

The Seniors' Advisory Council

The "voice" of the seniors



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The Senior Citizens' Advisory Council acts as a voice for the senior citizens of Bocholt. It represents the interests of older residents and advocates on their behalf. The full members are: Edeltraud Chrysanthou (Chair), Klemens Barde (Deputy Chair), Veronika Kampshoff, Andreas Heitkamp, Dr Michael Adam, Rainer Harges, Abdulkadir Kis, Leo Marsching.

The associate members are:

Rolf Oechtering, Gabriele Theling, Michaela Schneider, Gabriele Rehbold, Gabriela Lavric, Dr Dimitri Macheras.

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Panel discussion "Arriving in Bocholt" on 16 September 2026 - 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm at the Historic Town Hall

Everyone has their own story. We're interested in them and love to listen.

Event details:

Residents of Bocholt will take part in a discussion to share their experiences of moving to Bocholt from other parts of Germany or from abroad. Visitors to the event will also have the opportunity to share their own experiences.

Time for a chat

With refreshing drinks on offer, there will be plenty of time for personal conversations and socialising.

[Flyer 16 September 2026 Round-table discussion: Settling in Bocholt](#)

11 June 2026



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A meeting with Mayor Christian Mangan

"The Mayor meets the new members of the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council".

At the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council's last public meeting on Thursday, 11 June 2026, an in-depth and constructive discussion took place with Mayor Christian Mangan.

At the start, the members of the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council briefly introduced themselves to the mayor and outlined their expectations and objectives for the new term of office. The mayor also took the opportunity to introduce himself personally. He then answered the members' questions in detail and addressed the issues raised comprehensively.



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Visit by the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council from Bocholt, Belgium

"It was a lovely day of exchange with our twin town in Belgium".

On 27 May 2026, the town of Bocholt welcomed the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council from Bocholt in Belgium for a day visit. After a bus journey of around two and a half hours, the delegation arrived in their German twin town at around 10 am.

The guests were welcomed at the LernWerk by Mayor Christian Mangel, the Chair of the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council, Edeltraud Chrysanthou, and other members of the Bocholt Senior Citizens' Advisory Council. In a warm and friendly atmosphere, a shared breakfast provided an opportunity for initial discussions and personal exchanges.

Afterwards, the visitors were given a guided tour, providing them with an insight into the LernWerk and its wide range of activities. A short walk around the Kubaai site also gave them a sense of the urban development and the special atmosphere of this neighbourhood.

Lunch together at the Europahaus provided a further convivial setting for these friendly encounters. The cultural highlight of the day was ultimately the tour of the Textilwerk, which impressively brings the region's textile history to life.

Before the guests set off on their return journey to the Belgian twin town in the afternoon, there was still time for a stroll through Bocholt town centre, whose charm and hospitality will remain a pleasant memory for the visitors.

New Senior Citizens' Advisory Council elected in the town of Bocholt.



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On 8 October 2025, the new Senior Citizens' Advisory Council was elected at the Lernwerk Bocholt. Following the counting of the votes, the new Advisory Council, comprising 21 members, has been finalised: the Chair is Edeltraud Chrysanthou, and the Deputy Chair is Klemens Barde. Other members are Dr Michael Adam, Rolf Oechtering, Michaela Schneider, Dimitrios Macheras, Gabriele Theling, Veronika Kampshoff, Abdulkadir Kis, Hedwig Bruckmann, Leo Marsching, Sabine Kremer, Gabriela Lavric, Rainer Harges, Marita Degeling, Werner Marschall, Beate Feldkamp, Gabriele Rehbold, Andreas Heitkamp, Doris Menker and Pierre Zibell. (City of Bocholt)

New Chair of the Senior Citizens' Advisory Board



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Edeltraud Chrysanthou (on the right in the photo) was elected as the new chairperson at the meeting of the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council on 8 October 2025.

