



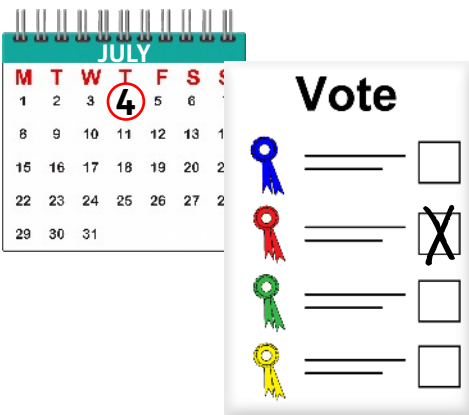
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This is the easy read manifesto from the Scottish Labour Party.



It says what we need to change and why we think you should vote for us in the General Election on Thursday 4th July 2024.



The leader of Scottish Labour is Anas Sarwar.



The leader of the UK Labour Party is Keir Starmer.

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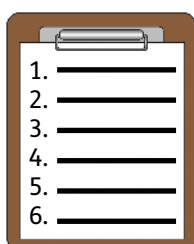
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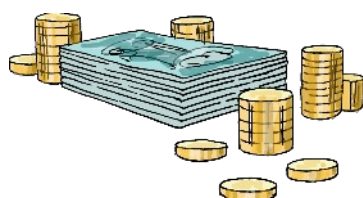
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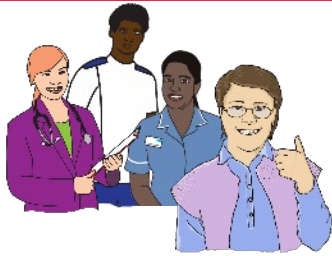
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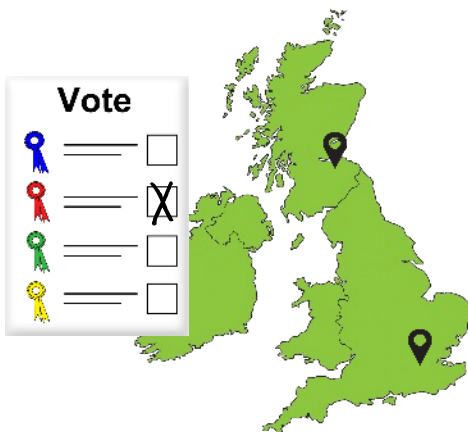
Part 1 – About Us



Who are Scottish Labour?

We are the Labour Party in Scotland.

In Scotland we have our own leader Anas Sarwar.



People in Scotland can vote for MPs in the UK Parliament in Westminster and Scottish MSPs in the Scottish Parliament at Holyrood.



The election on the Thursday 4th July 2024 is voting for the MPs who will go to Westminster.



We have our own Scottish Labour Manifesto for Scottish people. It is a bit different from the main Labour Manifesto.



The details are here in this easy read leaflet. It says why we want you to vote for us and what we want to do if we are in charge.



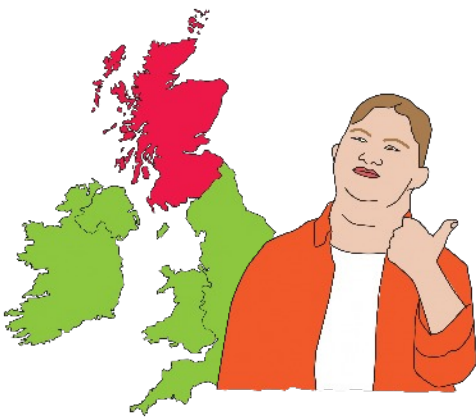
If you want more details, the main Scottish Labour manifesto is here:
labour.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Scottish-Labour-Manifesto-2024.pdf

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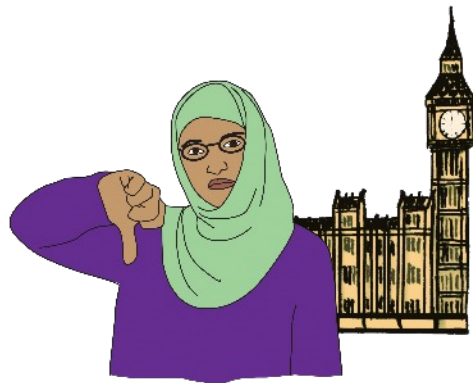


Anas Sarwar, the Leader of the Scottish Labour Party, says:

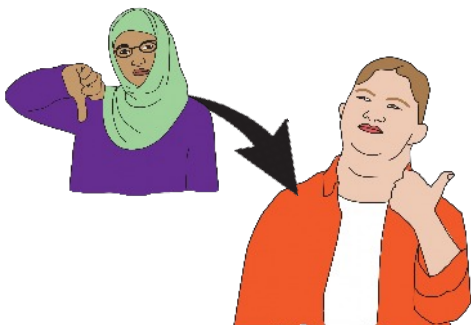


I believe our best days lie ahead.

