices, Suppression, Oppression, Repression, Tyranny, Extremism, Terrorism, Prejudice, Violation of Universal Human Rights, Poverty, Illiteracy, Segregation, Apartheid, Discrimination. That's why I expect our Expat Community would consider me as their own candidate, helping me to continue our efforts improving infrastructure, a suitable environment for expats, a constructive role of The Hague around the globe. So that, 'We The People', can live with sustainable peace, harmony, global solidarity!

did you know that....



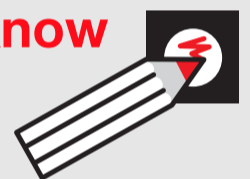
The city council meets every three weeks on Thursday morning? All these meetings are public and can be followed on the internet.

Expat debate

Expat debate in City Hall
Wednesday February 24th 2010
at 20.00 hours
Please register at
welcome@thehaguestcard.com

All you want to know about opinions of local political parties.

did you know that....



A new governing board is elected every four years?



19: DE LIBERALE PARTIJ

C. Mahabier

Why should people vote for you?

By the Ministry of Home Affairs and Justice the security of all citizens is guaranteed; do not worry; also on a municipal level. Education is not free for all, because only the rich can afford this for their children. The poor are not given a chance because of a lack of funds. Housing should become more affordable, in order to avoid money problems for citizens. There has to be a strict control over CWI employees, they have to treat the unemployed in a more friendly manner. In case of road works traffic should be redirected properly. The Hague has to become a super tourist city. Free public transport on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Discard the head scarf; it is not mentioned anywhere in the Quran.



20: PARTY FOR FREEDOM (PVV)

Sietse Fritsma
www.pvvdenhaag.nl

Why should people vote for you?

The PVV (Party for Freedom) wants to protect our western values (as equality of men and women) against the ongoing Islamisation that undermines them, also in The Hague! Our party stands for a zero-tolerance approach on crime and for safe and clean streets. We want to cut taxes (on municipality level) and we want to spend more money on a better healthcare for the elderly. Inhabitants of The Hague should be consulted when important decisions are to be made. It's time for the PVV!



21: TROTS OP NEDERLAND LIJST RITA VERDONK

Arnoud Bakhuizen
www.denhaagistrotsopnederland.nl

Why should people vote for you?

Because we want to be proud of our City again. No expensive colossal plans, initiating huge buildings and projects of so-called 'international status' but a peaceful city where one feels at home, with pleasant green lanes and parks and simple parking solutions, a police force one notices in the streets, protecting us against villains and terrorists, in stead of distributing parking fines. Because we want to spend less money on civil servants with no effectiveness, i.e. so called 'cultural support' which is nothing less than lost money.

Expats: please vote!

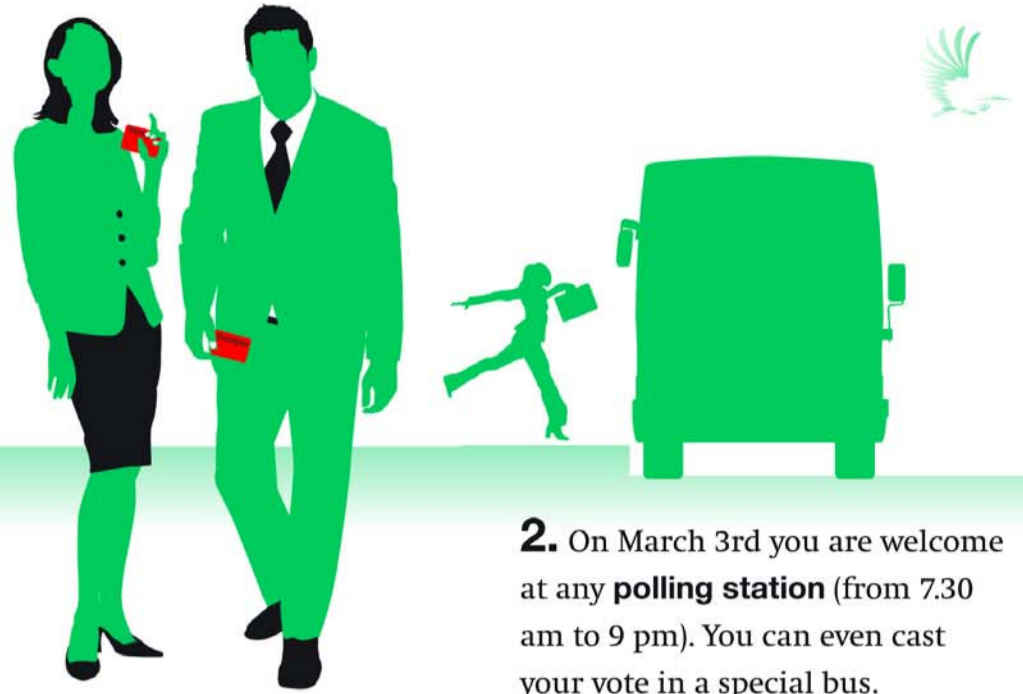
Minister Maxime Verhagen of Foreign Affairs calls on expats to vote in the city council elections. Verhagen considers voting of great importance, because this way expats are more involved in Dutch society. At a political gathering he underlined that especially in The Hague many expats live and work: "You can make the difference." The minister emphasises that local politics are important to expats, because that is where amongst others decisions are made on facilities like health care and sports, which are also used by foreigners.

