



Valle Agno Attiva Giovane Verde

TOGETHER TO GROW: ELECTORAL PROGRAM

Valdagno 2024-2029, an attractive, inclusive, sustainable city

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A. Why are we running for elections?

Valle Agno Attiva Giovane Verde aims to lead Valdagno with a grand objective, emerged from dialogue with the 'Valdagnesi': to generate opportunities and incentives to live every phase of life in well-being, to realize oneself as individuals and citizens, in harmony with each other and with nature, also through a healthy and just economy.

We aspire to be remembered as good ancestors by the 'Valdagnesi' of 2100.

B. What does "Together to grow" mean?

Our slogan, "Together to grow," refers to a community engaged towards a Valle Agno that attracts, includes, and is sustainable, raising the level of its quality of life.

Furthermore, "Together to grow" is a pact between citizenship and civic list, an invitation to vote for its candidates so they enter the City Council to bring forth those issues that, though urgent, still struggle to find space today. Within the Municipality, we will also have the opportunity to deepen our skills and, in 5 years, be even more active in guiding the city. We are sowing to make Valle Agno a wonderful land to live in and to stop in over the coming years.



C. How will we represent the citizenship?

We have created a "Councillor's Handbook" of 5 points, to be extended to the other councillors we will work with. The goal is to be aware of the role each of the elected officials has towards the Valdagnesi.

The councillor of Valle Agno Attiva Giovane Verde:

1. speaks on behalf of the citizens, not oneself
2. intervenes when having studied the subject
3. criticizes when able to propose a valid alternative
4. meets periodically with the citizenship
5. engages constructively with both majority and opposition.




D. What do we propose?

We have divided our proposals into 6 areas:

1. Community
2. Nature
3. Health and Rights
4. Employment
5. Tourism and Events
6. Roads and Transportation

Each area includes concrete projects that often require collaboration among all neighboring municipalities. At its core is the overcoming of localisms, a necessary step to implement both immediate and longer-term actions.

To enhance the readability of the program, we have placed icons in each proposal that transversally identify the values of our civic list:



- active: 
- young: 
- green: 

Follow the thematic threads through the icons on the following pages!



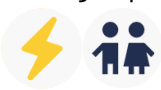
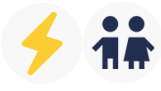
*The team of Valle Agno Attiva Giovane Verde
Valdagno, April 20, 2024*



1. COMMUNITY: creating participation, sustainability, and solidarity




| PROPOSAL | GOALS | SPECIFIC ACTIONS |
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| <p>The community takes center stage</p> | <p>Revitalize citizens' active participation by transparently sharing information</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "<u>One municipality, many centers</u>": establish forms of active participation between the Municipality and each neighborhood, starting with a portal for easy-to-use democratic participation - A real spokesperson role for the President of the City Council: more contact between the municipality and the citizenship, real representation of citizens in the Council - Activate the "<u>participatory budget</u>" annually, meaning projects conceived and voted on by citizens, using funds recovered from tax evasion and/or a "piggy bank" in the square for voluntary contributions - "<u>Neighborhood Center</u>": seek private funding for the creation of self-managed gathering spaces by citizens, redeveloping abandoned spaces in various neighborhoods/districts. Inside, there can be libraries, study spaces, assembly areas, cafes, etc. - Establish a "<u>Youth Council</u>" for more active collaboration between the Municipality and younger generations - Incentives for volunteering, e.g., vouchers for gyms, paddle tennis courts, swimming pools, local shops, etc. |
| <p>Sustainability in action in Valdagno</p> | <p>Give substance to food, energy, and economic sustainability</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incentivize bulk purchases and reuse - Educate on reducing high-impact foods - Valdagno's adherence to the Plant Based Treaty - Promote community urban gardens - Promote <u>energy communities</u>, including making municipal public surfaces available (rooftops, parks, etc.) - Facilitate citizen access to the "Energy Saving Point" to guide them through the entire process of installing renewable energy sources at home, informing about tax incentives and personal and community benefits - Campaign to reduce waste in home heating and cooling - Activate an "<u>eco-hotline</u>" for environmental reports - Support community composting - Campaigns for the disposal of used oil and diapers outside supermarkets - <u>Glass recovery campaigns</u> in front of supermarkets, with the citizen receiving the deposit paid at the time of purchase |