We are a great country.



But our governments under the Tories and SNP have let us down for years.

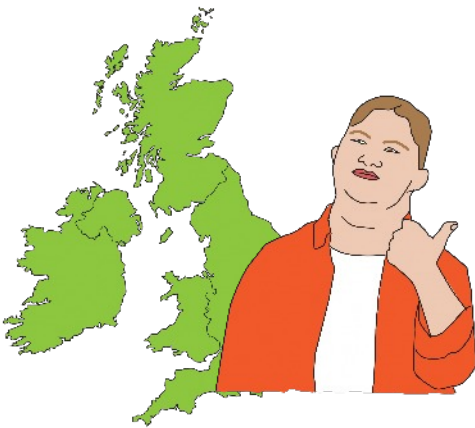


I think we can change things and you can read more about it in this manifesto.

A plan for change



Keir Starmer, the Leader of the Labour Party, says:



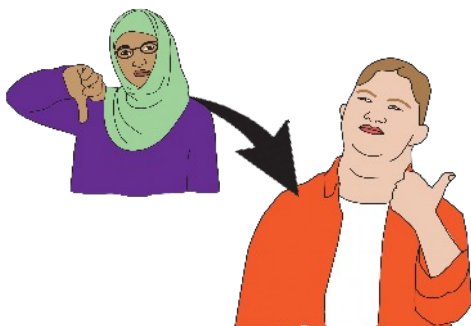
This election is about change.

We can change Scotland and Britain so they work better for working people.



But first we need to stop more problems being caused by the Tories and SNP.

This manifesto says how Scotland can lead the way and lead the change we need.



This election is your chance to make sure we change our country for the better.

Better for you, your community and for Scotland.

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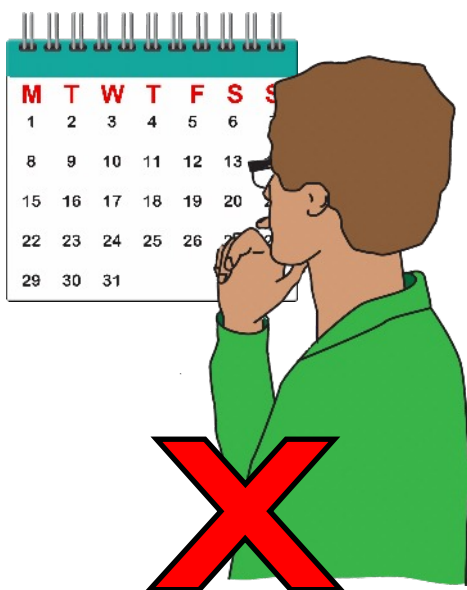


1. Grow the economy

This is about the money we have in the country and helping businesses do better.

We will have strict rules on how much we spend.

This will help keep taxes and bills down.



2. Fix the NHS

We will spend some more money on the NHS.

This will create more appointments so people don't have to wait so long.

We will pay for this by making sure people pay their taxes.

3. Set up Great British Energy



We will set up a new clean energy company that we all have a share in.

This will be based in Scotland.

It will mean cheaper bills.

We will pay for this by a tax on oil and gas companies.



4. Helping people get good jobs

We will change some rules on work so people are more secure and get paid more.

5. Jobs and opportunities for young people



We will help more people be apprentices.

We will help people to buy a house for the first time.

We will make lots more jobs in Scotland working on clean energy.

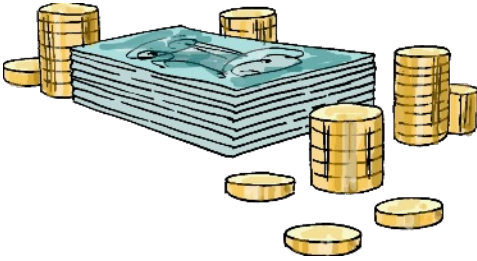
6. Help Scotland's businesses



We will help other countries know about Scottish businesses so they can sell more things abroad.

It will also get more money into the country to make more new jobs.

Part 3 – Our plans in more detail



1. Growing the economy

The economy is all about money and how much the country has to spend on things.



We will have a plan to make the economy stronger in every part of the country.

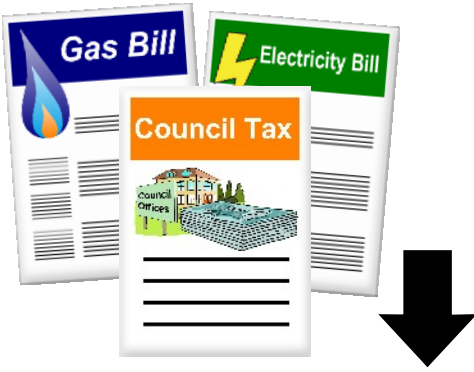
This will make everyone better off. Not just a few people.

