Re-election in constituency 15:

Vote „Die Linke“ on 8 March 2026

Elected into the Wesel city council since 2009, we have been fighting ever since for a Wesel that puts **community first.**

Our goal is a city for everyone: a Wesel that offers the same opportunities and high quality of life for all people – regardless of how much money they have in their wallets, what gender or sexuality they identify with, wether migration history makes their family special, or how old they are. **We are all different – that‘s a good thing, and we should all be able to live well together.**

Since joining the city council, we „Die Linke“ in Wesel have been working to create a society that welcomes everyone, regardless of their circumstances. In the committees and beyond, we are committed to social justice – to affordable housing, good education and a strong social infrastructure.

We want to continue this work for a Wesel based on solidarity, and that is why we are asking for **your vote on 8 March 2026.**

Transport: tailored to our needs

A lack of parking areas is a problem for the many people who live in the city centre. **Residents have to pay annual fees for a parking permit, but often find no free space, competing with visitors – that's not fair**. This leads to frustration, which can lead to risky driving and endanger the safety of all road users.

We demand:

- More parking spaces exclusively available to holders of resident parking permits.
- More parking spaces in locations that meet the conditions.
- Reduction of free parking times.
- Expansion of speed-regulating measures, especially in traffic-calmed areas.

Walks to the Rhine inevitably lead across Hansaring. The traffic light timings there are programmed in a way that is disadvantageous for pedestrians, which is why older citizens in particular need at least two traffic light phases to cross the road. This is unacceptable, especially in extreme weather conditions.

We demand:

- **Pedestrian-friendly** traffic lights.

Educational equality from the outset!

In Germany, children's educational success depends heavily on their parents' level of education and income. **Children born into poverty are at increased risk of living in poverty themselves later in life.**
The Ida Noddack Comprehensive School has been assigned a social index of 7, which indicates that its **student body is subject to above-average social stress.** Other parties in Wesel do not want to implement the final construction plans for the school and want to lower the building standards, thereby seriously jeopardising the educational success of the children.

We demand:

- Implementation of the final plans in accordance with high construction standards in order to make the Ida Noddack School attractive for pupils and teachers and thus combat educational inequality in the long term.

Leisure: Diverse, without barriers

Wesel lacks **space for young people** to try things out and develop freely. Graffiti areas where artists can express themselves, open-air stages that offer bands a place to practise, and public gardens are all things that could make Wesel more attractive and bring people closer together.

We support:

- Supporting existing youth centres in their work and expanding their services.
- Creating more **free and open spaces** and services that cover a wide range of leisure activities and offer a safe place for all groups.
- Making **creative use of vacant urban retail** premises.

We are calling for the following for the new Rheinbad:

- **Discount models** for low-income groups.
- **Seasonal admission prices** that bring the offer into line with the price.

Housing: Affordable and sufficiently available for all

Living space is becoming increasingly **scarce and expensive**, meaning that a large portion of income must be invested in rent. While people search for flats, living space is being **misused**. The Marien Hospital is relocating administrative offices to former residential buildings, and fully furnished flats circumvent rent regulations, thereby contributing to the problem.

We demand:

- Misuse must be strictly monitored and only approved if it benefits the general public. **Where living space is misused, it must be recreated elsewhere.**
- In new development areas and for larger construction projects, we want to set binding **quotas for subsidised and affordable housing** – especially where the city itself develops or sells the land.

Protecting the climate – preparing cities for heat

The climate crisis has long been evident in Wesel: we are experiencing increasingly frequent heat waves, which pose a particular risk to older people, children and people with pre-existing conditions. We must therefore actively arm ourselves against the consequences of global warming – in a **socially just and environmentally friendly manner.**
The city centre, with its sealed surfaces, is particularly uninviting, especially in the summer months. Effective heat protection measures can improve the quality of life for Wesel's residents and support the economy – a **cool city centre is more inviting to visitors**.

We demand:

- More measures for **heat protection** in Wesel. These include, among other things
    - Sun sails in highly frequented places.
    - ‘City trees’ with a cooling capacity equivalent to that of 80 newly planted trees.
    - ‘Climate boxes’ in which plants, water and shade invite people to linger.
    - Expansion of public drinking water facilities.
    - Preservation of the Rhine-Lippe floodplain as a natural fresh air corridor and valuable habitat for animals and plants.

We also want Wesel to contribute to the fight against climate change while supporting people in their daily lives. Within our city, we can make small contributions that can add up to a big difference.

We support:

- More **repair cafés** to make damaged electrical appliances usable again instead of replacing them with new ones.
- Exchange and free shops in the city to provide alternatives to buying new.

We stand for **solidarity and diversity** in Wesel! Because only together can we create a liveable, socially just, peaceful and climate-neutral city where everyone enjoys good living conditions and no one is left behind.

Politics shouldn’t plan only from one election to the next. Important decisions require courage, vision and a clear stance.

As a parliamentary group, we put issues on the agenda, submit motions and participate in discussions – always with the aim of making life in Wesel better for everyone.

To enable us to continue this work in the future, we ask for your votes for **Die Linke** on **8 March 2026.**

For a fair, liveable and united Wesel – for everyone.