News article Source: AD, Tuesday February 2nd



May we have your vote, please?

Approximately 35,350 international residents of The Hague, or more than 9% of the city's total number of eligible voters, may take part in the 2010 local elections. How important is your vote?



1. As an eligible voter residing in The Hague, you received a **Voting Pass**.

2. On March 3rd you are welcome at any **polling station** (from 7.30 am to 9 pm). You can even cast your vote in a special bus.



Jozias van Aartsen

Mayor
burgemeester

The Mayor is appointed by the Queen. He's the chairman of the council.

The Mayor and Aldermen form the **Governing Board**

Burgemeester en wethouders

Aldermen
Wethouders



City Hall
Stadhuis

Important offices



The Bureau for Monuments and Historical Sites
Monumentenzorg



The Municipal Archives of The Hague
Haags Gemeentearchief

Departments

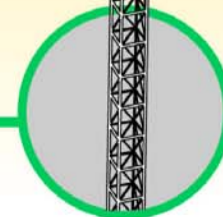
The municipality of The Hague is responsible for many things



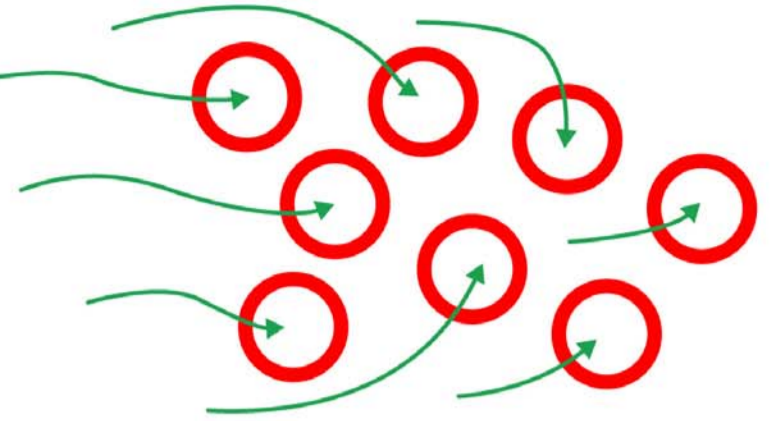
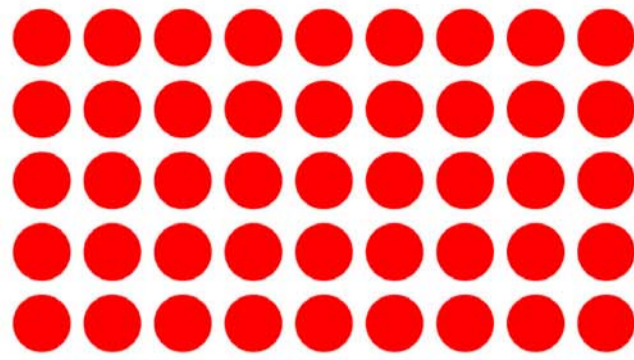
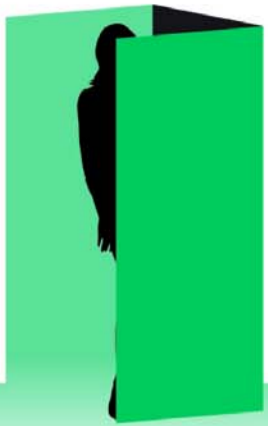
Department of Education, Culture & Welfare
Dienst Onderwijs, Cultuur en Welzijn



Department of Social Affairs and Employment Projects
Dienst Sociale Zaken en Werkgelegenheidsprojecten



