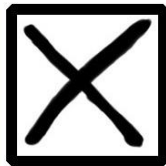


A Future Made in Scotland

Vote SNP for Scotland



Easy Read version

SNP Manifesto



A manifesto is a list of things a political party says it will do if it is elected.



This manifesto will cover our key pledges and the areas of independence, ending UK Government funding cuts, Brexit, the cost of living crisis, defending Scotland's parliament and your rights, and putting Scotland's interests first.

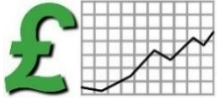


Vote Scottish National Party (SNP) for Scotland to become an independent country.

Our Key Pledges



Protect our National Health Service (NHS).



Deliver independence for a stronger economy and a fair country.



End UK Government cuts. Give more funding to public services like the NHS and schools.



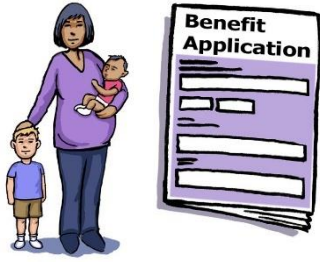
Rejoin the European Union (EU). End the damage of Brexit. This will give free movement for EU citizens.



Tackle the cost-of-living crisis. Give support to households.



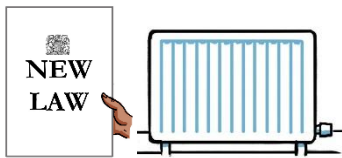
Demand a ceasefire in Gaza. The UK Government must view Palestine as an independent state.



End the 2 child benefit cap. This will make the system fairer.



Demand the power to borrow more money. This will secure the jobs we need for the future.



Make a new law so that everyone can afford basic things like food and heating.



Support the end of the House of Lords.



A new migration system for Scotland. One that suits our own needs. Migration means people coming from other countries to make Scotland their new home.



Scrap the scheme that sends migrants to Rwanda.



End zero hours contracts and unfair laws about workers strikes.



Tackle drug deaths. End unfair drug laws for personal use. Allow places where people can take drugs safely.



Protect pensions. No more increases in the state pension age.



End Trident nuclear weapons in Scotland. Spend the money on other defence and public services.



Raise maternity pay to the same level as other European countries. Have shared parental leave.



Keep free university in Scotland.

Why Independence

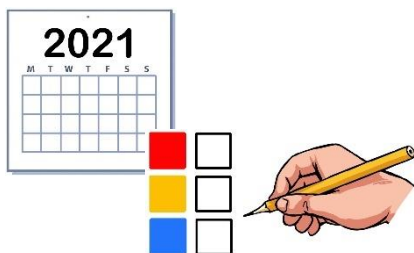


Decisions made by the UK Government have made life difficult. Scotland has lost money. Food prices and other costs are higher.



It does not have to be that way. Independent countries can be successful. Why not Scotland?

We have great energy resources and industries such as food and drink, tourism and technology.



After the last Scottish Parliament election most Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) wanted independence and a referendum. But the UK Government said no.



We are asking you to vote SNP at this election. If the SNP has most Scottish seats, we will start discussions with the UK Government about Scotland becoming independent. People in Scotland should decide their future.

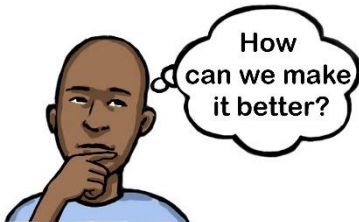
Ending Austerity



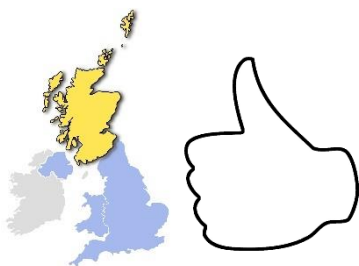
The UK Government keeps cutting public spending when public services need money.



These cuts have taken money from Scotland's budget. This has hurt the poorest and vulnerable. The Tories and Labour say they will make more cuts.



The SNP Scottish Government tries to stop these cuts. But there is a limit to what we can do.



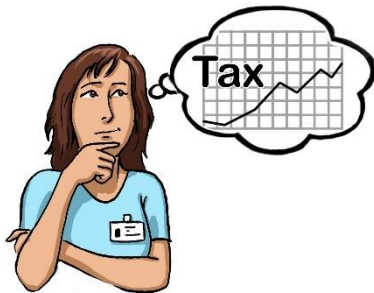
Only independence can stop UK Government cuts. It will mean we can put money into public services and our economy can grow.

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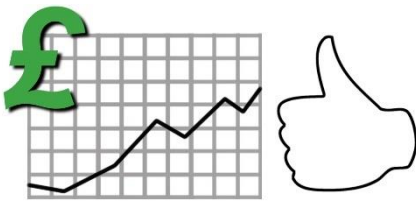


SNP MPs will keep fighting UK Government cuts. We will demand more money for public services.

A fairer tax system



Scotland has the fairest tax system in the UK. This lets us put more money into public services.



But we can only do so much without independence. SNP MPs will demand full tax powers.



