



Election programm of the CDU Radevormwald

# FUTURE PLAN FOR RADEVORMWALD

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## Foreword

### **What will Radevormwald look like in 2030 if we rethink together?**

A city with modern schools, safe streets and an administration that lives and breathes service.

A city centre that connects, with life, encounters and character.

Children grow up in modern daycare centres and schools where learning is fun.

Young families find affordable housing, leisure activities and real support in everyday life.

Young people have space to help shape their lives - in politics, culture and sport.

Senior citizens live in the centre of society, are active, involved and well looked after. Our voluntary work is strong, our clubs are meeting places for all generations.

Radevormwald 2030 thinks economy and environment together. Local businesses are growing with clear support, while climate protection and sustainability have become a matter of course. Mobility is cleverly organised: short distances, safe school routes, modern cycle paths and local public transport that works.

In Radevormwald 2030, people talk to each other. People feel that their opinions count, their ideas are heard and their concerns are taken seriously.

With the **Radevormwald Plan for the Future**, we are presenting an election programme that describes the path to a new chapter for our town. It is far more than a classic party programme. It is the result of many intensive discussions with citizens, numerous deliberations of our own and, above all, open participation in three public events organised by our **think tank**. The impulses, suggestions and perspectives that emerged there have not only been incorporated into this programme - they have had a significant impact on it. Because only those who listen can effectively shape the programme.

For us, "**Radevormwald anew**" is not just a slogan, but an expression of a fundamental political attitude. It is about leaving the beaten track, questioning old routines and having the courage to seek new solutions. We want to strengthen trust in local politics and establish a new culture of cooperation. Radevormwald needs a new style of leadership: approachable, solution-oriented and open to dialogue.

**The CDU Radevormwald stands united behind its candidate for mayor.**

We are convinced that **a young, motivated, dynamic and at the same time politically experienced and well-known mayor with a clear set of values is exactly the right man to realise this plan for the future.** Dejan Vujinovic combines a down-to-earth attitude and vision, new perspectives and municipal experience. He stands for modern, citizen-centred and transparent local politics and has exactly the profile that our city now needs to shape change together. He embodies the new departure that we want for our city: unifying in tone, clear on the issues, ready to take responsibility. Extensive experience in local government and a well-developed network in Radevormwald town society, with the responsible authorities in the district, state and federal government as well as the Bergisch municipalities and beyond, form the best prerequisites for successful work for our town.

The **Radevormwald Future Plan** is our compass for the coming years. It shows how we can make our town more modern, fairer and more liveable. With concrete measures, but also with a clear attitude: **more togetherness, more participation, more future.** It stands for a new sense of togetherness in our urban society, for a genuine new departure in administration and politics, for honest and transparent cooperation at eye level.

This programme is our offer to all those who are prepared to break new ground with us. To all those who believe in Radevormwald and want a city that thinks forwards and does not manage backwards.

Let's **rethink Radevormwald.**

## Order and security

A functioning community needs order, safety and mutual respect. Only where people feel safe - on streets, squares, in schools, buses and at meeting places - can trust grow and good co-operation develop. In Radevormwald, however, many citizens experience that the presence of law enforcement officers is increasingly dwindling. The results of our **think tank** have clearly shown that many Radevormwald residents feel relatively safe - but they increasingly associate this feeling of safety with a clear expectation: **more visible law enforcement presence**. We are also campaigning for Radevormwald to have a full police station again. However, as long as this is not the case, we will rethink our role as a municipal public order authority and expand the municipal public order service.

In addition, the discussions repeatedly identified specific **areas of fear**, such as the bus station - places where people feel unsafe, especially in the evening. We want to target these areas and turn them back into safe, liveable places for everyone.

**This is what we are committed to:**

### **More presence by municipal security service (KOD) - install city guard**

We want to strengthen the municipal public order service in terms of personnel and organisation - so that it is present more often, for longer and throughout the entire city. We will therefore create a permanent presence for the KOD in the city centre - the city watch. Especially in the evening hours, before, during and after events as well as at weekends, if necessary, the KOD will provide more security and control in public spaces and be a direct point of contact.

### **Low-threshold contact with law enforcement officers**

We want to improve the accessibility of the public order office and KOD - through an emergency number specifically for citizens' concerns. We are also looking into the use of emergency call buttons with a camera function in areas of fear. Always in compliance with data protection regulations, of course.

### **Identify and defuse areas of fear**

We take the comments of our citizens seriously. Whether it is the bus station, Schlossmacherpassage or Hermannstraße - these places are being specifically scrutinised and upgraded with structural, design and safety measures.

### **Improve the maintenance and cleanliness of public spaces and parks**

More rubbish bins, deposit ring systems and regular cleaning - especially to combat chewing gum, broken glass and vandalism. We want to enhance the cityscape and strengthen the sense of responsibility in dealing with rubbish in public spaces. In this context, we are planning to step up the work of the public order office.

### **Strengthening safe routes to school**

We pay particular attention to routes to school: safe crossings, better lighting and clear measures against dangerous parent taxis before and after school - through designated stopping zones, communication with parents and consistent traffic monitoring.

