

As the "Heidelberg for All" alliance, we have jointly drawn up demands for the future mayor. We read them in alphabetical order of the main topics. We demand:

Anti-racism:

an open, fair, and anti-racist city, and to this end, a city-wide survey and accompanying studies that map the needs and experiences of discrimination and racism of Heidelberg residents; the establishment of a qualified psychological and psychosocial counseling center for BIPOC; the financial and publicity support of BIPOC projects in the city by the next mayor; a critical study of racism in HD & HD-er institutions; and a registration office for racism when looking for a flat.

For energy supply:

Working in a trade must be encouraged. Young and prospective craftspeople must be represented at trade meetings. Training and further education must be strengthened and the focus must be on sustainability.

The photovoltaic systems must be expanded.

This means: By 2028 all municipal buildings must be equipped with PV and an implementation strategy is needed to exploit the enormous potential of all roofs (of at least 400 MW) by 2030. Concepts for the voluntary participation of citizens in the financing of the PV expansion must be used, and the city must work to remove regulatory obstacles, especially for the protection of historical buildings.

We need a rapid expansion of wind power - locations and investors must be found within 2 years.

The HD district heating network must be made ready for the efficient use of renewable energies - for this purpose the district heating network must be converted to lower temperatures and the switch to low-temperature radiators or underfloor heating must be promoted.

On the subject of flight/asylum, we demand:

that modernization of the PHV must begin now, because the housing shortage for refugees and other people requires rapid provision of affordable housing. The infrastructure (e.g. kindergarten and school spaces as well as bus connections) must be improved.

The municipal council's decision in 2018 to take in refugees from the EU's external borders must be implemented, and the city must advocate for the admission of ALL refugees.

The authorities must focus on the problems and needs of those seeking protection, not the other way around.

Proof of identity by affidavit should be allowed,
and any barriers to volunteering must be removed.

Right to stay instead of deportation!

We need free space:

The city must set up and promote non-profit open spaces.

These must be usable in summer and winter,
barrier-free, centrally located,

and equipped with gender-neutral, barrier-free sanitary facilities.

There must be no excessive presence or surveillance by the police or security forces.

The autonomous use of free spaces must be promoted and made possible.

International responsibility for the climate crisis:

Heidelberg must be a safe haven - including for those who must flee the effects of the climate crisis.

Although the effects of the climate crisis are not yet an official reason to flee, people must still be admitted to Heidelberg.

MAPA, the Most Affected People and Areas, must be supported in adapting to the climate crisis, especially during climate-related disasters, via aid and adaptation funds.

MAPA representatives and activists need more visibility, as well as a fixed budget and spaces provided to support their activism.

LGBTQIA+ and Feminism:

HD must be a city with no place for queerphobia and sexism.

For this to happen, homophobia, transphobia, sexism, and all other forms of discrimination must be combated.

Queer, self-governing spaces must be created,

and existing resources and safe places for queer people and women must be expanded.

The queer alliance "The *Bubble" has also made demands—be sure to check them out.

Homelessness:

must be fought effectively at the root: rents must be curbed,

restricting architecture (which can be classified as anti-homeless) must be banned, and inappropriate evictions must cease.

Alternative and impact-centered intervention as well as support and counseling services must be provided to support people through difficult situations.

Social justice:

The city needs a clear strategy on how to reduce poverty and risk-of-poverty in HD by 30% over the next 8 years.

Employment programs,

stable social networks in all parts of the city,

adequate child care,

and other tools to fight poverty are needed.

Social participation must be for everyone: all barriers and exclusions should be abolished.

Participation and language:

The city's official channels must be multilingual and accessible in plain language.

All people must be able to participate in public events through interpreters, both for spoken language and sign language.

Municipal job advertisements must be checked for indirect discrimination and changed accordingly.

Traffic:

Area and infrastructure should be equally allotted to various means of transport, and new sealing should be banned if possible.

Instead, areas must be redesignated and car transportation reduced.

Car parking spaces must be reduced, and bicycle parking spaces should be added instead.

Local public transport must be cheap or free and have accessible connections to all parts of the city.

Emmertsgrund and Boxberg must not be forgotten.

The car-free zone around the old town must be expanded & car-free quarters must be set up in other parts of the city.

Scientific verifiability of climate protection measures:

The city's measures must be checked for their effectiveness at regular intervals and improved if necessary.

The goal must always be climate neutrality by 2030.

Living:

Living must not be a luxury! - No more profit should be made from living space.

Vacancies must be effectively combated, and properties should be transferred to communal ownership.

Every year, another 4% of all houses in Heidelberg should be renovated to be energy-efficient. The rent, including heating, must not increase, and the city must compensate for the difference if necessary.

Existing buildings are preferable to new construction, and should be preserved and renovated. The city must create socially-just, sufficient, flexible, public-welfare-oriented, barrier-free living space.