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Welsh Labour's Manifesto 2024

What we will do if we win the 2024 General Election



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About this booklet



We are Welsh Labour.



This is our **manifesto** for the **General Election** on 4 July 2024.



In the **General Election**, you vote for who you want to run the UK.



A **manifesto** is a plan of what we will do if we win the **General Election**. It is about our goals and what we want to change.



This is an important time to make Wales better.

Our plan focuses on:



- Making sure everyone has enough money.



- Giving people better healthcare.



- Using resources well.



- Making communities safe.



- Creating a fair society where everyone can succeed.



We want to tackle challenges and create a fairer future.



We want to make Britain better with 2 Labour governments - in the UK and Wales.



Vote for us on **4 July** and help make a fairer, greener future for Wales. It is time to change Britain.

Our 6 steps to change Wales



1. Use money well

Spend smartly, keep taxes low, and stop prices going up.



2. Shorten NHS wait times

Help those who need it most. Pay for this by making sure people pay their taxes.



3. Boost security on the coast

Stop criminal gangs with a new **Border Security Command**. This would be an organisation employed by the government to stop illegal boats coming to the UK.



4. Create Great British Energy

Make **clean energy**, that is cheap and make new jobs. Pay for this by taxing oil and gas companies.



Clean energy or **green energy** means making energy from things like the wind and sun. This is much better for the planet than things like oil and gas.



5. Stop antisocial behaviour

Have more police, tougher penalties, and better youth services to keep people out of trouble.



6. Get more teachers

Hire more teachers in important subjects. Pay for this by making sure private schools pay taxes.

Our goals for a better Wales



We want to fix problems caused by the Conservative party and make a government with good goals.

Our 5 goals for Wales are:



1. **Make more jobs with better pay.**
2. **Use [green energy](#) for cheaper bills and new jobs.**
3. **Update the NHS with a new medical school in North Wales.**
4. **Have more police to keep everyone safe.**
5. **Have work, education, training, or self-employment for everyone under 25.**

What we will do

Build a stronger UK



Keeping our country safe: We support the UK's **nuclear deterrent** and will check our defence plans. We will spend enough public money on defence.



Nuclear deterrents protect the UK from being attacked by other countries.



Protected Borders: Britain is kind and welcoming, but we must manage how many people enter the country. We will target criminal groups who bring people by boat. A new team will guard our borders with more officers.



Managing our money well: We will make sure we do not spend more than we have. We will reduce the country's debt within 5 years.

Boost the economy



We want to make the **economy** stronger. The **economy** means how much money a country has.

We will:



- Keep spending under control with strict rules.



- Work with businesses and the Welsh Government to help the **economy** grow.



- Create a new plan for industry with ideas from all parts of the country.



- Start a **National Wealth Fund** for jobs. With £2.5 billion for the steel industry in the UK, including Wales.



- Set up **Great British Railways**, to work with the Welsh Government on making trains better in Wales and England. This means trains will no longer be run by private companies.



- Build 20 thousand social housing homes.



- Make a **New Deal for Working People**. We will stop unfair work contracts and make sure workers get good rights. Things like time off when they are ill or have a baby.

Make Britain a leader in clean energy



We want to look after nature while making the **economy** better.

We will:



- Create **Great British Energy** to lower bills and make our own energy.



- Make 650 thousand new jobs through our plan called **Green Prosperity Plan**.



- Make Welsh **social housing** homes better at using energy.



Social housing are houses owned by local councils and housing associations. They are more affordable homes.



- Deal with problems with the climate and protect nature. This is about stopping the planet from getting hotter because of using things like oil and gas.



- Work to stop pollution in rivers and prevent floods.



- Help farmers use land well and care for animals.

Make our streets safer



We want police to respond quickly to 999 calls and look into crimes well.



We want people to trust the police more and make sure victims get justice. We think the Conservatives have caused more crime to happen.

We will:



- Hire more local police and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs).



- Use **Respect Orders** to stop adults causing trouble in town centres. These would be rules to stop people from going to certain areas if they cause trouble.



- Stop people dumping rubbish.



- Reduce knife crime and ban dangerous weapons.



- Use special teams to support women who are victims of violence.



- Spend more money on youth services.



- Make prisons better and help people not go back to crime.

More chances for everyone



We want everyone in Britain to have a fair chance to succeed based on hard work, not their background.

We will:



- Hire more teachers for important subjects across Wales. Pay for this by making sure private schools pay taxes.



- Make sure all primary school children get free lunches and breakfasts.



- Support Welsh language learning in schools. We want 1 million Welsh speakers by 2050.



- Deliver the **Young Person's Guarantee**. This is where everyone aged 16 to 24 will have a job, education, training, or self-employment.



- Provide more childcare to help more people work.



- Offer good **apprenticeships**.

An **apprenticeship** is when someone learns while doing a job.



- Make sure students can go to university or college and get help.



- Help more people enjoy arts and music.



- Make sure everyone gets treated fairly. We will protect the rights of **minority groups** across the country.

A **minority group** is a smaller group in society. For example, people who originally came from another country or culture.



- Help disabled people get better job support, be treated fairly, and clear the **Access to Work** backlog. We will make sure they can try jobs without losing their benefits right away.

Access to Work is help you can get from the Department for Work and Pensions. This could include money known as a grant.



- Protect **LGBT+** and disabled people by making punishments for hate crimes against them more serious.

LGBT+ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and others.

Make a strong NHS for the future



We are proud of the NHS starting in Wales. The NHS has problems like more people needing care and longer waits. We will keep supporting the NHS and making it better.

We will:



- Make NHS waiting times shorter, paid for by making sure people pay their taxes.



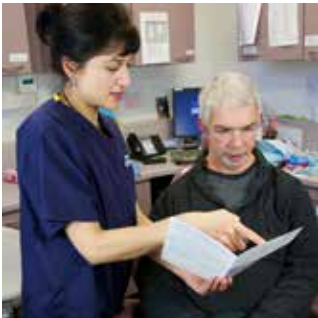
- Train more doctors and nurses, with a new medical school in North Wales.



- Upgrade NHS tools and machines.



- Give people more local care choices and pharmacies.



- Make it easier to get dental care.



- Change how social care works for the long term.



- Improve mental health services and rights.

Trust and fairness



People do not trust politics as much because of problems with the Conservatives.

We will:



- Set up an **Ethics and Integrity Commission** to make sure politicians behave well.



- Work with governments in Wales and Scotland.



- Make sure the **Welsh Fiscal Framework** works well. This is how money is managed in Wales.



- Give £195 million more to public services in Wales.



- Let the Welsh Government manage employment support in Wales.



- Make youth justice and probation work better in Wales.



- Make Wales well known around the world.



- Allow 16 and 17 year olds vote across the UK, like they can in Wales.

Connect Britain with the world



We want Britain to be strong again. We will make good choices that help everyone.



In Wales, we already have big companies from countries around the world. Welsh companies sell things to many other countries.

We will:



- Help our soldiers and people who served in the armed forces.



- Make new deals with other countries and work better with the European Union (EU).



- Lead a new **Clean Power Alliance** to help the environment.



- Work better with other countries around the world.



- Make sure how we help other countries is useful and works well.

Change



This election is a chance to change Britain for the better. We can solve the problems and create a brighter future for everyone.



This **manifesto** shows how we plan to start making these changes. It is time to come together. Britain needs this, and we hope you will join us.



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