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incentivize ecological education in schools, providing tools to teachers for ecological awareness and activating workshops up to high school |
| Valdagno, the municipality of communities | <p>Celebrate the cultural richness of Valdagno and its inhabitants</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote local history and origins through initiatives and research (scholarships, local history festivals...) - Involve foreign communities to activate new traditions: People's Festival, Eid dinner at the end of Ramadan, etc. - Enhance Italian language courses for foreigners - Organize open cooking courses for ethnic cuisine managed by the respective communities |
| The municipality informs (for real) | <p>Make municipal information transparent and shared</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthen Valdagno-citizen information channels, starting with a faster and user-friendly website - Prepare a clear, public calendar of events in the area, avoiding overlaps - Integrate information on environmental projects and their benefits for Valdagnesi into public screens |
| Sports mean well-being and integration | <p>Fuel physical and mental well-being and social cohesion through sports</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage sports practices from a young age - Maintenance of sports facilities, facilitating accessibility - "<u>Polisportività</u>": Strengthen collaboration with/among sports associations in Valle Agno to offer common activities |
| Foundations of security: respect, tolerance, solidarity | <p>Increase inclusive and participatory civic education for young people to reduce the risks of crime and vandalism</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Systematize the <u>Valdagno Oratory</u> as a safe and welcoming space, ideal for expressing oneself freely - Street animation: Training of youth mediators to promote non-violent communication and intercultural dialogue, thereby contributing to building a more cohesive and aware Valdagno - Incentivize programs in schools that guide students to understand the importance of peaceful coexistence and collaboration |



2. NATURE: together with the environment that we build the future

| PROPOSAL | GOALS | SPECIFIC ACTIONS |
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| Greener urban spaces | <p>Valdagnesi have repeatedly expressed their desire to live surrounded by more greenery: it's time to ensure it</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tree-lined parking lots and streets, and greening roofs where possible (with native flora), for milder temperatures and to encourage summer strolls for both young and old - Decementify unnecessarily cemented or disused areas - <u>Implement the 3-30-300 rule</u>: 3 visible plants from every window, 30% of the territory covered by plants, and a park within 300 meters of each neighborhood's homes |
| Valdagno, a bird-friendly municipality | <p>Following "Valdagno, a friend of bees," a step forward to address the decline of birds and increase urban biodiversity</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fenced bird feeders in parks during winter. - Implementation of the prohibition of tree and hedge pruning during nesting periods, in compliance with regulations. - In case of building renovations, provide small holes to accommodate swallows, sparrows, etc. - In case of demolition of ruins, provide compensatory nest boxes for nocturnal birds of prey (which limit rodent proliferation). - Installation of bird and small mammal nest boxes, bat-boxes, and "insect hotels" in parks, schools, public buildings; nest boxes for birds of prey on bell towers (e.g., for peregrine falcons, which keep pigeons away, with monitoring webcams) |
| Healthier nature, cleaner water | <p>Improving management plans for natural areas and the Agno river, in harmony with nature's timing, for genuine protection of the delicate balance between us and local biodiversity</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate adaptation and mitigation plan based on the "Climate Menu for Adriatic Regions." - Development of an updated Agno management plan. - Restoration and protection of natural areas, especially wetlands, with attention to wildlife reproductive periods. - <u>Mowing</u>: flowers and grass provide food and shelter for pollinators and their caterpillars, so mowing will only be carried out where necessary for safety, with a ban on herbicides, and sowing only native flowers. - Projects to prevent roadkill of animals. - "<u>Mayor's Cats</u>" fund for volunteers who control stray cats and carry out sterilizations in feline colonies |