We want to tackle the cost of living crisis and climate change. We believe that companies making big profits should help families pay for that.



We would make new laws so that big companies pay a fair amount of tax.



We would have our own road tax and fuel duty. This would give us a new way to fund road travel.



We want to change VAT rules so people can buy the things they need, like sunscreen. And have fairer VAT for hospitality and tourism.



We would change the VAT system for building businesses. Repairs or changes to buildings would cost less.



We would take away VAT from on-street charging for electrical vehicles.

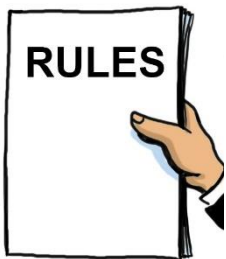
More investment



Budget cuts mean that there is less money to spend on roads, railways, schools and hospitals. We need more money to support public services and grow the economy.



The SNP Scottish Government have invested in projects like the Borders Railway and the Queensferry Crossing. But without new rules we are reaching the limit of what we can do.



The SNP wants the UK Government to make new rules for more money for services.

Putting public services first



The amount of money Scotland gets from the UK Government keeps going down. This puts more pressure on services. The UK Government need to stop cutting the Scottish budget and give more money.

Brexit



Brexit has been bad for Scotland. Most people in Scotland voted to remain in the EU.



Brexit has taken money from Scotland. It has made food and services cost more.



People from the EU are not able to move here freely. This has made it harder to get staff. This affects our NHS, social care and other sectors.



Rejoining the EU would give us:

- Freedom of movement to live, visit, study and work.
- Cheaper and quicker trading.
- More funding for farming and fishing.
- Workers from across the EU.
- A safer Scotland. We would work with police in the EU to fight crime together.





The Tories and Labour do not want to talk about what we have lost.



The damage of Brexit will continue whoever is in charge of the UK Government. We want a different future. Decisions are made in Scotland, for Scotland. The SNP is the only party offering this choice.

Tackle the cost of living crisis



Housing and energy costs are now higher. The SNP Scottish Government are supporting people. We could do more with independence.

How has the SNP Scottish Government supported households?



- Free prescriptions, personal care and eye tests.
- More free childcare and school meals.
- Raised the Scottish Child Payment.
- Frozen Council Tax.
- Supported people with housing costs and temporary rent controls.
- Provided free bus travel for many.
- Removed peak fares from our railways.



SNP MPs will demand that the UK Government:



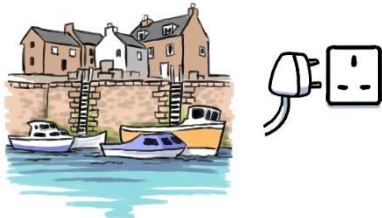
Make sure everyone can afford basics like food and energy.



Push for a yearly raise in Local Housing Allowance. This is the rate of benefit paid if you rent a private home.



Make a fuel poverty scheme that supports vulnerable people.

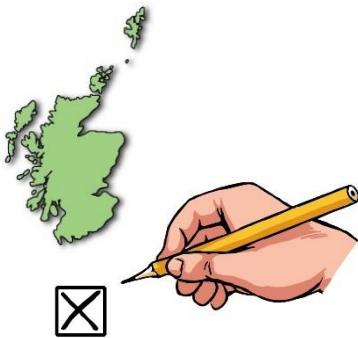


Bring in fair energy pricing for the Highlands and Islands to help with higher costs.



Bring in a new plan to help first time house buyers.

Defending Scotland's Parliament and your rights



Scotland is a proud democratic nation. Most people in Scotland did not vote for Brexit.



The Tories have blocked laws passed by Scotland's Parliament. This is an attack on our democracy.



Scotland deserves better. The SNP Scottish Government can offer the people of Scotland a choice for our future. The choice to become a fair, democratic, independent nation.

Putting Scotland's interests first

Protecting our NHS



Our NHS is our most valued public service. The SNP have more than doubled funding for Scotland's NHS. There is more staff than ever before.



We want to do more, like reduce waiting times. But cuts make that harder for us to do.



SNP MPs will demand that the UK Government:



Protect the NHS from private companies and give the NHS more money.

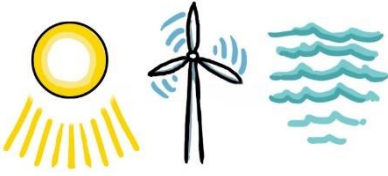


Match Scotland's NHS pay for NHS staff in England.



Allow care workers from overseas to bring their families with them to the UK.

Building a fairer, greener economy



Scotland is an energy-rich nation. We have lots of opportunities for renewable energy. This comes from nature like sun, wind and waves. But without independence we cannot use them fully.



We will demand full powers over energy. Energy resources should be used for the needs of the Scottish people. We could fully develop renewable energy. Until we have those powers, we need the UK Government to do better. The UK Government must invest in the green economy.

SNP MPs will demand the UK Government:



Have an emergency budget following the election to end cuts to public spending.



Look at energy security and climate action when we think about new oil and gas production. Support a future for Grangemouth that looks at areas for the greener future.