### **Public participation in the security concept**

A modern safety concept must be developed jointly. We rely on active citizen participation in its creation - with public discussion and a regular safety barometer in order to measure progress transparently and be able to make adjustments. We will review the existing safety concept and adjust it if necessary.

### **Strengthening the volunteer fire brigade**

In addition to the best equipment for our volunteer fire brigade, we want to achieve greater appreciation for the commitment of our comrades. We will work to make the enormous commitment of our volunteer firefighters visible and recognise it appropriately. In order to further strengthen this valuable voluntary work, we will look into introducing a small and fair deployment fee - as a small token of appreciation. We would like to further expand our support for the children's and youth fire brigade.

**Our aim is to make Radevormwald a place where safety and order are a matter of course.**

## Children, family, youth and senior citizens

Radevormwald should be a town where all generations feel comfortable and safe, where children grow up in a safe environment, families find support, young people develop prospects and senior citizens can live actively and independently. For us as the Radevormwald CDU, one thing is certain: good urban policy begins where people live, learn, work and grow older - in the middle of everyday life, in the neighbourhood, in the district.

The feedback from the three think tanks and numerous personal discussions with citizens have strengthened our conviction that **Radevormwald needs more intergenerational services**, better care structures, new meeting points, an expansion of support services and significantly better local healthcare. Many people want the town to take a closer look at the realities of life for families, young people and older people - and that is exactly what we will do.

We stand for a city in which young and old are there for each other, in which intergenerational encounters can develop, in which barriers are broken down and opportunities are created. This requires a responsible, motivated political awakening, which we will initiate together with our mayoral candidate. A young, value-orientated and experienced mayor who stands up for precisely these issues can make a decisive contribution to the success of this change.

**This is what we are committed to:**

### **Children and families: security, support and a good start**

#### **Expansion of childcare services in daycare centres, day care and open all-day care**

We are committed to providing more childcare places in all parts of the city - also with a view to the statutory all-day guarantee from 2026, with flexible opening hours and reliable educational quality to meet the needs of families. Daycare centres should become a modern place for childcare. We would therefore like to do more to ensure that daycare centres are structurally upgraded and continuously modernised. As part of the construction of the new Bergerhof Community Primary School (GGS) - Bergerhof site - we would also like to push ahead with the construction of the new municipal daycare centre Sprungbrett.

The municipal lunch subsidy initiated by Dejan Vujinovic and the CDU is to be retained.

### **Modernise playgrounds and create family-friendly meeting places**

We want to make public play and leisure areas more attractive and safer. Playgrounds should be age-appropriate, barrier-free, creative and modern. In addition, we are in favour of meeting places close to residential areas with seating, shaded areas and exercise facilities. Here too, it is essential that the existing playgrounds are clean and safe. This is the only way to ensure a good quality of stay in the long term.

### **Strengthening family centres and low-threshold advice**

Families need support - with issues relating to birth, parenting, daycare, school and everyday life. We are committed to strengthening family centres, promoting early help and expanding advisory services.

### **Youth: Giving prospects, strengthening commitment**

#### **Strengthen existing youth centres and create new spaces**

The two youth centres in the city centre and on the Brede do a good job. Nevertheless, it was mentioned several times in the think tank that the equipment in the youth centres (especially in the city centre) is no longer up to date. These should be modernised, staffed and better adapted to the needs of young people. Young people should be actively involved in planning the reorganisation. Security and order, particularly in front of the youth centres, were also criticised in the think tank and in personal discussions. We want to change this and are therefore campaigning for more security and order in the area around the youth centres. In addition, we want to create low-threshold meeting places in public spaces, e.g. through open youth areas, urban sports facilities or covered recreation rooms.

#### **Enable participation: Strengthening the youth council**

Young people should have a say in decisions that affect them. That is why there has been a youth advisory council in Radevormwald since this election period. We support the youth council and want it to continue to have the best conditions for its work. The administration must continue to expand its supervisory role and support the young people. As the Radevormwald CDU, we would like to strengthen the direct dialogue between the administration, politicians and student representatives.



### **Expand holiday and leisure activities - regardless of budget**

Together with clubs, churches, youth associations and initiatives, we want to create a diverse, inclusive and affordable leisure programme for young people. To this end, it is also important to us to further strengthen the activities of the Radevormwald Children's and Youth Ring and to bring them more into the focus of urban society.

### **Further develop school social work**

Good youth policy needs a presence in schools - especially now, when there are repeated reports of bullying in schools. We are in favour of greater integration between youth welfare, schools and parental work as well as long-term funding and the expansion of school social work.

### **Senior citizens: living independently and staying active**

#### **Promoting accessibility in public spaces**

We are committed to ensuring that pavements, bus stops, public buildings and squares are designed to be barrier-free. We want to work closely with the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council to identify and eliminate weak points. However, our goal is not only to achieve structural accessibility, we also want to remove digital barriers, for example when using the city administration's online services. We will endeavour to ensure that the website of Stadt Radevormwald is also available in "plain language". Ultimately, all generations can benefit from the removal of barriers.

