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Jesse Claver (GroenLinks):



Who is he:

Jesse Klaver has been a Member of Parliament for GroenLinks since 2010 and the party chair since 2015.

As the most progressive opposition leader, he has put topics such as tax avoidance and the unfair distribution of wealth on the agenda in the House. He was one of the authors of the historic Climate Act, which was passed by a majority of the House in 2019. In addition, Jesse has been fighting for fair and inclusive politics since the beginning of his parliamentary membership. He stands for unifying but explicitly political. Purposeful and inclusive. Young at heart, but experienced in parliament.

What he stands for:

Jesse fights for equality for everyone, a more ambitious climate policy, a more sustainable labor market, a more valuable public sector, and public housing, in order to achieve a shared future for the Netherlands

In the House of Representatives, Jesse opposes economism: the idea that all issues can be reduced to a financial-economic issue. People become figures and people only think in terms of the solution: more market, less government, more growth. According to Jesse, this should change now that neoliberal thinking has turned out to be bankrupt. We have to go from prosperity to well-being, from more for fewer people, to enough for all people.

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Esther Ouwehand (Partij voor de Dieren):



Who is she:

Esther Ouwehand has been a Member of Parliament for the Party for the Animals since November 2006 and the parliamentary party chair of the Lower House since October 2019. Despite these years of experience in political The Hague, Esther still feels more of an activist than a politician.

What does she stand for:

After studying Policy, Communication & Organization at the Free University in Amsterdam, Esther Ouwehand became a marketing manager at a magazine publisher. After about five years she had seen enough of the business world - just when the Party for the Animals was being founded. She was immediately enthusiastic about the idea of a party that stands up exclusively for animal interests. She quit her job at the publishing house in 2004 and became the coordinator of the party bureau. In that position, she worked on building up the party organization. Two years later, when the Party for the Animals won two seats in elections in 2006, she entered the Lower House together with Marianne Thieme for the first political party in the world to choose the interests of non-congeners as the starting point for its political policy.

Ouwehand is not only committed to animal rights in the Chamber but can also regularly be found in the country as a guest speaker at conferences, events, and demonstrations.