No new nuclear power plants in Scotland and ban new coal licences.



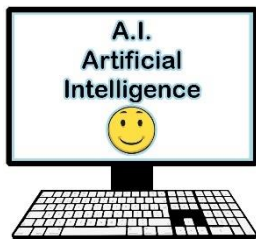
Have a 4 Nations Climate Response Group to agree climate plans across the UK. Give fair funding to devolved nations for climate action.



Give Scotland its share of marine and farming funding and make Scotland's fishing a priority.



Scotland should have full powers over immigration. Immigration means people moving to Scotland to live and work here.



Invest money in Artificial Intelligence.

A cleaner, greener transport system



The SNP have made the transport system better. But we could do more if we had the power.



SNP MPs will demand that the UK Government:



Give full power over railway tracks and trains in Scotland.



Promote a move to zero-emission transport fuels.



Promote cleaner vehicles like electric cars.



Put more money into making safer roads.

Broadcasting



Broadcasting is important for showing Scottish life and culture. The power over broadcasting is with the UK Government.

SNP MPs will demand that the UK Government:



Devolve broadcasting powers. This will let us meet the needs of Scottish audiences. Give more money to Scottish broadcasting.



Value Gaelic language broadcasting.



Have Scottish national team matches on the list of sporting events for free channels. People should not have to pay to watch these.

Standing up for workers



The UK Government is not working for workers. With independence we can make sure the rights of working people in Scotland are protected and strong. Scotland needs the SNP to stand up for workers.

SNP MPs will demand that the UK Government:



Devolve employment rights and the minimum wage so that we can end zero hour contracts and close the gender pay gap.



Give workers more protection. Make sure lower paid workers can get statutory sick pay.



Increase paid maternity leave and extend it to 1 year.
Increase shared parental leave.

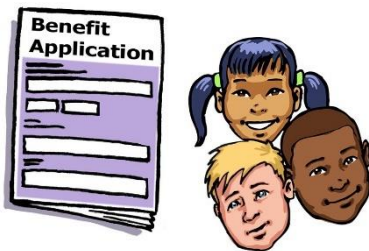


Protect workers' right to strike.

Creating a just and healthier Scotland



The UK Government have given tax cuts to the rich. The SNP Scottish Government helps the poorest in our society.



With our powers we deliver 14 benefits. 7 of them are new and only available in Scotland. Our Scottish Child Payment helps lift children out of poverty.



The UK Government should support the Scottish Government to end child poverty. We want full powers over benefits.

SNP MPs will demand that the UK Government:



End the 2-child benefit cap and paying young people less. This causes poverty.



End welfare reforms for sick and disabled people.



Protect pensions and support women who have missed out due to pension rules changing.

~~Cut Pension Credit~~

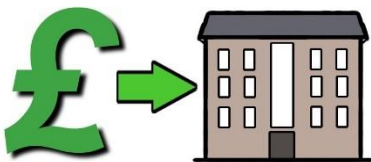
End the cut to Pension Credit where some couples are worse off. Support those that lost pensions when it was not their fault.



Encourage people to apply for Pension Credit. Make a benefit take up plan for all benefits.



End the bedroom tax which punishes people claiming benefit if they have a spare room.



Tackle the housing emergency. The UK Government must give money so we can build more social housing.



Protect the right to abortion.



Deal with drug use fairly to help us bring down deaths caused by drugs.



Bring in laws in the UK to reduce smoking. We want to ban single use vapes.



Treat problem gambling as a health matter. Look at the impact of adverts.



Support those who have building costs because of removing unsafe concrete.



Deliver justice for Post Office Horizon and infected blood victims.



Have new laws to plan against terror attacks.

Defending democracy and human rights



The SNP have defended Scotland's democracy. We will make sure the people of Scotland's voices are heard.

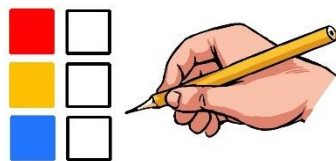
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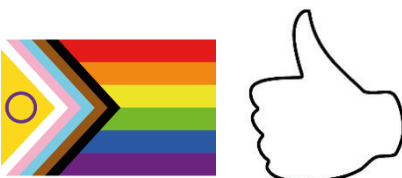
Give the people of Scotland a say on their future. Have the power hold a referendum.



Support the end of the House of Lords.



Make the voting system fair. Make the voting age 16 and have no need for ID.



Protect the rights of the LGBTI community.



Give more rights to children



Stand up for asylum seekers by ending the Rwanda scheme.

Scotland's place in the world



We want to see an independent Scotland take its place in the World. We want to rejoin the EU.

SNP MPs will demand that the UK Government:



Demand a ceasefire in Gaza and for Palestine to be recognised as a country.

Stand by Ukraine and end the Russian invasion.



Scrap Trident and invest money in public services.



Connect Scottish people who have moved overseas.



Agree EU-wide movement for young people.



Restore the UK international aid budget.



Raise the age of joining the military to 18. Make the needs of our Armed Forces and Veterans community a priority.