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Motivation Letter [PDF]

Dear delegates,

With great enthusiasm and an even greater sense of urgency, I present my candidacy for the Committee of the European Green Party. Realising global and local change, based on the values of social justice and sustainable development, has been the key driver for my international and political work over the past three decades.

Curriculum Vitae [PDF]

I consider myself to be a feminist activist, with work experience in international NGOs and local politics. In my first job, when I advocated and defended the rights of sex workers, I experienced how important it is to work inclusively and never just for, but always with the people involved. Sex workers call it 'nothing about us, without us' and it has become a guiding motto for me. Later, in my work in the fight against human trafficking, I learned that the injustice of exploitation can only be tackled with (economic) systemic change. These two lessons have been the guiding principles in my work ever since.
I have experienced that change happens when people in their own communities raise their voices and stand up for their rights.

My political career started in 2006 as councillor and group leader of GroenLinks in the Amsterdam city council and in 2018, I was appointed as deputy mayor of Amsterdam on spatial development and sustainability. In the area of urban planning, I changed the focus from the number of houses a city can build, to the question for whom these houses are built, how to preserve 'free non-commercial spaces' in a dense and expensive city like Amsterdam and how to involve local communities. Together with civil servants, urban planners and neighbourhoods, we developed a long-term vision for the spatial development of the city, called 'De Menselijke Metropool' (the human metropolis).
While my previous work experience was focused on womens rights and migrant (workers) rights, the link with sustainability was always obvious to me. The system that exploits people, is the same system that exhausts our planet. We need a system change to achieve climate justice, making sure that saving the planet and enhancing peoples' rights go hand in hand. I was very fortunate that Kate Raworth, inventor of the Doughnut Economy, accepted my invitation to work with us to develop the circular economy strategy for Amsterdam. The rest is history: as soon as our strategy was launched in 2020, it was picked up by other governments and media across the globe. To me, this proves that people everywhere are longing for change.

Doughnut economics strives to meet the needs of all people within the means of the planet. To me, this is what green politics is about: to seek a just and sustainable future in international solidarity. It is also what is needed from the European Union, as a stronghold for democracy, human rights and civil liberties. But in the past decades the EU has also let us down, by favouring the greed of the free market over the needs of people and planet and violating the rights of refugees. Now that Europe is under both the attack and the influence of the radical right, it is even more important to defend the principles Europe stands for. We cannot halt the advance of the far right by presenting the 'light' version of their ideas: we can only stop them by showing that another society is actually possible. This is what the European Green Party represents, and this is what I am eager to contribute to.

I believe the European Green Party can bring together and lead a broad progressive movement. We need to seek cooperation with like-minded parties, but also civil organisations, trade unions and social enterprises. I would love to join forces with people and organisations from all over Europe – especially in countries where the space for civil society and for green and progressive politics is shrinking. Migrant workers fighting for their rights, NGO's providing support for people living in vulnerable situations, young people who are seeking regenerative ways of living, local green councillors who have made their cities healthier, cooperatives and commons who present new economic models; to learn from all these examples how to build a fair and sustainable future. Together with this large and diverse coalition of progressive actors, we can present an alluring and realistic alternative for the current neo-liberal policies and show that a just and green Europe is possible.
Looking forward to meeting you all in Dublin!

Green greetings,

Marieke



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Education

1985-1992
University of Amsterdam:
History
(International relations)

Certificate

Hemingway Professional Governance
College Programs 2023/ 2024

Qualities

Strategic and visionary
Inspiring and facilitating
Creative and innovative
Goal-oriented and decisive
Idealistic and pragmatic
Humor and enthusiasm

Competences

Stakeholder management
Communication
Policy influencing
Vision development
Public Administration
Public-private partnership

Interests

Postgrowth/New economies
Intersectional feminism
System change
Cycling holidays and hiking

Profile

Strongly content-driven, with expertise in human rights, sustainability and circular economy. I am used to working on public adminstrative and socially sensitive topics in a complex stakeholder field with different, sometimes conflicting, interests.

For a just and sustainable world, I bring people and ideas together, looking for innovative and unconventional solutions to complex problems. I like to work on long-term visions and rapid actions. I inspire people to place their own work in a broader context. I provide direction and offer space.

Employment history

February 2023 – present
Director
Kennisland
- Setting up Marine-location project “New economic thinking – New economic doing”
- Strategic Multi-Year Plan

May 2018 – June 2022
Deputy Mayor for Spatial Development and Sustainability
Municipality of Amsterdam
The goals for my agenda of change:
- Keeping the city accessible and affordable, protecting the soft values of the city and gaining control over and directing growth;
- Combining the transition to sustainable energy and a climate-neutral city with strengthening climate justice; and
- To give more say to the people of Amsterdam.