#### **Promoting senior citizens' centres and intergenerational projects**

We want to promote meeting places where older people can meet, exchange ideas and be active together - be it at cultural events, volunteering or in intergenerational initiatives. The work of the Aktiv55Plus association is exemplary in this respect, particularly in the area of care counselling and prevention. We as the CDU Radevormwald would like to continue to support, strengthen and expand this valuable work.

### **Bringing administration to the people: Citizen suitcase for Radevormwald**

Not every citizen can deal with the authorities directly at the town hall. Going to the authorities can be a challenge, especially for older people or those with limited mobility. We will

therefore introduce a mobile citizen service ("Bürgerkoffer") that will make regular stops in the local neighbourhoods. This will enable services such as applying for an ID card, registration or pension matters to be dealt with locally and close to home - simply, unbureaucratically and close to the people. The mobile citizen service would be a positive addition, especially for the Wupper villages and smaller districts that are not close to the town hall.

### **Health: Reliable and close to home**

#### **Securing Radevormwald Hospital and maintaining specialised departments**

We are clearly in favour of maintaining our hospital with all existing specialist departments - for comprehensive medical care close to home. Emergency and outpatient care in particular must remain a central component of the hospital. We trust in the reliability of the Sana Group, which will not jeopardise the existence of the Radevormwald site.

#### **Improve general practitioner and specialist care**

We want to actively support the settlement of new doctors - for example through targeted support programmes, welcome packages, help with finding accommodation or childcare. We will also examine the extent to which the city council can support the introduction of telemedicine. This refers to medical advice and treatment that takes place via digital channels such as video calls or apps.

Digitalisation can help to close the gap in medical care provided by GPs and specialists in Radevormwald.

**Our aim is to create a Radevormwald in which all generations live healthily with and for each other.**

## Economy, urban development and environment

Radevormwald has many strengths, one of which is a solid **economic foundation on which to build**. In our discussions with entrepreneurs, craft businesses and employees, as well as at the events organised by the **think tank**, it became clear that the **framework conditions for economic growth are fundamentally good**, with many companies being efficient, rich in tradition and firmly rooted in the town.

At the same time, it has become apparent that there is a **lack of active support from the city**. Numerous entrepreneurs, particularly in the SME and craft sectors, would like to see **stronger, more modern and service-orientated business development**.

**City centres are also under pressure**. Structural change in the retail sector, changing consumer behaviour, vacancies and a lack of quality of life are presenting many municipalities with challenges. Radevormwald also urgently needs new impetus here.

**We need to rethink mobility** and are therefore also in favour of innovative approaches to the further development of local public transport and traffic management in our city.

**Climate protection is a top priority for us**. That is why the CDU Radevormwald will integrate the issue of sustainability appropriately into future urban planning, because climate protection starts with urban development.

That is why we want to **rethink the city - as a strong economic and working city, as a place with urban quality, attractive neighbourhoods, strong public transport, climate protection and a reliable economic and location policy strategy**.

**This is what we are committed to:**

### **Business in focus - strengthened and modern**

#### **Strategically positioning economic development**

We want to successfully complete the process that has already begun to develop a strategy for economic development and use the results to reorganise proactive economic development

so that economic development is an optimal service provider for companies in order to promote economic growth.

Advancing projects for our city

### **Accelerating building applications from industry**

A "fastlane" for commercial projects is intended to ensure faster approval processes and planning security so that companies are happy to invest in Radevormwald and plan their future in the town.

### **Establish citizen building counselling**

Anyone who has ever submitted a building application knows that this is not always easy. The complex legislation in the building sector in particular poses a major challenge. That is why we would like to establish an information and advice centre for information on building law (e.g. the buildability of properties or building law application procedures) with fixed office hours in order to relieve the burden on citizens and administrative staff alike. We would also like to promote the digital submission of building applications.

### **Developing the Radevormwald app**

A central platform for business, the city centre, retail, administration and leisure is also intended to make our city a better digital experience - with an app that has the whole city in view: Shopping vouchers, events, sports offers, city administration and citizen services as well as tourist offers. So you'll always know what's going on in our city!

### **Strengthening tourism - making Radevormwald visible**

Radevormwald has potential - scenically, culturally and historically. However, this potential has been underutilised to date. We want to strengthen tourism in a targeted manner and ensure that more people discover, visit and experience our town.

To this end, we rely on active and modern location marketing that focuses on Radevormwald's strengths: Nature, recreation, leisure activities, events and history.

We would like to better position our town beyond the region, intensify our co-operation with the "Bergisches Land" region and the Oberberg district and specifically address new target groups.

### **Promoting innovation and strengthening the (digital) economy**

By setting up co-working spaces in the city centre as well as in the industrial and commercial areas and promoting start-up networks, we want to specifically support start-ups and digital founders in Radevormwald and encourage them to settle here. We will create incentives so that vacant office or retail space can also be used as flexible workspaces, pop-up offices / stores.

