

MANIFESTO

**SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE =
SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE**

Human rights and humanitarian law above all.

A call to prioritise the victims of this war.



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When the rich wage war, it's the poor who die.

The posts from Ukraine have made one thing clear: this is a war nobody wanted but one that Putin has instigated, the consequences of which are the lives of hundreds of innocent civilians and the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands more. Solidarity with Ukraine must mean solidarity with the people.

DWARS and PINK! stand therefore in solidarity with the Ukrainian people, with the refugees fleeing the war, with the civilians fighting a war they do not understand, with the families who have lost their loved ones, with the activists standing up against tyranny – with all the victims of this war who will unfortunately bear its costs.

Now more than ever must the global community stand up in solidarity, prioritising humanity and the fundamental rights of man. The Dutch government must do everything in her power to ensure the utmost protection of humanitarian law in Ukraine and of human rights in Ukraine, Russia, and the EU. Now more than ever must we protect and support the victims of this invasion in Ukraine and the opposition voices in Russia.

We therefore propose four points:

1. Solidarity with the Ukrainian people

We call for the immediate and direct support of the Ukrainian people. Support must not only be financial, but consist of comprehensive humanitarian, social, and political aid that goes directly to the Ukrainian people and to local civil society actors and organisations supporting them on the ground.

In addition, all support must be intersectional. We therefore strongly ask the government to focus support on marginalised groups who are indeed the most disadvantaged during the war, including people with a migrant background, the poor, the vulnerable, people with disabilities, women and children. We would also like to see that animals are protected and that the government takes this into account in the provision of support.

2. "Solidarity" and "responsibility" of EU asylum policy

We call on the government to live up to the principle of "solidarity" and "fair sharing of responsibility" in asylum policy enshrined in Article 80 of the TFEU. The Common European Asylum System (CEAS) has been demonstrably insufficient. We ask the government to therefore:

- Make actual commitments to the housing and resettlement of refugees within the Netherlands,
- Provide financial and administrative aid to border states and humanitarian organisations in those states in order to guarantee humane reception conditions,
- Ensure the protection of human rights norms in the reception of refugees in the Netherlands and throughout the EU, and support the independent monitoring thereof.

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3. Solidarity with the Russian people

We call for the support, financially, politically and otherwise, of independent civil society in Russia by any means possible. Every individual has a right to peacefully demonstrate. We ask the government to therefore:

- Support the anti-war protestors, human rights defenders, lawyers and journalists in Russia,
- Demand the immediate release of the hundreds of anti-war protestors that have been unjustly detained or imprisoned,
- Facilitate the issuing of emergency entry visas to activists and human rights defenders fearing persecution from the Russian state.

Furthermore, we plead the government to ensure that the sanctions enacted are essential in targeting the Russian regime broadly and Putin and the Russian political elite and oligarchy specifically; the financing of intelligence services and the military; and the oil and gas sector. In addition, the government must immediately and definitively terminate all partnerships with Gazprom. We strongly urge the government to especially minimise or avoid sanctions that unnecessarily hurt the Russian people.

4. Solidarity internationally

We call on the government, now more than ever, to stand together with the rest of the global community and prioritise international cooperation and the enactment and enforcement of international human rights and humanitarian norms.

Above all we strongly request the government to truly show international solidarity with the global community by using the peacebuilding, asylum, aid and humanitarian measures enacted by the Netherlands throughout this conflict to pave the way for permanent and comprehensive support mechanisms and systems within the Netherlands and the EU. The government must therefore take this as the first step for a comprehensive system that also supports people from other crises that have all too often been ignored, such as the Afghan and Syrian refugees and Palestinian civilian victims.