



The Scottish Green Party manifesto 2026



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What this document is about



This is an Easy Read document.

Our **manifesto** is a plan about what the Green Party believe in and what work we want to do.



This document tells you about some of our most important work.

We call this **our priorities**.

This document has 2 priorities from each of our main themes.

Cost of living



The **cost of living** is the cost of everyday things we need like food, clothes and heating.



- increase the Scottish Child Payment to 40 pounds a week, going up to 55 pounds a week by 2031

This would put money in the pockets of the families who need it the most.



- help homeowners cut their energy bills by making their properties the most **energy efficient** they can be

Energy efficient means using less energy to have the same amount of power, heat and light.



We could do this by:

- growing the support schemes we already have
- having special support for people living in older properties

Jobs in a green economy



A **green economy** means ways to grow the economy in ways that do not hurt the environment.

The **economy** is how much money Scotland has and how we spend that money as a country.



- create new jobs in **renewable energy**

Renewable energy is energy made by natural resources like sunlight, wind and water.



We would do this by putting at least 600 million pounds into onshore and offshore wind, wave and solar services.

This would include making more parts in Scotland for renewable machinery parts.



- tax large online businesses like Amazon through the Non-domestic rates scheme

The money would be used to support high streets and small local businesses.

NHS and care



- put more money into General Practice and the recruitment of GPs

We want to have 1 GP for every 1 thousand patients



- have a 15 pounds an hour minimum wage for social care

We would make sure this goes up every year so it at least follows **inflation**.

Inflation is the rate that prices go up.

New Scots



New Scots are refugees and people seeking asylum in Scotland who are supported to settle, get services, and be fully included in communities.



- we want the UK Government to give the Scottish Government the power to be responsible for housing and support of people seeking asylum to Scotland



This would make sure that:

- New Scots are properly supported to rebuild their lives here
- local councils have the money to do this
- there is a fair system so we can recruit the new workers we need in services like healthcare, farming and hospitality



- fund councils and registered social landlords to be the preferred suppliers of housing for people seeking asylum in communities

This would end the use of unsuitable accommodation like hotels and barracks.

Democracy



- work towards an independent Scotland in the EU



- make sure the Scottish Parliament uses all its devolved powers to the full

This would mean we could create better lives, stronger communities, and a cleaner environment for everyone in Scotland.

Housing



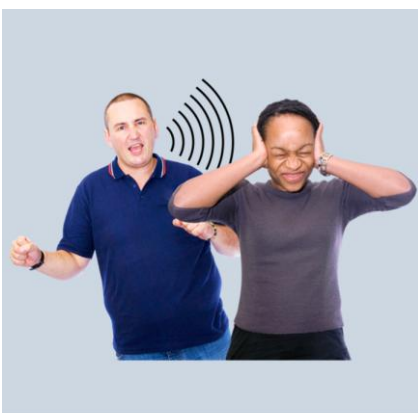
- build good quality social homes so people have homes they can afford in the places they want to live



- give councils the power to force owners of **derelict** land and property to sell or rent it for housing

Derelict means it has been abandoned or not looked after.

Justice – laws and how we make sure people follow them including the police service and courts



- introduce a **Misogyny** and Criminal Justice Bill to tackle misogynistic harassment and abuse including online

Misogyny means not liking women or treating women and girls unfairly because they are female.



- introduce a **Legal Aid Reform Bill**, and make it simpler to get legal aid payments so more people have access to justice

Legal aid is the money provided by the government to cover legal costs for people who cannot afford them.

Education



- have no homework in primary schools and no exams in high school

Coursework should be used to have a fairer assessment of the work pupils do across the school year.



- deliver high quality Personal and Social Education in schools

Young people must be part of planning the information and putting it together.



This would make sure that the curriculum covers:

- sex education based on **consent**

Consent means agreeing to something.

- mental health
- looking after your money
- **LGBT+** information



LGBT+ means people who are:

- lesbian or gay
- bisexual or transgender
- + means people who feel part of the LGBT community but are not listed above

Environment and climate action



- stop oil and gas from being taken out of the North Sea
- stop work to find new oil and gas:
 - in the sea near Shetland
 - at the new gas fired power plant at Peterhead

External affairs – things happening in other countries



- stop the United States and other governments involved in war, from using Scottish Government owned buildings and services like Prestwick Airport



- stop all Scottish Government support for organisations that design, build and sell weapons

Transport



- have more of Scotland's buses owned and run by local companies
- make the rules for running bus companies easier for local councils



- have ways to encourage people in communities to be involved in route planning
- give financial help to bus companies
- have no first class rail on all Scotrail Services
- start a new national Scottish Rail company



LGBT+



- ban conversion therapy

Make sure that healthcare is available for all people who have been through conversion therapy, whatever their sexuality is.



The ban will be backed by:

- criminal and civil penalties
- a right for survivors to get support and advocacy



- have inclusive education and anti-bullying programmes in Scotland's schools and youth programmes
- support work to encourage LGBTQ+ young people to stay in education



- have national work to deal with hate crime against trans, gay and bisexual people

Disabled people



- make sure more people can get specialist employability services run by experienced voluntary organisations and public services

These services should not be run by private companies who work to make a profit.



Make sure that funding can last into the future so that long-term support can be provided.

- all large organisations who get public money must take part in the **Disability Guaranteed Interview Scheme**



This scheme means that any disabled person applying for a job must be offered an interview if they have the minimum requirements for the job.



- ask the UK Government to give the Scottish Government the power to run the Access to Work scheme and the employability part of Jobcentre Plus

This would mean that Scotland could have high quality employment support for disabled people and other groups at risk of being unemployed for a long time.