The Senior Citizens' Advisory Board

- is a non-partisan and non-denominational advocacy organisation
- consists of people with experience of voluntary work with older people
- is elected through a delegate election. All clubs, associations and groups in Bocholt active in local work with older people nominate representatives for the delegates' assembly. This assembly then elects the members of the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council from among its own ranks.
- It is elected for a term of five years; this term is linked to the electoral term of the City Council.

[Statutes, Election Regulations and Rules of Procedure of the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council \(as at May 2025\)](#)

Working groups: Our topics

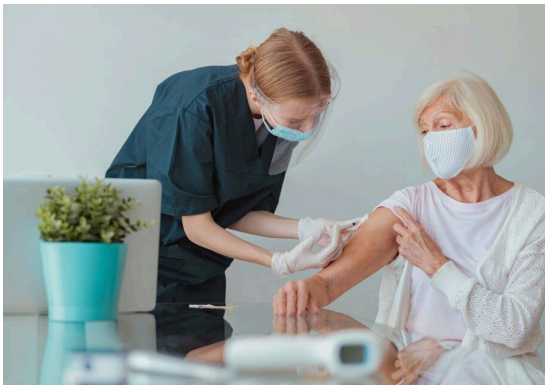
The members of the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council regularly discuss issues that are important to older people in Bocholt in working groups. Here is an overview of the working groups in which we are active:



Education, culture and leisure



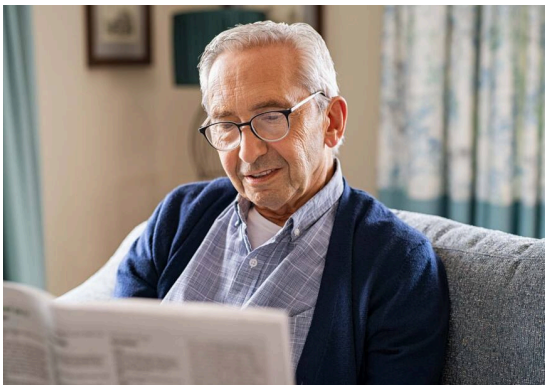
Digitalisation and integration



Health, care and social affairs



Housing, mobility and security



Public relations



2024: 30 years of the Bocholt Senior Citizens' Advisory Council: Presentation for the anniversary event

The Senior Citizens' Advisory Council is responsible for,

- to represent the interests of older people in Bocholt in dealings with the council and the local authority, as well as in the public sphere
- To develop ideas that contribute to improving the quality of life for older people
- to submit proposals to the Bocholt Town Council and the council administration on all matters affecting older people
- to work cooperatively and to contribute to good collaboration amongst all public and private organisations active in the field of care for older people.

Information from the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council

- [Europe Direct Bocholt Events: February-March 2026](#)
- [Electronic patient records](#) ↗

2018-2024

- [Senior Citizens' Advisory Council at the Bocholt Clubs and Societies Fair](#)
- [Bocholt Seniors' Advisory Council visits Bocholt's Belgian twin town \(May 2024\)](#)
- [New drinking water fountain in Bocholt town centre \(April 2024\)](#)
- [Senior Citizens' Advisory Council aims to attract younger members \(April 2024\)](#)
- [Become a neighbourhood helper \(January 2024\)](#) ↗
- [Major seniors' fair in Bocholt town centre \(September 2023\)](#)
- [Senior Citizens' Advisory Board bids farewell to Nina Kremer \(August 2023\)](#)
- [Seniors' Advisory Board donates an apple tree \(May 2022\)](#)
- [Seniors' Advisory Board visits new funeral parlour \(May 2022\)](#)
- [Dr Adam joins the executive board of the State Seniors' Council \(April 2022\)](#)
- [New Bocholt Senior Citizens' Advisory Council \(May 2018\)](#)

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Next public meeting: 17 September 2026

10.00 am - Diepenbrock, Wesemannstr. 6, 46397 Bocholt
Communal room, Assisted Living, 2nd floor

Agenda items:

to be announced shortly before the meeting

Important links:

[ANNA - Digital guide for family carers in North Rhine-Westphalia](#) 

[LSV leaflet "Checklist from admission to discharge from hospital"](#) 