We rely on modern location marketing that communicates our competitive advantages such as location, quality of life, available space and favourable conditions in a targeted manner - including via digital communication channels. Modern and attractive location marketing is pure business promotion! This enables us to make Radevormwald more attractive to new companies and service providers.

### **Actively combating the shortage of skilled labour**

The shortage of skilled labour does not stop at Radevormwald. Together with local businesses, schools, educational institutions and the University of Wuppertal, we would like to establish a skilled labour alliance for Radevormwald. The aim is to retain regional talent, strengthen training programmes and reach new target groups. This can be achieved through attractive employer marketing and welcome programmes for newcomers, similar to those used to attract doctors. We will also work to strengthen the Radevormwalder Unternehmer Netzwerk (RUN) and the advertising community.

### **Faster provision of Feldmannshaus commercial space**

We want to develop the Feldmannshaus commercial property quickly and target companies that create jobs and invest in the region.

### **Stadtwerke Radevormwald - Modern service provider for our town**

Stadtwerke Radevormwald (SWR) is an important anchor of our municipal services of general interest. They supply people and companies with energy and services.

We are committed to further developing the municipal utilities as a modern, efficient service provider. This includes transparent tariffs, digital services, sustainable infrastructure and, above all, affordable energy for everyone.

Particularly in times of rising energy prices, it is our responsibility to ensure that electricity and heat do not become luxury goods, but remain available and affordable for everyone in Radevormwald.

SWR is to focus more on sustainability, regional energy sources and customer-oriented advice.

### **No frivolous tax increases**

Companies and citizens need reliability. Tax increases should only be a last resort. That is why we are in favour of a reliable tax and financial policy for the city administration that does not tolerate frivolous tax increases. We want to ensure the financing of projects through a smart and sustainable reorganisation of the budget and examine possible alternative financing models.

### **Urban development, city centre, mobility and housing - a city to feel good in**

#### **Holistic urban development**

Radevormwald has a total of 52 districts, localities and villages: this large number of rural settlements and districts reflects the character of our town. This is precisely why holistic urban development is of central importance. In the past, the focus was increasingly on individual urban areas and not on the overall development of our city. We want to change this and take a holistic approach to urban development in future. Urban development must be responsible and sustainable in order to protect our environment and climate and improve the quality of life. That is why we are in favour of sustainable and climate-friendly urban planning and the creation and preservation of green spaces that serve recreational purposes and improve the urban climate.

#### **Modern infrastructure for a strong Radevormwald**

A modern city needs a functioning, up-to-date and efficient infrastructure on the streets and in the network. In the think tank, it became clear **that** many citizens see a considerable need to renovate roads, paths and public areas. We take this information seriously.

We are committed to ensuring that road defects are recognised more quickly, communicated better and remedied swiftly. This includes a transparent renovation plan. Good paths, safe carriageways and barrier-free crossings are not just a question of comfort. They are part of the quality of life in all neighbourhoods.

We are also staying on the ball when it comes to digital infrastructure. As the CDU, we placed and initiated the expansion of the fibre optic network with Telekom at an early stage with our member of state parliament. We now want to continue along this path. Our goal is clear: as many households, businesses and companies as possible should have access to fast Internet via fibre optics.

### **City centre future plan - for a vibrant city centre**

We want to develop a **city centre master plan** with concrete measures for new uses, more quality of stay, accessibility, greenery, new events and modern shopping facilities. The aim is to create a versatile city centre with a clear identity. We also want to make the weekly market more attractive by actively working to increase the number of market vendors in order to expand the range and selection of products.

### **Promoting the catering and pub scene**

In the city centre in particular, we have noticed that the restaurant and pub scene has declined in recent years. This has also been mentioned several times in our think tank. We therefore want to provide targeted support for catering businesses and encourage new businesses to relocate to Radevormwald. We will therefore examine the development of our own support programme to actively attract restaurateurs to Radevormwald.

### **Right of first refusal for dilapidated properties**

The city should be given more room to manoeuvre so that it can intervene in the event of long-term vacancy or decay of buildings and put them to new use in a targeted manner. We would therefore like to examine whether and to what extent a right of first refusal in the city centre can be implemented. If this is not possible, we would like to work towards establishing a recurring discussion format with property owners and new investors in order to work together on the development of the city centre.

### **Further strengthening Wupper villages**

A lot has happened in the Wupper villages in recent years. Numerous positive developments have been driven forward here, particularly thanks to the active promotion and support of the district. We would like to build on this. In the think tank as well as in recent weeks, we have

repeatedly realised that the Wupper villages do not feel heard and that the Wupper Conference, for example, is not taken seriously. We would therefore like to strengthen the district of the Wupper villages and initiate a voluntary Wupper coordinator, the "local mayor". This coordinator should serve as a direct contact person for the Wupper villages and act as a link between the citizens of the Wupper villages, the administration and the associations.