3. HEALTH AND RIGHTS: a quality life for every citizen

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| The right to housing | <p>Give families, especially young people, the opportunity to stay and live in Valdagno</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitate the search for housing: <u>map vacant homes</u> in Valdagno and incentivize rentals by reducing municipal taxes |
| Always vigilant in defense of public health | <p>Ensure healthcare accessible to residents throughout Valle Agno, from hospitals to medical services</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Constant defense of local hospitals and medical services - Facilitate home delivery pharmacy services - "<u>Taxi for medical appointments</u>": enhance transportation to make healthcare more accessible for people with limited mobility |
| Valle Agno with (almost) zero emissions and dust | <p>Reduce pollution and emissions responsible for climate change</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verify objectives in the PAESC (Action Plan for Sustainable Energy and Climate). - Accelerate actions outlined in the PAESC, particularly to incentivize reducing road traffic and reducing emissions from obsolete facilities. - Install an ARPAV monitoring station for fine particulate matter. - Establish a permanent coordination body for ecological transition: a forum to make ecological transition integral to every action, with participation from all relevant councilors (e.g., Environment, Transport, Planning...) of Valle municipalities or the Mountain Community or the Programmatic Area Agreement |
| A peaceful life for every woman | <p>Act efficiently in cases of gender-based violence and overcome patriarchal culture</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthen accessibility to the "Women's Desk" at the Social Citadel, ensuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → a lawyer to simplify the reporting process and assist in legal procedures → a female psychologist to help women and children address the issue (the psychological support desk can also be available for other cases, to avoid resource dispersion) → a female cultural mediator → an educator to work with schools to promote gender equality |



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct the "Women Walkability" study: to identify and address neighborhood challenges alongside women for a serene city experience (following the example of Milan) - Develop an app for Valle Agno to allow women direct phone contact with volunteers available to accompany them home, providing company during the journey |
| Overcoming disability | <p>Enable a barrier-free life for people with disabilities</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participate in tenders for the purchase of functional wheelchairs for local mobility and mountain excursions - Initiate a pathway with disabled students for a school environment where they acquire skills useful for employment - Initiate a participatory process with interested parties to target the removal of architectural barriers |
| For today's and tomorrow's elderly | <p>Ensure well-being for older age groups, even anticipating the management issues that will arise in 10-15 years</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design condominiums for independent seniors with essential services on the ground floor (grocery, newsstand, bar, primary medical assistance...) - Periodic courses to learn how to use and manage PCs, smartphones, and apps - Assistance with digital services such as SPID, cellphone use, etc. - Support to prevent scams via messages or emails |
| The Social Theater for young people | <p>Prevent mental health disorders and transmit soft skills</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduce social theater as a preventive and therapeutic practice for eating disorders, depression, anxiety in youth, increased distress due to the Covid-19 pandemic, with possible involvement of Teatro Super |
| Freedom of expression in Valle Agno | <p>Promote respect for every individual, preventing violence and discrimination</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organization of workshops, public meetings to raise awareness among citizens about the importance of respecting different cultures, religious beliefs, sexual orientations, gender dysphoria, etc. - Support the establishment of local organizations for LGBTIQ+ communities in Valle Agno. - Facilitate procedures to recognize new places of worship, for a Valdagno where there is good coexistence, understanding between cultures, more inclusivity and equity |



