

## OUR NRW PLAN IS WORKING

- Around 730 000 new jobs for employees covered by social insurance have been created in NRW since 2010. Unemployment has fallen to its lowest level for the last 23 years.
- We have stepped up the number of available places in our open day-care nursery centers to around 305 000, an increase of 80 000 places since 2010. In order to improve conditions in schools, we have created an additional 7 200 teaching positions, reduced class sizes, reformed teacher training and invested in social work in schools.
- We will not reintroduce tuition fees in universities as demanded by CDU and FDP.
- Our program “Perspectives for school leavers” guarantees all girls and boys leaving school a good start in further training or studies. This program will target more than 500 000 pupils in grades 8 to 10 by the end of 2018/2019, enabling them to transfer to all forms of advanced schools and training colleges.
- Multiple citizenship is already a lived reality in NRW as a normal part of our modern immigration society. For this reason, we will not permit the limitation or even abolition of dual citizenship as demanded by the CDU.

## OUR AIMS FOR NRW

- We will completely phase out parental contributions for core opening hours (30 hours per week) at day-care nursery centers by 2022 and create a better quality of care and increased flexibility in day-care nursery center opening times.
- We will invest 14 billion euros in the reduction of traffic congestion at numerous locations on our autobahns up to 2030.
- We have already increased annual recruitment levels in the police force from 1 700 (in 2010) to 2 000 (in 2017) and aim to achieve an annual recruitment figure of 2 300.
- We will abolish fees for master craftsman training.
- Fast internet: by 2018, capacity will be increased to a minimum of 50 Mbits/s throughout the federal state and NRW will have a gigabit glass fiber network by 2026.
- We will provide concessionary travel on public transport for trainee apprentices. During the coming years, at least 8 billion euros will be invested in the maintenance and expansion of rail infrastructure and the modernization of railroad stations.
- We will increase capacity for the long-term unemployed in a socially just employment market.

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## THE NRW PLAN

A federal state election is being held on  
14 May in NRW: both votes for the SPD!

# DEAR FELLOW CITIZENS,

There is a federal state election in North Rhine–Westphalia on 14 May 2017. We in the SPD have a clear plan for our federal state. North Rhine–Westphalia is a strong state!

## THE NRW PLAN

Through our prevention policy “No child left behind” we aim to create greater opportunities for all children. Since 2010, we have invested more than 200 billion euros in the key issues of the future: children, education and families. Since then, the capacity in our day-care nurseries has doubled; there is an increase of 80 000 children now attending all-day school and NRW has around 230 000 additional students in its universities. We are also refurbishing our schools with investments amounting to an extra two billion euros.

Currently, more people are in work than ever before, among other reasons because our economy is well-positioned for the challenges of the future. We in NRW have repeatedly shown that we can design change. NRW is and will remain the economically strongest federal state with innovative industrial enterprises and modern service providers.

**This is our plan for North Rhine–Westphalia: our aim is to continue its implementation.**

Warmest greetings,



Hannelore Kraft

## WHO IS ELEGIBLE TO VOTE?

All citizens from 18 years on possessing German citizenship and resident in North Rhine–Westphalia at least 16 days before the federal state election in North Rhine–Westphalia are eligible to vote.

## HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTION?

**There are three possibilities:**



### **At the polling place on election Sunday**

Your local polling place is indicated on your polling card. You can vote at the polling place between 8 and 18 h on election day: please do not forget to bring your polling card or ID with you.

After a brief check to ensure that you are eligible to vote, the polling officers at the polling place will give you your voting paper which you should take into the voting booth to be able to cast your vote personally and confidentially. Please mark your vote with a cross on your voting paper, fold it up and then place it in the voting box.

Anyone requiring help, for example in the case of a handicap or the inability to read, can be accompanied by a person of trust in the voting booth.



### **Voting in advance**

Alternatively, you can also cast your vote in advance in your local electoral office before election day on 14 May 2017. Please bring your polling card or ID with you. Simply ask at your local town hall to

find out where the electoral office is and when it is open.



### **Voting from home**

If you are absent from your place of residence on election day or cannot come to the polling place for any other reason, you can apply to cast your vote by post using the polling documents which the electoral office will be sending you from mid-April onwards.

For this purpose, please fill out the form you have received and send it back to the electoral office. You can also make an informal request for a postal vote by post, fax or e-mail (please include your name, address and date of birth with this request). Soon after, you will be sent the postal voting documents and you can then cast your vote in the comfort of your home.

## HOW MANY VOTES DO I HAVE?

### **You have two votes**

With your **first vote** you can select a person from your electoral district who is a candidate for the federal state parliament in North Rhine–Westphalia.

With your **second vote** – independent of the first vote – you can select one of the political parties standing in the federal state election in North Rhine–Westphalia listed on your voting paper.

Your choice of candidate (first vote) and political party (second vote) should both be clearly visible on the voting paper.