

INEQUALITY IS UNJUST AND UNSUSTAINABLE



**A vote for the Scottish Green
Party is a vote for Women:
... vote for a thriving society and
real democracy.**



ONLY THE SCOTTISH GREEN PARTY

ACTIVELY PUTS WOMEN IN POWER

All our candidate lists for elections have to contain equal numbers of male and female candidates. This rule applies just as forcefully to seats we think we can win.

VALUES 'WOMEN'S WORK'

Caring, traditionally seen as "women's work", is often undervalued and unpaid. The Scottish Green Party wants to put carers and other undervalued members of society on a more equal footing by introducing a 'Citizen's Income'. A Citizen's Income would give every citizen a personal income regardless of whether they were in employment.

PROMOTES A CULTURE WHERE WOMEN CAN EXCEL IN WORKPLACES

The Scottish Green Party wants to counter the current work culture which places greater value on men more because they shoulder less responsibility for childcare. We want to create more opportunities for women and men to share parental leave and childcare so all individuals can choose whether to be with their families or to be at work. Our policy is to provide low-cost or free nursery and child-care from 8 months to school-age and high-quality after-school care.



THE SCOTTISH GREEN PARTY IN AN INDEPENDENT SCOTLAND

The Scottish Green Party is the only party with policies that genuinely offer equality and the opportunity to encourage thriving communities.

We can achieve this and more in an Independent Scotland, where the power to make these changes would be in our hands.

IN AN INDEPENDENT SCOTLAND, THE SCOTTISH GREEN PARTY WOULD:

- properly regulate banks, splitting up the big banks into savings and investment banks, giving us a more stable financial society.
- create a more locally based society, with financial support to encourage more local businesses and to give more power to local communities.
- give every citizen the right to life-long free education.
- bring our buses and trains back into public ownership and make fares affordable.
- aim to provide the same midwife for ante-natal and after-birth care and to provide that care in the local community.

WE WOULD ENSURE:

- adequate financial and social support for lone parents and parents of disabled children.
- our houses, existing stock and new-builds, are properly insulated and as energy-efficient as possible.
- adequate investment in renewable energy and electric fuel-cell buses.
- rent controls were in place.
- safe walking and cycling routes

INDEPENDENCE

The Independence Referendum is a vote for a new future for Scotland. It is not a vote for any particular political party.

WHY SAY YES TO INDEPENDENCE:

Ensure Scotland's interests are taken into account.

Scotland's communities have different needs which are not fully considered in Westminster policy making.

Achieve the right balance of representation.

We need the right level of political representation. Currently we have two sets of representatives at national level - MSPS and MPS . We only need one parliament to represent us within Scotland and to the outside world.

The opportunity for a more equal society

An independent Scotland would offer the opportunity to build a more equal society with greater female representation within our parliament and government. Westminster has relatively few women MPs and that is not going to change anytime soon.



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