Department of Urban Development
Dienst Stedelijke Ontwikkeling

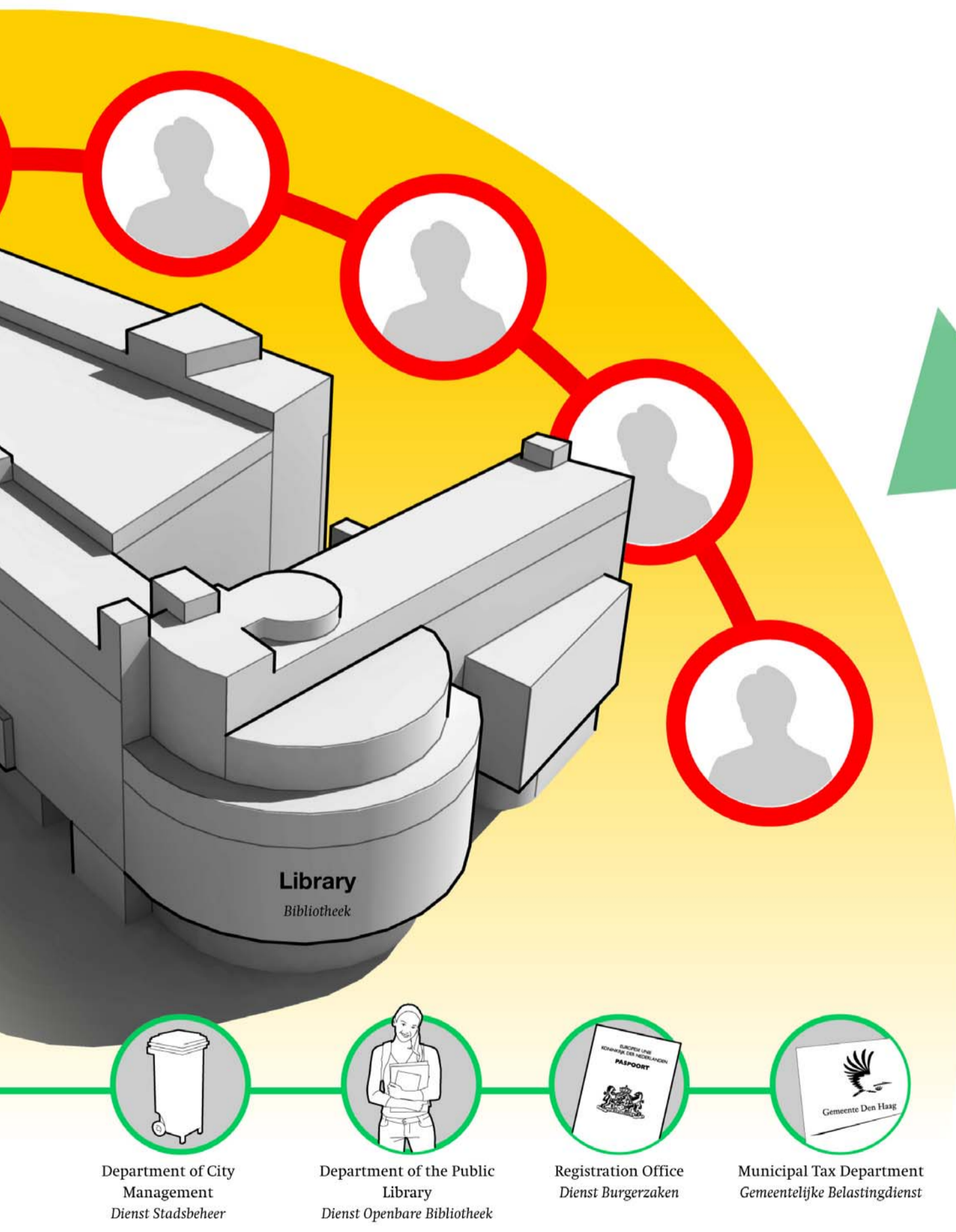


3. 20 political parties are represented at the election. You vote for a **candidate of a party** for the local council.

4. The **council** consists of 45 members who are elected for the next 4 years. Depending on the results of the elections, they choose the Mayor's Aldermen.

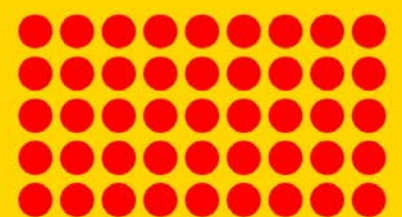
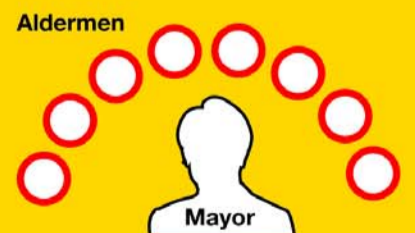
5. These Aldermen work together with the Mayor in de City Government.

The council you are voting for controls the Mayor and the Aldermen



Public meetings

The local council holds session every three weeks on Thursday. These meetings with the Mayor, the Aldermen and the Council are public.



