



Green Party

Wales Green Party plans



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Who we are and what we do



We are the **Wales Green Party**. We are a **political party**. A **political party** is the name for a group of people who have the same ideas.



We would like you to vote for us so that we are **elected** to government. An **election** is when lots of people vote for who they want to be in government.



This booklet is our **manifesto**. A **manifesto** is our plan and promises if we are elected to government.



In the **green pages** of this booklet we tell you the most important points of our plan. Then in the **blue pages** we tell you how we are going to complete our plan.

Green New Deal and the Economy



The **economy** means how money is made and spent. We will spend money to tackle the **climate emergency**. This means urgent problems happening to the world. In Wales it includes things like flooding and rising sea levels.



Our Green New Deal will make lots of new jobs across Wales to help tackle the climate emergency.



We will spend money on projects that help the environment and nature. This will tackle the climate emergency.



We will bring in Universal Basic Income (UBI) which will help share money fairly. We talk more about UBI later in this booklet.

Climate Emergency



Tackling the climate emergency and helping nature are important to us and things we always think about when we make our plans.



We will make the electricity grid better. We will replace **fossil fuels** with **renewable energy**.



Fossil fuels are things like petrol and gas. **Renewable energy** comes from things like wind farms and solar panels. Renewable energy is better for the environment.



We will make a new job called the Welsh Government Commissioner for Biodiversity and Animal Protection. They will make plans to help our landscape, animals and plant life.

Housing



Everybody has the right to a secure, **affordable**, warm home. **Affordable** means the cost is not too high.



We will build 12,000 new homes every year. They will be better for the environment and use less energy.

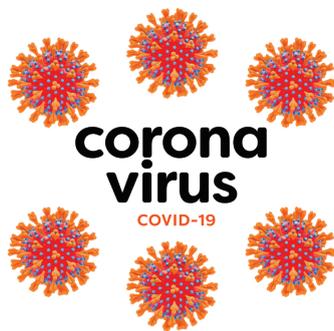


Most of these new homes will be for **social housing**. This means homes that are owned by an organisation and are cheaper and safer.



We will change existing homes so that they use less energy. This will help lots of people with cheaper bills.

Health and Care



Covid-19 has shown that health care can be unfair, how important the NHS is, and how hard NHS staff work.



We promise to take care of the NHS and keep it safe. We will give the NHS more money so that they can do an even better job.



We want people to be able to have treatment close to where they live.



Help for disabled people, older people and their carers will be given early and quickly so that everyone can live good lives.

Education



Education and learning is important so Wales can become a greener and fairer place.



We will stop small rural schools from being closed.



Children who need to learn from home will be given electronic devices like tablets and laptops to use.



Your first degree will not cost any money. This will help more people into higher education.

Energy



We will create a modern country that uses renewable energy.



We will help renewable energy projects in local communities which create jobs for local people.



We will help bring more renewable energy here faster.



To do this we will use money from the Green Transformation Fund for Wales.

Transport



We will make transport better and cleaner. We will make it easier to walk or cycle, and we will make public transport affordable.



Our transport plan will

- lower traffic and pollution.
- improve health and wellbeing.
- make air cleaner.
- tackle the climate emergency.



We will stop any plans for the new road called the M4 relief road.

Welsh Language and Culture



We will make sure the Welsh language is used and that Welsh people can live their lives using the Welsh language.



We will create communities where the Welsh language can grow and do well.



We know arts and culture is important as it helps people to be creative and make Wales a better place to live.



We will make sure the arts are given money to become better.

Democracy and Government



We don't want the government in London to control money for Wales. Decisions should be made in Wales.



We will make local **democracy** better by helping local people get more involved. **Democracy** means people can choose leaders, they can vote and have a say.



There should be checks on the government and they should have to answer for their decisions.



We will update laws about voting so that they are more modern and fairer.

