



# Bold for BOCHUM

***BOLD FOR TOMORROW.***

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**BRIEF ELECTION PROGRAMME 2025**

## Dear citizens of Bochum,

Our city stands at a turning point. The coming years will determine whether Bochum remains a city worth living in – for us today and for the generations after us.

We GREENS are stepping up to shape Bochum boldly. For a city that is climate-just, socially stable, and economically strong. For a city that stands together. Because we know: The challenges of our time are great. The climate crisis, social injustice, the shift from industry to innovation – all of this puts us to the test. But we believe in the strength of our city. We believe in Bochum.

We make politics for the people – for children, young people, families, for seniors. For everyone who calls Bochum home. Because every person deserves dignity, participation, and opportunity – regardless of origin, age, or way of life.

Our goal is clear: Bochum should remain the city of togetherness. A city where no one feels left behind, no one remains lonely, but where solidarity is lived. Where volunteering and civic engagement are valued. Where change is not a threat but a new beginning. Bochum can lead the way – toward climate neutrality, just transformation, and new economic strength. It is up to us whether we take this path boldly or remain stagnant.

We choose courage. Responsibility. Solidarity. For a Bochum that remains worth living in tomorrow. Bold for Tomorrow – this is our offer to you. Let's make Bochum strong together.

## A quarter of a century of stewardship for Bochum

Since 1999, we have played a key role in shaping policy at our City Hall.

We have shown what's possible when political responsibility is not avoided – but embraced.

In the past five years, we have, among other things:

- Reduced childcare fees by 25%. Now free up to €40,000 in parental income.
- Secured funding for welfare organizations and many social initiatives.
- For every felled city tree, two new trees are planted.
- Built nearly 100 km of bike paths.
- Introduced multi-year funding for the independent cultural scene, increasing annually by 1%.
- Significantly expanded solar panels on municipal rooftops.
- Redirected land policy: Priority for leasehold and best-bid procedures.
- Launched major projects for several thousand new homes.
- Built several new daycare centers.
- Approved: two new comprehensive schools, one new high school, expansion of secondary schools and more space in primary schools, two new sports halls, and renovation of all public pools.

We want the Bochum coalition to continue and for our city to keep being shaped progressively in the future.

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# OUR GOALS FOR A THRIVING BOCHUM

**We dare to shape Bochum boldly.** For tomorrow. For a city that is climate-resilient, socially just, and economically strong. For a city that stands together. Our politics put children, young people, and their families at the heart of everything we do — because we are shaping the future for their generation. We believe Bochum can be better. That's why our election platform is filled with hundreds of big and small ideas, and concrete projects ready to bring that vision to life.

## €1 Billion for Childcare and Schools

Putting families first means investing in what matters: schools, childcare centers, sports facilities, and swimming pools. Over the next ten years, we will invest around one billion euros to modernize and expand them. We're creating state-of-the-art learning environments and supporting children through dedicated social work in both daycare and schools.

## Shaping digitalisation — not just managing it

Digital transformation should empower people to help shape their city. For example: a digital culture portal for Bochum that showcases all cultural players and offers, while also creating opportunities for networking.

## 15 minutes to the city — from anywhere

We're making Bochum mobile: supermarket, park, school, or doctor — everything should be reachable within 15 minutes. By bike or public transport, for all generations, without a car, and without detours. Whether in your own neighbourhood or heading into the city centre.

## 5,000 new homes

Full speed ahead for more housing. We will close building gaps, add density, and extend existing buildings upward. A major opportunity lies in renovating our ageing housing stock. Where new construction takes place, we will ensure a high proportion of affordable homes — especially for families and people with limited mobility. Through serial production and modular construction methods, new housing will be created faster, more resource-efficiently, and at lower cost.

## Neighbourhoods worth living in

Everything you need for a good life is close by: health, sports, and cultural facilities, pocket parks, shopping opportunities, and public spaces free from the pressure to consume. In local neighbourhood offices, you'll find a place to go for advice and support — whether it's the health kiosk, the seniors' office, help for newcomers, or guidance on the energy transition and building renovations in your district.

## Climate neutral by 2035

To get there, we must:

- Drive the energy transition and heat planning locally.
- Harness district heating and geothermal energy.
- Install solar panels on every suitable roof.
- Stop soil sealing.
- Build sustainably.
- Switch to electric transport.
- Bring more greenery into our city.
- Collect organic waste citywide and introduce a municipal tax on single-use packaging.

## Hotspot for Green Technology and Innovation

We will expand Bochum's economic strengths in IT security and healthcare, while adding expertise in new sectors. We support start-ups focused on climate protection, energy efficiency, and resource conservation — creating a true innovation hotspot for environmental technologies.

## A city for everyone

In Bochum, different ways of life and life situations all have their place. No one is left behind, because we are strengthening the social infrastructure. Everyone has a home. People with and without disabilities participate equally in community life and in the city's services. We ensure psychosocial care and promote employment.

## 1,000 new trees — year after year

We ensure that every year more trees are planted than are cut down — ideally native and climate-resilient species. We are also extending the tree protection ordinance to include all trees with a trunk circumference of 60 cm or more..

## Integration without the waiting room

People who come to us generally want to integrate quickly — not wait endlessly. We will speed things up: appointment scheduling at the immigration office, application processing, recognition of qualifications, naturalisation, work permits, and German language courses.