WHAT IS THE ÖDP?...
Herzlich willkommen,
Welcome to the Ecological Democratic Party! We are home to people who think holistically and act in the interests of community. Thus we succeed in generating responsible and sustainable solutions for a just society worth living in.

By calling many referendums, we have proven that we understand democracy and take citizens’ rights seriously.

Please lend us your support!

Gabriela Schimmer-Göresz, 
Party Leader
OUR FOUNDATIONS
AN ETHICAL MANIFESTO

All the claims in our manifesto can be related back to this Golden Rule. We test all our demands and actions according to this principle. We want to rise to the greatest challenges of our times: continuing climate change, the current economic crisis, social transformation and the concomitant higher demands on each individual.

We feel our responsibility towards community, our earth, our generation and future generations. Our members get their political motivation and their creativity from the conviction that everyone must work to maintain our natural resources.

Our human ideals and our manifesto are founded on Christian and Humanistic values. This identity makes us open for other Religions and world views.

GOLDENE REGEL DER POLITIK

The leading principle of our politics is not just thinking of ourselves but showing solidarity with all people on this planet and with future generations. Beyond this we’re conscious that we’re a part of animate and inanimate nature and carry responsibility for this.
SOCIAL FORMATION AND BONDING
THE KEYS TO THE FUTURE

Social formation and bonding are key elements in the quest of building our futures together.

First must come a sense of belonging, only then can character be formed. Just as education needs the human element, so there is no character formation without the social bond. This is forged by closeness, attention, kindness, trustfulness, a will to learn.

In the early years it is important that children experience parental and other relationships in a context of lovingness and trustworthiness. Children who were able to experience relationships in this way can develop a sense of basic security in preparation for life in the broader community. That in turn opens minds and hearts for new experiences.

Formation encompasses the whole individual: along with a training of understanding and reason, it develops a receptiveness for aesthetics and a sense of ethical behaviour. People need time to develop, to understand common values, to discover their individuality and to hone their social skills.
ECONOMIC POLICY
QUALITY GOES BEFORE GROWTH!

The ÖDP believes in promoting prosperity without the need for economic growth. This means gaining quality of life by doing without surplus.

The hitherto-existing economic model is predicated on one way material consumption and has failed. It rides roughshod over fundamental ecological but also scientific principles. Any economy which ignores its ecological foundations is neither rational nor sustainable.

For us, ecological and social economic policy is predicated on maintaining sustainability in all human endeavour.

We envisage a strengthening of regional economic cycles and value creation whilst paying attention to the needs of humans and nature and protecting natural resources. We turn our backs on growth oriented economic activity.
Putting its ethical standards into effect, the ÖDP strives for social justice. This can be said to have been achieved when as many as possible of the members in a community enjoy equality of opportunity. That means that they can make the most of their lives within the framework of their personal freedom.

Social justice is a matter of common sense if people want to live in peace and harmony together.

We are committed to the principle that all people in the world should be able to determine their lives autonomously in realisation of their human dignity. Fair trade and careful use of resources should be taken for granted. Basic standards in ecological and social matters count more than economic interests.
The ÖDP campaigns for an upbringing allowance which is subject to tax and national insurance. The party is thus championing freedom of choice for parents, so that there is no financial pressure in deciding whether to care for the children at home or to entrust them to the care of others.

We also support the introduction of a care allowance for those who want to keep their relatives at home so that they can age with dignity. A grant of this care allowance will however not be made dependant on the method of care (whether at home or institutional). The measure of this should always be the degree of care needed. The level of care input must not be determined solely by economic considerations.

The state is obliged to provide adequate support to families suffering difficulties.
Democracy and the opportunity for participation are essential elements of social justice. People must make use of political rights to determine their own lives and so to get themselves a role in society.

For the ÖDP, the establishment of democracy is central. We are avowedly in favour of welfare and democracy, ecological principles, human dignity, human rights and engagement for peace in an ever closer Europe and in the world.

We set our face against consumption-oriented materialism and pure capitalism, nationalism and xenophobia, also every kind of exploitation of the individual and of the environment.

Of this we’re sure: Through more direct democracy we will be able to stabilise the economic and ecological foundations of our society and to underscore social justice.
WE LIVE OUR POLITICS!
BASIC PRINCIPLES

Visions must be authentic. Therefore what we say, we live and what we live, we say.

- Voluntary eschewal of corporate donations
- Code of honour for all carriers of mandates
- Family friendly wages
- Opportunities for participation which are transparent and direct-democratic
- Referenda for all important issues
- Sustainable media on the basis of unchlorified recycled paper
- All actions are CO2-neutral
Join the ÖDP in promoting farsighted, life-affirming, ecological policies!

There is a great deal more to be done. For this we need you! Because political decisions affect us all.

Make use of information material!
Make a donation!

Come along and join in discussion!
Share your opinion with others amongst your contacts!

Become active!
www.oedp.de/mitmachen

OUR VISION
AN ETHICAL APPROACH TO POLITICS

Our country needs socially oriented and ecological policies which seek to maintain natural resources and drive forward democratic renewal.

We aspire to peace, justice and the conservation of creation and thereby also of our natural heritage and wildlife habitats.

Our understanding is that politics should work towards a better world in which everybody can live peacefully and freely without exploitation or oppression and in harmony with one another.

This aim is both idealistic and visionary. Together with all people of good will we want to convert this vision into a reality for all.

Become a part of this vision! Support our party!
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