

VOTE STUART DUFFIN #1

Falkirk South By-election

Thursday 14th October 2021



***Making Falkirk's Best Future
Happen for All of Us***

Across his career, he has worked in the not-for-profit sector to secure peoples' rights and access to justice: whether that is housing, employment, education, equality, or citizenship. Stuart has helped to shape public policy and practices for local, national, and international governments.



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Scottish Green Party



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**STUART
SAYS**

In Falkirk we are proud of our industrial past. We must now be leaders in our Green industrial future with investment in jobs, in clean energy, warm homes and public transport.

I am passionate about people and communities and involve them in decisions which impact them. Our Scottish Green transformation for Falkirk will enable us to invest in the infrastructure needed to produce clean energy, warm homes, and decent public transport, creating green secure jobs where they are sorely needed, bringing new and sustainable industry.

Think Global, Vote Local: Transform Falkirk

Falkirk gave birth to the industrial revolution: Stuart believes that together, we can nurture and grow Falkirk's sustainable rejuvenation and our children's futures. Stuart, who lives in Comely Place, has been selected as the Scottish Green Party candidate for Falkirk South.

MY MANIFESTO FOR FALKIRK

My Scottish Green New Deal for Falkirk is a just and sustainable future that will not only protect our environment but also provide jobs and strengthen public services, supporting those who have been left behind by Labour and Conservatives. Quality of life, and the wellbeing of current and future generations are at the heart of my approach.

With the support of Gillian Mackay as our Scottish Green MSP, Falkirk Greens are active in local communities supporting the vulnerable, protecting the environment and campaigning for change.



THE SCOTTISH GREEN NEW DEAL will enable investment in the infrastructure needed to produce clean energy, warm homes and decent public transport, creating green secure jobs where they are sorely needed, bringing industry to areas impacted by cuts and closures.

FACT: 1 in 3 children are currently living in poverty. When did this become accepted as the norm? It's a scandal and it must be addressed now. We need to ensure that every decision we make contributes to bringing children out of poverty. I want families to have the time and resources to enjoy parenthood and to give their children a safe, comfortable home, healthy food and opportunities to learn and to thrive.

My interest lies in the interaction between our natural and built environments. Strong urban design takes public opinion and environmental factors into account, both respecting the locality and enabling residents to live healthy and sustainable lifestyles.

Housing is a human right. Every single person, regardless of age, sex, gender, ability, sexuality or finance deserves a safe home. Society flourishes when everyone is given a base from which to contribute

MY 7 POINT ACTION PLAN

ONE Scottish Green New Deal

Our ambitious Scottish Green New Deal and decarbonisation plans will be truly transformative, delivering a just transition for a sustainable and resilient Falkirk, fit for future generations, creating new Green jobs across Falkirk, and investing in a carbon reducing infrastructure. I believe that public spending to support the economy must prioritise new jobs for the climate and nature emergencies.

TWO Climate Emergency and Nature Crisis

Tackling the climate emergency and restoring nature are at the heart of Scottish Green Party policy. Our policies across every area will ensure that carbon emission reduction targets are met at the scale and pace needed, as demanded by science. I will help to deliver a Scottish Green vision for net zero by 2030, replacing fossil fuels with onshore and offshore renewable energy and making necessary upgrades to the electricity grid.

THREE Housing is a Basic Human Right

Everybody has the right to a secure, affordable, warm home that allows for a socially inclusive life. I will ensure all new homes will be built to the highest environmental and energy efficiency standards. I will ensure sufficient, ongoing investment to enable the retrofitting of existing housing stock to the highest energy efficient standards, lifting thousands out of fuel poverty.

FOUR Health and Care

The pandemic has exposed the deep health inequalities within our communities and highlighted the scale of our reliance on dangerously overstretched social and health care services. I am committed to safeguarding health and social care, ensuring that Forth Valley Health Board and Falkirk Council have the funding needed to increase capacity across all areas of health and social care provision. I will stick-up for the provision of social support for disabled people, older people and their carers ensuring that it will be given early and quickly, enabling all to live fulfilled lives.

FIVE Education

I will put learning at the forefront of the adaptation and change needed for Falkirk to recover to a greener and fairer future. Schools are an integral part of our communities. I will ensure that Falkirk Council will provide access to electronic devices for all children who need to learn from home, and access to structured programmes of work if they are unable to attend school. I will promote widening of access to higher and further education ensuring all have opportunities to reach their potential.

SIX Green Energy Economy

I will promote the creation of an innovative green energy economy. While recognising that action is required at all scales, I will prioritise community scale renewable energy projects supporting job creation and opportunities for local communities.

SEVEN Transport

I will advocate for and create better, affordable, cleaner transport options for all including access to better walking, cycling /active travel options and affordable public transport. My approach will: reduce traffic and carbon emissions; improve health and well-being; improve air quality; and respond to the climate emergency.

Securing an Inclusive Future for Falkirk

All this can be achieved by supporting the strengthening of local democracy through increased Falkirk bairns engagement through citizen's juries, people's assemblies, and similar bodies. Scrutiny and accountability will be extended across all levels of Falkirk Council services and responsibilities.

1 JOINED-UP THINKING AND POLICIES To be effective we all have to achieve social and environmental objectives at the same time. This is possible with joined-up thinking and a willingness to try new solutions.

2 LISTENING TO SCIENCE AND HONESTY WITH THE PUBLIC I believe in the importance of listening to science. When good evidence shows that we need to take action to prevent tragedies, we must act. The pandemic reminds us that if politicians ignore the real world then all of us will suffer. The same is true of climate change. I will tell you the truth about what we need to do to build a safer world.

3 RESPONDING AT SCALE Old Labour and stuck in the past Tories point to a few scattered initiatives or promises. I understand that the only appropriate response is to plan for change at the scale required by the problem. I am committed to finding the finance to make change happen at scale, in dealing with the crises in climate and nature and the inequality threatening our societies.

4 LEADING CHANGE THAT IS FAIR The people and communities of Falkirk have experienced significant change over the last 5 years. With your vote for the Scottish Green Party I propose just transitions ensuring that no-one misses out and new opportunities are created. I believe in a fairer society and will take a lead in promoting change processes that improve equality, a system of basic social support for all, and more and better jobs.

5 LISTENING AND LEARNING FALKIRK Falkirk Council needs to do more to listen to all of us with local knowledge for our society to adapt and flourish in difficult times. This means a new system making everyone's voice count and parties that work together effectively for a better future.

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ON THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2021**

At a time of economic crisis, responsible spending involves **investment in the future of Falkirk, not a continuation of austerity and cuts.** Such investment pays for itself when economic achievement is measured in wellbeing goals. I will promote the delivery of a wellbeing economy for Falkirk.



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