4. WORK: networking to create an attractive future for Valle Agno





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| The commerce network | Increase business opportunities and social value for local activities  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitate the network of local product realities (food and non-food), creating the "<u>Valle Agno</u>" brand, based on the experience already initiated by some local entities - Stores as social value hubs: non-repayable funding for the renewal of offerings, premises, equipment, and digitization. In exchange, they are asked to promote projects to improve the city, starting from the street where the shop is located (e.g., hosting training courses and cultural events, providing a safe space for children, etc.), following the model of the "A shop is not just a shop" project in Bari |
| Support for sustainable agriculture | Enhance the value of local agriculture and its products  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mapping of public and private lands in the hills for facilitated rentals of fields for agricultural use - Creation of routes to introduce agricultural realities and agritourism located throughout the territory, following the experience of what already happens in Schio - <u>Enhancement of the "Km 0" market</u> with greater visibility for truly local products |
| Space for young workers | Incentivize the creation of modern job proposals  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organization of a large annual event for the presentation and launch of newly graduated Valdagno residents, with the presence of Valdagno's professional excellences around the world - Encourage companies to adopt smart working and more flexible working hours - Open co-working spaces and spaces for hybrid forms of work - Support desk for startups - Support for those who decide to move to the outskirts (e.g., incentives on water bills, "youth cards," mountain citizenship income, guaranteed fast Internet...) - Support access to regional calls dedicated to youth and female entrepreneurship |
| Valdagno and Europe within reach for students | Increase opportunities for educational and social growth for young students  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More Erasmus+: increase access opportunities to programs such as Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps, with exchange and European volunteering proposals also in schools - A lively school hub: develop services and facilities in the study area within reach of young students, for complete livability throughout the day |







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| New circular jobs | Create new job opportunities based on the circular economy  | - Start the "Zero Waste" project (following the Capannori model), including a repair and recovery center for appliances |
| Stop soil waste | Construction in Valdagno considers its impacts, aiming not to generate future poverty  | - Mapping of abandoned warehouses and study of a recovery project - Obligation for 10% of building surfaces to be permeable to allow water to flow and <u>absorb into the water table</u> , following the model of the Life Beware project in Santorso - Beyond sustainability, also beauty: building renovations should be carried out in accordance with traditional architecture |






5. TOURISM AND EVENTS: a 360-degree project for an organized valley

| PROPOSAL | GOALS | SPECIFIC ACTIONS |
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| Tourism: network, communication, identity | <p>Launch a solid, enduring, and wide-ranging tourism growth project capable of expanding credibly even beyond the valley</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initiate a network among the 6 municipalities of the valley and beyond, to create a "Valle Agno" network involving entities, downtown activities, hillside farmers, accommodation facilities, and sports, cultural, and environmental associations - Develop a coordinated communication strategy, starting with a single web portal following the model of other successful tourism projects - Establish a tourist hub/info-point as the primary receptive access point for those less digitally savvy |
| The historic center: the city's living room | <p>Allow citizens to walk, relax, and shop, and tourists to purchase souvenirs and products they experienced during their stay</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitate commercial property rentals with IMU (property tax) reductions - Map Valdagno's shops to give them greater visibility through communication efforts - Make it easier to enjoy the downtown area with the same convenience as an "open-air shopping center," and facilitate access to the downtown area without a car - Greenify the downtown area of Valdagno and its hamlets - Expand pedestrian zones dedicated to the social life of Valdagno residents |
| The hills, between tradition and nature | <p>Increase opportunities for the outskirts to be vibrant and central</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restore traditional buildings and enhance popular history, especially in the hamlets - Develop <u>dispersed hotels</u>: abandoned hamlets can become dispersed hotels where recovered houses become "rooms" of a unique hotel: the entire hamlet |
| Many tourist experiences, one valley | <p>Involve all entities related to activities in the area to create a complete tourism offer capable of competing at the national level</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Map and involve Valle Agno activities related to sports tourism (hiking, cycling, rock climbing schools, skate parks, walking paths), historical tourism (medieval traces, historic villas, industrial age, world wars), and environmental tourism (involving naturalists and guides) - Create "Nature Museums": environmental walks for both adults and children in specific areas of the territory |

