

The Scottish Green Party

Manifesto 2016

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The Scottish election is happening on 5 May 2016.

This is when people in Scotland will vote for who they want to be in the Scottish Parliament.



We are the Scottish Green Party.

We would like you to vote for us in the Scottish election.



This is our manifesto.

It says what we think about some issues.

And it says what we will do if we are voted in to the Scottish Parliament at the election.

Care and support



Lots of people in Scotland work supporting older people or disabled people.

We think they do a very important job. We want to make sure they get paid a good wage.



There are lots of people in Scotland who care for a family member or friend.

We want to give unpaid carers like this more support.



We think maternity and paternity leave and pay is important.

We want to make this better than it is just now.



We want a benefits system that helps people who need it.

We want to make it easier for people who need benefits to get them.

Health



We want Scotland to be a healthy country.

We will push the Scottish Government to work hard to make everyone's health better.



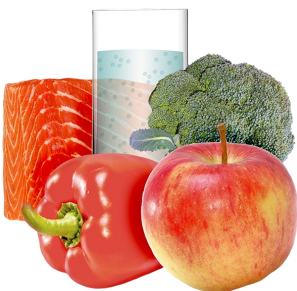
At the moment some people find it hard to get the healthcare they need.

We want to make sure everyone in Scotland can get good healthcare.



We want to give children a healthy start in life.

We want schools to help children learn how to be healthy.



We want to help people eat healthier food.

We want supermarkets which sell lots of unhealthy food to have to pay money to the Scottish Government.

Schools, colleges, universities



We think every person in Scotland has the right to education.



We want to make sure that every child who needs help at school can get it. We will push the Scottish Government to give more support at school to children from poor families.



We want to get 4,000 more teachers in Scotland.

More teachers would mean smaller class sizes and less pressure on teachers.



We want to help more young people get a place at college or university. We want to help young people who struggle to afford college or university to stay on their courses.

Tax



We think social care, healthcare and education are very important.

We want to spend more money on these things to help them get better.



We want to make richer people pay more tax so we can afford to pay for these things.

We want people who earn less than £26,500 to pay less tax.



We think council tax is unfair.

We would like to get rid of council tax and replace it with a fairer tax.

It would mean people with expensive homes pay more than they do now.

But most people will pay less.

Jobs



We want more people in Scotland to be able to get a good job.



We will push for fair wages.
We think women and men doing the same job should be paid the same.



We want the Scottish Government to do more to help people who don't have a job to get one.



We want to create thousands more jobs for Scotland.
We think putting money into renewable energy will help create 200,000 more jobs.
Renewable energy is things like wind, wave and solar power.

Transport



We think buses and trains are very important.

We want to make buses and trains cheaper.



At the moment buses and trains are run by private companies.

We want the Scottish Government to have more control over buses and trains.



This will mean we can make sure buses and trains are accessible to disabled people.

It will also help us make buses and trains better in rural areas.



We think walking and cycling are good ways for people to get around.

We want to put money into helping more people get around by walking or cycling.

Homes



We think everyone should be able to have a good home that they can afford.

We want to build more homes in Scotland.



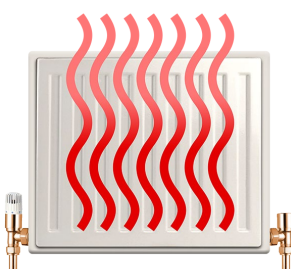
We want to make more homes available for people who rent from councils.



We want stronger rules for private landlords.

We want rules to make sure people pay a fair amount for their rent.

We want rules to make sure homes for rent are good quality.



At the moment lots of people can't afford to heat their home.

We want to make homes in Scotland cheaper to heat.

Equality for everyone



We believe everyone should be treated the same.

We don't think anyone should be treated differently because of their:

- gender
- race
- disability
- age
- sexuality
- religion.



We will push the Scottish Government to make new laws to make sure everyone is treated the same.

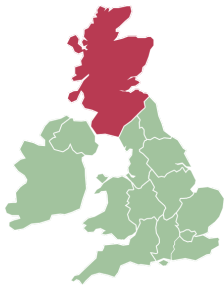


We want to make communities safer for everyone.

We will work to reduce hate crime and violence against women.



Independence for Scotland



If there is another vote on independence for Scotland we will push for Scotland to be independent.



Until then we think the Scottish Government should have more powers to make decisions about Scotland.



We think local councils should have more powers to make decisions about local areas.

We want councils to make sure local people are involved in these decisions.



We think Scotland and the UK should stay part of the European Union (EU). We will work with other countries in Europe to make the EU better.

The environment



At the moment Scotland gets most of its power from things that are bad for the environment.



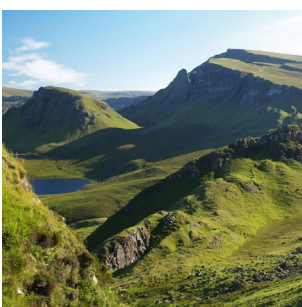
We think Scotland should get more electricity from wind power and wave power.

These are a lot better for the environment.



Climate change means we are getting more floods and extreme weather in Scotland.

We want to help people prepare for floods and extreme weather so they don't cause as much damage.



Scotland has great countryside, mountains and seas.

We want the Scottish Government to make laws to protect Scotland's nature.

Sport



We want to help more people take part in sport and fitness.



We want the Scottish Government to put money into sports centres to make sure more people can take part.

The arts



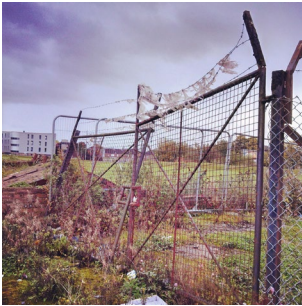
We think the arts and culture are very important to Scotland.

We want to give money to artists to support them to make art.



We want to put more money into schools so they can teach more drama, music and art.

Scotland's land



At the moment some land in Scotland is privately owned by landlords. Lots of them make money from the land they own. They use the land for their own benefit.



We think Scotland's land should be used for everyone's benefit. We want to change the laws about land in Scotland to make sure land is used for everyone's benefit.



We also think local communities should have more say about what happens to land in their area.

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