### **Sustainable use for the "Wülfig" building**

We want to develop the Wülfig building into a lively centre of historical industrial culture - with the Wülfig and Bismarck museums at its heart, supplemented by event spaces and catering facilities. In doing so, we are following the successful model of the Dorsten Citizens' Railway Station: a non-profit limited company (gGmbH) could be responsible for the realisation and operation in future - professionally, flexibly and close to the people. In this way, we can bring history to life and at the same time create new impetus for culture, catering, tourism and urban development.

### **Strengthening public transport - better connections, more flexible travelling**

Modern public transport is a decisive location factor - both for the quality of life of citizens and for the accessibility of workplaces, educational institutions and services. That is why we are committed to significantly improving public transport in Radevormwald.

We would like to intensify the dialogue with Oberbergische Verkehrsgesellschaft (OVAG) and examine whether formally joining OVAG could be a sensible step towards gaining more influence on timetables, routes and the expansion of services. Our aim is to provide reliable, flexible local transport that is close to everyday life.

OVAG's innovative shared taxi project "Monti", which has already been successfully trialled in neighbouring municipalities, is particularly forward-looking. It enables individual journeys on demand via an app and is a real opportunity for mobility in rural areas. We want to campaign for the introduction of this service in Radevormwald.

### **Implementing the local mobility concept**

A modern mobility concept that focuses on the expansion of local public transport and the promotion of cycling and walking is indispensable. Such measures can only be successful if there is a high level of public acceptance. The participation of those affected is essential. The



project to create a cycle lane in Blumenstraße has shown us once again how important public participation is.

### **Creating sustainable and affordable living space**

We want to advocate for affordable housing in our city. We want to facilitate the influx of young families through the efficient utilisation of gaps between buildings, intelligent concepts and a responsible approach to land consumption and targeted subsidies. In doing so, it is important to us that we utilise existing building land effectively and do not neglect environmental protection. The idea of "small homes" and other tiny house models should also be examined.

We are in favour of purchasing potential areas for residential development as a city in order to shape possible further development in a self-determined manner.

We would also like to initiate the establishment of a flat exchange programme. This is intended to bring together older people with large living spaces and young families in need of space and make it easier to find suitable solutions - digitally supported by the city and in close cooperation with Aktiv55 Plus.

### **Social housing "Am Kreuz" - obligation and task**

The "Am Kreuz" site, right next to the new Catholic primary school, is a key project for social housing in Radevormwald. In the past, there was a political consensus across party lines that this area should be used to create affordable housing.

As the CDU, we clearly adhere to this consensus. For us, this decision is not a formality, but an obligation to make affordable housing possible.

We will work to ensure that a suitable investor is found who will fulfil this task in accordance with social and urban planning criteria and focus on sustainable construction, energy efficiency and good architectural integration into the neighbourhood.

### **Climate and environmental protection as a generational project**

#### **Climate neutrality for Radevormwald**

At the beginning of the last legislative period, we as the CDU called for Radevormwald to become climate-neutral and for the implementation costs to be shown. This motion was passed by the council with a large majority. We must continue to work together to ensure that we do not lose sight of the goal of climate neutrality. We will also examine the implementation of

possible further municipal funding programmes in connection with climate neutrality (such as the green roof programme of the city of Radevormwald) and implement them if necessary.

The expansion of renewable energies is also an important contribution to achieving climate neutrality. We want to drive this expansion forward, but not at any price. We want to take greater account of the protection of the landscape and nature as well as the concerns of citizens in current and future planning. For example, there was no comprehensive public participation in the development of the private open-space photovoltaic plant in Heide.

### **Reforestation as a binding goal**

We want to significantly advance the reforestation of our forests. In doing so, we are not only focussing on urban forest areas, but would also like to focus on the reforestation of private areas through close and cooperative collaboration between the administration and private forest owners. In order to implement this in a binding manner, we would like to develop a reforestation programme with at least 500 new trees per year.

**Our goal is to develop Radevormwald into an economically strong, socially just and ecologically responsible city. We want a city that offers quality of life - for living, working, creating and feeling good.**

### **School and education**

Education is the key to social participation, personal success and a strong community. It not only determines individual life paths, but also the future viability of our town. That is why we as the **CDU Radevormwald** are certain: **We want every child in Radevormwald to have the best possible starting opportunities - regardless of origin, talent or social background.**

Our schools should be places where children and young people **enjoy learning, feel safe, receive individual support** and can **develop into self-confident personalities**. This requires modern buildings, up-to-date equipment, committed teachers and a school policy that acts with a clear plan and real responsibility.

In recent years, we as the CDU have already set important priorities: As the current chairman of the school committee, our mayoral candidate played a key role in ensuring that the **new Catholic primary school building** was approved and launched - a strong signal for the further development of our school landscape. The **digital equipment for our pupils** was also significantly improved. Every pupil has been provided with a digital device - a major step towards educational equality. In addition, the **subsidisation of school lunches** was introduced on the initiative of the CDU - for more participation and equal opportunities.

We are in favour of an education policy that **strengthens all schools in our town** - whether primary school, secondary school, grammar school or special school. Together with teaching staff, parents, organisations and the local community, we want to **develop Radevormwald into an educational town** where every child counts.