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| <p>Big events return to Valdagno</p> | <p>Enhance Valdagno's leisure offer to make it competitive with other major Veneto centers</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plan at least <u>one major pop event per year</u>, with a special focus on music, such as bringing back major concerts to the valley, and sports - Design a <u>large thematic festival</u> that makes Valdagno a reference point in Italy in that field, following the model of the "Festival of Economics" in Trento - Develop an annual concert season covering different musical genres - Create events dedicated to showcasing local young bands - Design a cultural, free, youthful space for Valdagno, following the model of Porto Burci in Vicenza, considering its realization at the Serre della Favorita - Collaborate with youth cultural associations in creating attractive events for young people, following the example of TesteMobili |
| <p>In Valdagno, festivals have an added value</p> | <p>Incentivize the "transition" towards eco-compatibility of events, festivals, and local celebrations</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Cleaner surroundings</u>: ban on single-use plastics, helium balloons, sky lanterns, and fireworks - Include plant-based dishes on the menus of festivals and fairs. The municipality will provide communication support to display infographics informing about the 3 positive aspects of reducing meat: fighting climate change, personal health, and the dignified life of animals - Municipality endorsement only for events that adhere to these guidelines |
| <p>Environmental culture is urgent</p> | <p>Together with associations, promote environmental culture in a globally threatened context by human impacts</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual festivals celebrating agriculture, nature, and biodiversity - Informative evenings throughout the year to raise awareness and improve our behaviors (e.g., "How to become a Valdagno resident with almost zero impact") |
| <p>A great future for the event area 'Ex-inceneritore'</p> | <p>Enhance the area towards a cultural and recreational center, stimulating the active participation of everyone</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Continue the activities of the Baito</u>, integrating outdoor exhibitions, jam sessions, cultural events, concerts, and collaborating with sports associations (e.g., I6W9) and theatrical groups (e.g., Livello 4) of Valdagno, etc. - Maintain green areas and improve relaxation zones |

6. STRADE E TRASPORTI: più sicurezza e salute, meno traffico

| PROPOSAL | GOALS | SPECIFIC ACTIONS |
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| <p>By bike and on foot, it's worth it!</p> | <p>Encourage car-free travel to reduce vehicular traffic responsible for pollution, accidents, and congestion</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designing bike lanes to connect various neighborhoods and link them with the valley bike path - Pushing towards the completion of the bike path, in collaboration with other municipalities, and its integration into interregional tourism mobility contexts - Mapping the needs of cyclists - Implementing "<u>Bike to Work</u>" programs for those commuting by bike or on foot (in collaboration with companies): they earn vouchers redeemable at local shops - Establishing 2 freely accessible bike repair stations, in Favorita and at the former incinerator |
| <p>Optimize the bus network</p> | <p>Make public transportation desirable, efficient, and useful</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementing shuttle buses (fewer seats, more trips) with neighboring municipalities, especially for travel to/from markets, events, festivals, and for the benefit of those spending weekends in Valdagno - Creating two bike-car and shuttle-car exchange parking lots: one to the north and one to the south of the municipality - Designing parking areas for bikes and cars at bus stops far from main roads - Introducing shared cars, at low cost, as an alternative to school buses - Introducing "<u>On-Demand Bus</u>" services: eliminating empty runs by introducing an app to call the bus and monitor arrival times. A digital desk managed by students will assist the less tech-savvy in using the service |
| <p>Safety first on the road</p> | <p>Ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists on roads: no more road accidents, injuries, or fatalities</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementing measures to discourage speeding and car influx: more well-being and safety in residential areas - Implementing "<u>Tactical Urbanism Squares</u>": new pedestrian zones, starting from via Carducci, with trees, flower beds, benches, ping pong tables, and CO2-absorbing paint on the ground - Studying sidewalks on dangerous roads - Launching a public awareness campaign and installing signs on how to navigate roundabouts correctly - Implementing "<u>School Streets</u>": involving students in creating safe routes from home to school by painting the streets |