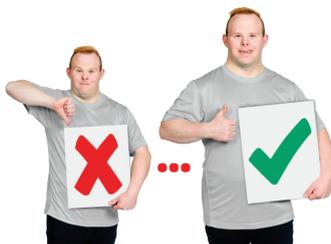
International



We want Wales to be independent and to be a democracy. This will mean that the people making the decisions are the ones affected most by them.



We will campaign for Wales to leave the United Kingdom in any future **referendum**. A **referendum** is a vote on a specific decision.



An independent Wales would be a better and fairer place to live.



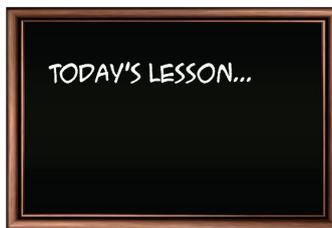
We will work better with European countries and try to reduce the damage caused to Wales by Brexit.

How we will complete our plan



We will

- listen to advice from science and be honest with the public.
- fix big problems with big solutions.
- make changes that are fair.
- listen and learn from others.



Tackling the climate emergency

We will

- increase tax on fossil fuels so that they become more expensive and are then used less.
- raise and spend money quickly because we need to act fast to tackle the climate emergency.





Healthy food and farming

We will

- make a plan with farmers to help them work better with nature.



The Economy

We will

- help the high street by giving businesses low rent.



- let everyone have their say on the economy so that they can share their thoughts and ideas.



- change tax laws so that big companies pay more and cannot make their prices lower than small or local businesses.



- bring in UBI which will help small businesses and farmers. We talk more about UBI later in this booklet.



Health and access to nature

We will

- help disabled people, older people and carers.
- reduce stress, addiction and ill health so that we can stop people getting ill rather than treat them after they get ill.



- help people enjoy and understand nature more by studying it and telling people what we find out.



- help local people protect and restore nature.



Improving where we live

We will

- help people make plans to improve nature and wellbeing in their local communities.



Money and housing

We will

- make good, affordable homes that can be used by everyone.
- work with services that help people to be treated fairly or help with money. Especially services for women who are often unpaid carers.
- bring in Universal Basic Income (UBI). This will share money across Wales, make things fairer and end the bad benefits system we have now.



UBI will help people

- care for others in their community.
- do work they like.
- train and learn.
- do more community activities.
- have time to do what they want.





Jobs

We will

- create lots of good new jobs across Wales to tackle the climate emergency.
- create lots of good new jobs across Wales to help build new houses.



Education

We will

- help students find ways to tackle the climate emergency and to make Wales a fairer place.
- make a plan with teachers, students and parents to help make Wales better in the future.



- make sure children with additional learning needs get a good education.



Internet

We will

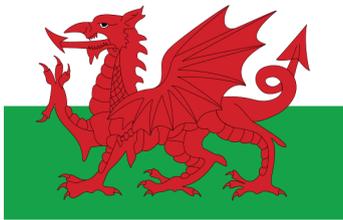
- make sure everyone has access to the internet.



Arts and culture

We will

- help museums and libraries that work with local communities.



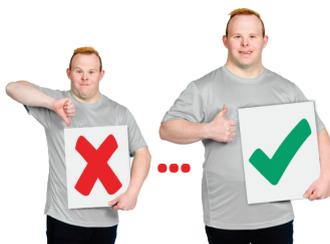
Government

We will

- help Wales become independent from the United Kingdom.



- help disadvantaged groups like women, people of colour, disabled people, poor people, young people and LGBTIQ people.



- change tax rules so that they are clearer and fairer.



We will

- make sure Welsh people get to decide where money meant for Wales is spent.



- help improve democracy with more groups like local assemblies and citizens juries.



- change our voting system to a proportional system. This will be fairer.



- make the Welsh Assembly bigger and make sure a fair number of women and men are elected.



- make a country where people do not feel they have to have and keep lots of money and compete against others to be safe and secure.

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