**This is what we are committed to:**

#### **New construction of the Bergerhof primary school - pushing ahead with the Bergerhof site**

The planned new building must be planned and realised quickly. We reject a pure refurbishment and see the basic decision from the previous legislative period as our obligation to implement it. When building a new primary school, we attach great importance to modern room concepts with differentiation rooms, multifunctional areas, a modern IT infrastructure and energy-efficient, sustainable and barrier-free construction. With construction costs continuing to rise, we are aware that financing such a building project is a major endeavour for all of us. Therefore, in addition to municipal budget funds, we would also like to examine alternative financing models (e.g. investor or rental models, foundations, funding programmes) and implement them if necessary.

#### **Targeted reduction of refurbishment backlog at all schools**

Many school buildings in Radevormwald have structural defects - from leaking roofs and outdated heating systems to worn floors and old sanitary facilities. Citizens and parent representatives have repeatedly told us this in the think tanks. We are committed to a municipal refurbishment programme that sets clear priorities and is continuously implemented - with transparent scheduling and adequate budgeting. Clean, modern and well-equipped toilet facilities

also make a fundamental contribution to school quality. We want to combine investments with a permanent cleaning and maintenance concept to significantly improve hygiene standards. In addition, the equipment in our city's school playgrounds is very outdated. In the coming legislative period, we would like to examine the extent to which we can make school playgrounds more attractive, more exercise-friendly and more child-friendly - with more greenery and modern play equipment. We are committed to ensuring that natural areas are increasingly used as learning spaces - whether school gardens, forest classrooms or green break zones.

### **Further focus on digitalisation**

We want to ensure that all pupils have functioning, up-to-date digital devices, the use of which should be standardised. Even though the city has been providing these devices for several years now, there is still some catching up to do - especially in the area of simplified IT support. After all, schools must not be left alone with technology. We also want to ensure that we can provide fast Wi-Fi and a comprehensive digital infrastructure in all classrooms. In several conversations, we have been told that there have been several restrictions here and that the Wi-Fi is barely available or not available at all. We are focussing on future-proof technology that is easy to use and requires little maintenance.

We also support other projects to teach media skills and digital education, such as data protection, cyberbullying, artificial intelligence and the critical use of social media. This content should be taught in an age-appropriate way from primary school onwards, with the city as the school authority responsible for implementation.

### **Promote diversity and quality of school types and expand cooperation**

From primary schools to secondary schools and grammar schools through to special schools: we want to maintain the diversity of the offer, open up location-based development opportunities and guarantee equal support for all schools in the future. We will also work to further expand cooperation with local businesses, associations and cultural institutions. In this context, we would like to promote a cooperation agreement between the University of Wuppertal and the Theodor-Heuss-Gymnasium and actively support it as a city in order to initiate joint projects and bring pupils closer to the university. We promote school projects in cooperation

with local businesses, sports clubs, the music school and social organisations - for a holistic approach to education.

**Our goal is to create a Radevormwald that not only maintains its schools, but also develops them into a modern, fair and sustainable educational landscape. For our children, for our future.**

## **Volunteering, culture and sport**

Volunteering, culture and sport are **more than just leisure activities** - they are the social foundation of our town. They create community, promote personal development, strengthen social cohesion and make Radevormwald a place where people feel at home.

Whether in a sports club, marching band, choir, volunteer fire brigade, local association or social project - **countless citizens volunteer their time and energy every day**. This commitment is priceless and deserves our recognition, support and better framework conditions.

**As the Radevormwald CDU, it is a key concern of ours to promote voluntary work, strengthen cultural diversity and make sport fit for the future.** We know that: Only with an active civil society can Radevormwald remain vibrant, diverse and characterised by solidarity. Our mayoral candidate has many years of voluntary experience from working in associations and stands for a policy that *listens, supports and enables* rather than restrains.

We rely on **close cooperation with local people** - with associations, groups, creative artists, initiatives, organisations and volunteers. The best ideas are not created in the town hall, but together with those who are involved on a daily basis. That is why we want to create new participation formats, open discussion groups and a **municipal contact point** for volunteering, culture and sport.

**This is what we are committed to:**

### **Create a central volunteer centre (placement & support)**

During the think tank, we were told several times, especially by younger participants, that they would like to volunteer but do not have a clear overview of where and how this is possible. We will therefore set up a municipal coordination centre for volunteering in the administration, which will serve as a central point of contact for advice, placement and project support. This office will also support associations in applying for funding programmes. We are also committed to targeted project funding, material cost subsidies and training programmes supported by the city administration.

We would like to establish regular exchange evenings between the clubs and the city administration. We have realised that this is what the associations in particular want.

The municipal coordination office for volunteering should also take care of the organisation and awarding of the NRW Homeland Prize (<https://www.mhkbd.nrw/foerderprogramme/heimat-preis>). To this end, we will be submitting a corresponding application for the awarding of this prize for voluntary work in the coming legislative period.

We would also like to further expand the volunteer card programme in Radevormwald.