Various (policy) results have been delivered:
- The Amsterdam 2050 Environmental Vision “The Human Metropolis”.
- WomenMakeTheCity: a city-wide women's council that advises on the social and physical living environment from a female perspective.
- The management assignment “Expedition free space” to protect and make space available for social, cultural, and green initiatives.
- The Amsterdam Climate Neutral Roadmap with a long-term vision to reduce CO2 emissions by 55% in 2030 including hands-on activities for the short term.
- First Citizens' Council organized on climate, in collaboration with Alex Brenninkmeijer.
- For the Circular Strategy, I worked together with British economist Kate Raworth, known from Doughnut Economics. The Circular Strategy was a finalist for the Earthshot Prize 2022.
- Immediately after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, I launched the "Action Plan 15% less gas" together with six organizations. The action is the winner of the C40 Cities Bloomberg Philanthropies Award 2023

February 2017 – May 2018
General Coordinator
ASKV/Refugee Support Center
- Three-year European subsidy (AMIF) for the Medical Support Project for Undocumented Persons (MOO)
- Expanding the Project Activation for Undocumented Persons (PAO) with the development of a Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning (MEL) instrument.
- Design and financing of the first multi-year strategic plan.
- Strengthened cooperation between teams and professionalized the organization while maintaining original values.

September 2015 – January 2017
Policy advisor Migration and Refugee Protection
Oxfam Novib
- In the Netherlands, a coalition of six leading human rights and development organizations brought together an active lobby for humane refugee policies;
- Refugee rights election guide 'Humanity Checker' developed;
- International lobby against the use of development funds for anti-migration measures; and
- Support for Oxfam Novib reception projects for refugees in Lebanon, Jordan and Greece.

March 2006 – March 2014
Faction leader (2009-2014, from 2006-2009 council member)
GroenLinks Amsterdam
- General affairs: public order and safety
- Spatial Planning and Land Affairs
- Healthcare

August 2005 – July 2015
Advisor Public Affairs
La Strada International -European Network against trafficking in human beings
- Expanding the La Strada Network to a European platform of human rights and labour rights organisations;
- With the COMP.ACT project, the right to financial compensation for trafficked persons was included in European legislation and implemented by means of training among European NGOs, judges, lawyers;
- With the Monitoring project, aid workers in all affiliated countries were trained to become rapporteurs on human trafficking policy.

January 2005 – November 2005
Coordinator
International Committee on the Rights of Sex Workers in Europe (ICRSE)
Organization and coordination of the European Conference on Sex Work, Human Rights, Labor and Migration in the European Parliament in Brussels, where sex workers themselves were in charge and in the majority.

September 1994 – January 2005

Policy officer and spokesperson

Mr. A. de Graaf Foundation – Institute for Prostitution Issues

- Position improvement of prostitutes given prominent place in the law amendment for lifting brothel ban;
- Personal initiative for the realization of exhibition in the Historical Museum Apeldoorn with the book: *"In het Leven. Vier eeuwen prostitutie in Nederland"*;
- Various media appearances concerning the establishment of tolerated walking zones for street sex workers, prostitutes and safe shelters;
- Establishment of Platform position improvement prostitutes.

Other related positions (voluntary)

2024 - present Supervisory board Amsterdam Energy
2024 - present Chair 'De Gezonde Stad'
2023 - present Co chair WECF (Ecofeminist network)
2012 - 2018 Duo chair Mama Cash (Worlds first women's fund)
2014 - 2018 Chair BADT/Bureau Straatjurist (Legal support for homeless persons)
2007 - 2010 Board member Femnet (Feminist Network GroenLinks)
2002 - 2007 Chair Foundation Support and Shelter for Prostitutes The Hague (SHOP)
1998 - 2003 Chair Emancipation Advisory Council Amsterdam (EAR)

Supporters

Demokratska Obnova na Makedonija, Groen, PROGRES?VIE, Miljöpartiet de gröna, Partido Ecologista Os Verdes, Gra?anski Pokret URA, SF - Green Left, Možemo! – politi?ka platforma, Verdes Equo, Bündnis90/Die Grünen, Green Party of England and Wales, Les Écologistes - Europe Ecologie Les Verts, LIVRE, dei greng, Die Grünen - Die Grüne Alternative, Irish Green Party / Comhaontas Glas, Esquerra Verda, Partija Zelenykh Ukrainy, Zieloni, Miljøpartiet De Grønne, Norway *