Council

Department of City Management
Dienst Stadsbeheer

Department of the Public Library
Dienst Openbare Bibliotheek

Registration Office
Dienst Burgerzaken

Municipal Tax Department
Gemeentelijke Belastingdienst

Municipal Elections on March 3rd

Municipal elections will be held on Wednesday, March 3rd 2010 throughout the Netherlands. You, too, can help determine who will represent you the coming four years in The Hague Municipal Council. Take advantage of your voter eligibility and vote!

Who is eligible to vote?

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- Citizens of European Union (EU) member states
- International residents from non-EU member states who have lived in the Netherlands uninterrupted for five years as of January 19th 2010 and have not lost their right to vote in their country of origin.

With the exception of embassy and consular staff, most non-Dutch citizens over the age of 18 years have the right to vote in local elections if they were registered as a resident of The Hague on January 19th 2010. Dutch citizens as well as citizens of European Union (EU) member states are in any case eligible to vote.

International residents from non-EU member states must have lived in the Netherlands uninterrupted for five years in order to take part in the municipal elections. Like Dutch citizens, they must be 18 years or older and not have lost their right to vote in their country of origin.

Specific voter registration is not necessary.

Voting pass

Eligible voters who are registered as residents of The Hague will receive a voting pass (stempas) by February 17th at the latest. The voting pass proves that you are eligible to vote. With the pass you can vote in a polling station of your choice. Your voting pass will show the address of the polling station closest to your home, but you are not required to vote there. You can still decide where you will cast your vote even on election day itself. You need to bring your voting pass as well as a valid ID (passport, Dutch identity card or driving licence) to the polling station. You are required to show these to the person manning the station.

Voting by proxy

If you are unable to vote yourself on Wednesday, March 3rd, you may appoint someone to vote on your behalf. That person must also be registered as a resident of The Hague on January 19th. To appoint a proxy, you just fill out the back of your voting pass and both you and your proxy will need to sign it. You can then give your voting pass to the person you've appointed as your proxy. You must also be able to identify yourself in this case. You will need to give a copy of your valid ID to the person you've

appointed as your proxy. Be careful with who you appoint as your proxy. Once you've appointed a proxy, you will not be able to reverse the process. Every eligible voter may vote on behalf of two other voters. Extra votes will be cast at the same time you cast your own vote. No vote without a voting pass. Is your voting pass lost or damaged? You may not vote without a voting pass. You can request a replacement voting pass at all the sub-municipal offices up until March 2nd 2010 at 13.00 hrs. at the latest. To request a replacement voting pass you will need to complete the form 'aanvraagformulier vervangende stempas' and you will need to have a valid ID.

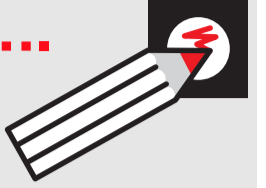
Polling stations

Polling stations will be opened in all the various neighbourhoods of The Hague. All the polling stations are easy to reach and are handicapped accessible, particularly those located in nursing homes. The polling stations are open on election day from 7.30 to 21.00 hrs. Below you will find an overview of all the polling stations in The Hague. In addition to these regular polling stations, the municipality will also open a number of extra polling stations at special locations. You can find an overview of the polling stations together with their opening hours on www.denhaag.nl/en.htm.

For more information, contact Projectbureau Verkiezingen at tel. 070 - 353 44 88 or verkiezingen@dbz.denhaag.nl.

did you know that....

Men have had the general right to vote since 1917 and women since 1919?



street talk



NAME: Niamh Ni Bhroin

AGE: 52

OCCUPATION: Writer/musician

FROM: Ireland

Quote:

I am delighted to vote on March 3rd. I would like to think that I could also contribute to the running of the Netherlands. Voting keeps democracy alive and am very happy as a foreigner to be able to vote.

A good conversation in the debate mobile

On Monday February 15th the debate mobile has started touring The Hague. At different locations it stops to engage in conversation with local citizens, together with familiar faces from the neighbourhood. The conversation will concern pressing issues in The Hague as well as what the various parts of the city think of their environment. When the debate mobile will visit your part of town can be found in the schedule below:

- Loosduinen (Shopping Centre) end of February, date to be announced on www.denhaag.nl.
- Escamp (Shopping Centre Leyweg): Wednesday February 24th 2010
- Leidschenvveen-Ypenburg (Shopping Centre): Friday February 26th 2010
- Laak (Corner of Gouverneurlaan/Van Koetsveldstraat): Monday March 1st 2010
- Haagse Hout (Station Mariahoeve): Tuesday March 2nd 2010

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