### **Promoting culture, making diversity visible, experiencing Radevormwald**

Whether music, readings, cabaret or street festivals - we want to make the city centre and the outlying villages more lively and culturally attractive. A very good example of this is the commitment of the music school in the Wülfig building complex.

In order to make these programmes permanent, we need low-threshold permits, good equipment and active cultural funding. We would also like to continue the financial support we initiated for theatre for primary schools through the Kulturkreis.

In general, we would like to further expand and support the cooperation between the music school, the Kulturkreis and the schools. Cultural education starts early: we promote music projects at schools, joint concerts and theatre visits as well as working groups and would like to establish the music school and the Kulturkreis as a permanent partner in the educational landscape.

The Herrenberg judgement (<https://www.ndr.de/kultur/musik/klassik/Herrenberg-Urteil-Was-bedeutet-es-fuer-die-Musikschulen,herrenbergurteil104.html>) on the employment of

music school teachers poses major challenges for Radevormwald's music schools in particular. We recognise the great importance of the music school in Radevormwald and assure the music school of our full support.

The museums in our city also deserve the greatest possible support. The local history museum, the Bismarck two-wheeler museum, the Wülfing Museum and the Museum of Asian Art are an important part of the cultural landscape in our city. We would like to continue to support and promote them.

We continue to view the future of the Bismarck Two-Wheeler Museum at the Wülfing site favourably.

We want to extend the hours of use of the Wülfings Café beyond 9.30 pm for events, celebrations, readings or music formats in order to create more space for creativity and encounters. To this end, we will set up a working group to reassess the legal options and develop solutions with local residents.

We want to make Radevormwald even more of an experience. That's why we want to establish a municipal event that will turn the town into a 24-hour experience with open doors in companies, businesses, schools, sports facilities, cultural institutions and clubs once a year. "Radevormwald PUR" is intended to showcase the diversity of our town and promote cohesion in the long term.

The free use of municipal premises for clubs and organisations from Radevormwald will of course continue.

### **Promoting sport - exercise, community and health for all**

As called for in our CDU motion, we want to systematically record all sports facilities, develop them in line with demand and make them future-proof. We are therefore calling for a comprehensive sports facility development plan for Radevormwald. The municipal sports association and sports clubs should be involved in the creation of this plan, as they are the experts. The goal: transparency, prioritisation and targeted investment.

We want to modernise the Kollenberg stadium, including the clubhouse and ancillary areas, and examine the possibility of an artificial pitch - also to improve capacity utilisation in winter.

In general, we share the criticism of the city sports association that the city's sports facilities are not in good condition. We therefore demand that the sports facility development plan provides for regular maintenance of the facilities as well as modern and up-to-date equipment so that the sports facilities can be used reliably. For example, the think tank proposed the purchase of digital boards in the sports halls, which are essential for effective training and school sports nowadays.

Free use of the hall for our sports clubs remains a matter of course for us.

We are committed to ensuring that every child in Radevormwald has the opportunity to learn to swim safely. That is why we strongly support Bäder Radevormwald GmbH and life-ness in securing existing swimming courses, expanding new programmes and ensuring swimming lessons at schools. Because being able to swim is not just about exercise and fun. It also means being able to save your own life in an emergency. We want swimming in Radevormwald to remain accessible, affordable and close to home for all generations - with modern facilities, good lessons and committed partners such as the local DLRG.

We would like to expand the range of sports on offer in public spaces. Even though we have a strong sports club structure in Radevormwald, it is also important to promote sport in public spaces. We have collected numerous ideas for this in the think tank, such as the purchase of sufficient outdoor fitness equipment, exercise trails for senior citizens and fitness elements along the railway line.

To bundle all offers, we want to develop a digital overview map with all sports, cultural and leisure offers in the city and integrate it into the Radevormwald app - with a calendar of events, location search, vouchers, registration options and real-time information.

**Our goal is a city in which volunteering is promoted, culture is lived and sport is accessible to all - lively, diverse and networked.**



## Administration and politics

For us, an efficient, modern municipal administration and citizen-centred, transparent local politics are the **basic prerequisites for a functioning community**. Only if the administration works efficiently and politicians make decisions in a comprehensible and dialogue-oriented manner can the trust be created that is needed to rethink and further develop Radevormwald together and successfully.

**For us as the Radevormwald CDU, one thing is clear:** in future, the municipal administration must see itself even more strongly as a **modern, uncomplicated service provider** - digital, transparent and solution-orientated. Unfortunately, a lot of potential has remained unutilised in this area in recent years. Particularly in the area of digitalisation, we have lagged far behind what should be a matter of course today. That is why we want to **massively expand the administration's online services** and consistently invest in future-proof, digital city management. Our claim is: **"Manage less - create more"**. This also includes critically scrutinising internal administrative processes and modernising them together with employees. An administration that wants to shape things not only needs technology, but also a **good internal culture, motivation and room for further development**.

The shortage of skilled labour does not stop at municipal administrations. This makes it all the more important to further develop the **town of Radevormwald as an attractive, modern employer**. This includes flexible working time models, reliable home office arrangements, modern IT workstations and respectful interaction with one another. Our goal is an administration in which employees feel comfortable, are involved and can develop their strengths in such a way that their potential is optimally utilised for the common good.

As the CDU, we also rely on **genuine dialogue formats - both internally with the employees of the administration and externally with the political committees and the citizens**. Regular and open dialogue between the top management and all democratic parliamentary groups is a central component of this. It creates trust, enables joint strategic planning and strengthens the municipal ability to act in challenging times.

**This is what we are committed to:**

### **Time for a fresh start - standing still is not an option**

In recent years, administration has too often taken the place of organisation. Digitalisation has been postponed, citizen participation has been downgraded to a compulsory exercise and bold decisions have been avoided. Many things got bogged down in the "minutiae" of administration instead of moving forward in the interests of citizens.

We no longer want to accept that digitalisation takes years, that ideas fail due to existing structures and that participation is perceived as a burden. The stagnation of recent years must not become the new normal - we are in favour of a genuine new departure.

With a modern understanding of leadership, a clear focus on values and a new way of working together, we want an administration at eye level, politics with attitude and an urban society that helps to shape things.

### **Advancing digitalisation - for a citizen-friendly and modern administration**

We are committed to ensuring that all important administrative services - from registration and re-registration to applying for ID cards and registering businesses or daycare centres - are digitally available, easy to use and can be accessed without media disruption.

Our Radevormwald app will not only provide information about events, but also offer administrative services, citizen participation, damage reports and push notifications.

Digitalisation must not end with the citizen. Administrative processes should also be simplified, accelerated and standardised internally using modern IT solutions, e.g. through digital invoice management, digital file management or automated processes that are supported by AI. We will not abandon our employees in this endeavour and will increase our efforts to provide training.

### **Modernising administration - less administration, more design**

Existing work processes are to be analysed and optimised in a practical, unbureaucratic manner and in dialogue with employees. The aim is a more efficient way of working with more room for manoeuvre.

Our colleagues in the administration do valuable work for our city every day. Nevertheless, there are still areas where we can improve. We want a new self-image in the administration: citizen-friendly, solution-orientated, service-conscious. This requires clear responsibilities, good accessibility and respectful communication.

As a sign of cooperation and appreciation, there will be regular, open consultation hours during which employees can talk directly to the mayor.

### **The city as an attractive employer**

Flexible working time models are part of an attractive workplace today. We are committed to standardised home office regulations for all suitable areas of the administration. This should be based on clear agreements, fair framework conditions and functioning technology.

We want to create modern workplaces and working environments. After all, good equipment with IT, software, office furniture and workspaces is a prerequisite for motivated employees. We need to invest in modern office standards.

In order to attract and retain qualified specialists, we want to invest more specifically in training, dual study programmes, internships and employer marketing.

### **Improve cooperation with politics**

We are in favour of an open, regular discussion format with all democratic council groups. In this way, strategic issues can be discussed at an early stage and jointly advanced across party boundaries. To this end, our mayoral candidate will establish recurring parliamentary group meetings with all democratic parliamentary groups.

### **Improve information policy - more transparency for the council and the public**

Meeting documents, budget data and project lists should be made more comprehensible, up-to-date and easily accessible. The topic of transparency is also a focus here.

We want to involve citizens in planning and decision-making processes at an early stage - e.g. through online participation, citizens' meetings, neighbourhood forums or workshops for larger projects.

Official language should not be an obstacle. We are committed to citizen-centred, clear and comprehensible communication in letters, notices and online texts.

### **RatsTV: Combining transparency and the rights of councillors**

The town council is the central place for democratic decision-making in Radevormwald. More and more people want to be able to follow the council's deliberations and decisions at a low-threshold level, regardless of location and time.

We as the CDU Radevormwald take this interest seriously. At the same time, we are aware that a live broadcast or recording also raises sensitive issues - for example, with regard to the privacy and speech protection of council members.

We are therefore committed to ensuring that the issue of council TV is carefully re-examined and objectively discussed in the coming electoral term. We want to reconcile the desire for greater transparency and public participation with the rights of elected representatives. The costs of implementation must not be neglected.

**Our goal is a city administration that not only works reliably, but also rethinks administration - service-orientated, innovative and citizen-oriented. And we want a municipal policy that listens, explains, involves - and takes responsibility.**

## **Election appeal**

Dear voters,

Dear people of Radevormwalde,

Together, we can bring a breath of fresh air to our town. With clear ideas, genuine proximity to the people and a clear view of the future, we want to rethink Radevormwald - responsibly, modern and with a heart for our home.

Therefore:

- **Vote for Dejan Vujinovic for mayor!**
- **Vote for Klaus Grootens as District Administrator for the Oberbergischer Kreis!**
- **Strengthen our team in the city council - with a vote for our council candidates!**
- **And please support our two district council candidates Christoph Schlüter and Jürgen Fischer for a strong voice for Radevormwald in the Oberberg district!**

**Your vote decides the future of our city.**

Go and vote! For fresh courage, new perspectives and genuine cooperation.

**Now is the time to rethink Radevormwald.**

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