Spending money carefully

We will:



- only spend money very carefully and get other organisations to check that
- keep people's money safe and get back as much as we can from people who have been given it wrongly during Covid



- make bills cheaper
- not put up taxes for working people
- make people pay the taxes they should.



Working with business

We will work together better. This is with other parliaments, businesses, workers and others.

This way business can make more money which helps us all.



One way we will help is by having a wealth fund. This is a pot of money that is used to:

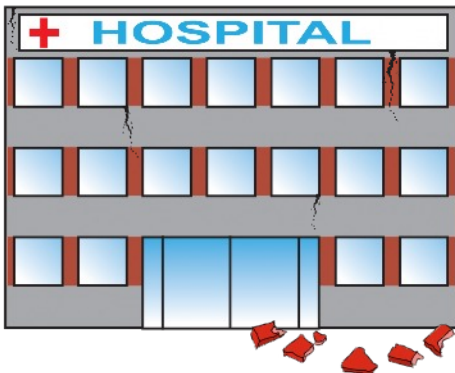
- make new jobs
- help set up new energy projects
- keep ports up to date.

We will spend £7.3 billion on that.

We will also:



- make local business tax in Scotland fairer and help have more post offices to help town high streets
- help people with new ideas about new businesses
- make Scotland a great place to start a business.



Buildings and transport

Lots of buildings like schools, hospitals are falling down. And our roads to them are full of potholes.



We will make a plan for the next 10 years to sort this out and get the things our country needs.



We will:

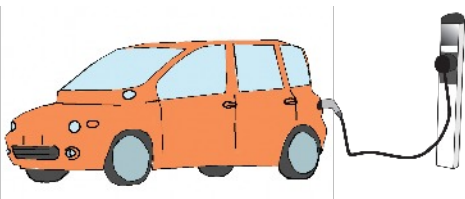
- help build more and better houses that are good to live in



- let local councils run the buses in their area

- have a maximum fare for a bus journey

- have the government run the railways in a new firm called GB Railways working with ScotRail



- have more electric cars and chargers for them

- help people get lower car insurance.



People from other countries

People from other countries have worked hard and given us a lot.



We will:

- have a fair and well managed way to let people in



- sort out delays when people are asking to stay here to keep safe
- send people back to safe countries if they are not allowed here
- not send people to Rwanda
- make sure we have plans to train people here for the jobs we need to fill.



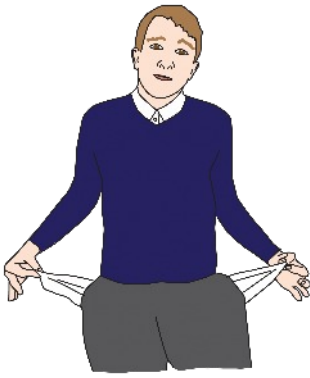
Getting a job

Scotland has done a lot to help people get jobs, but we can do more.

So we will work with job centres and businesses and sort out problems with Access to Work.



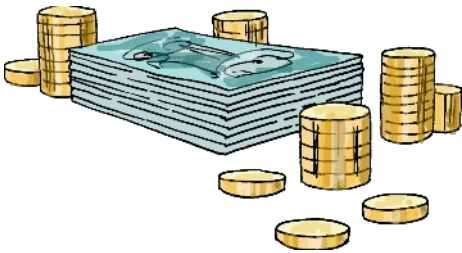
Disabled people and others with health needs need more and better support to get a job and not worry if it doesn't work out.



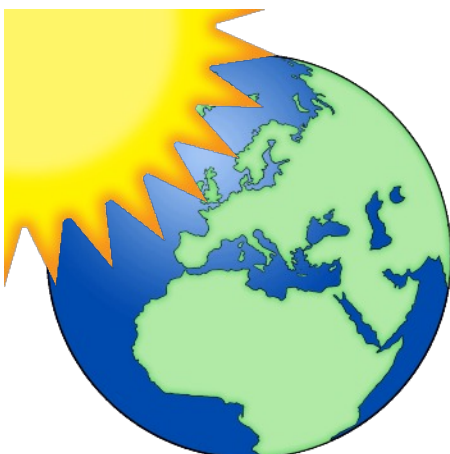
Making work pay

Lots of people in work are still poor.

We will:



- make sure the minimum wage is enough to live on no matter how old you are
- quickly make a new law that sorts out a lot of the problems people have with work and stops unfair ways of working, like zero hours contracts
- give people some basic new rights as soon as they start in their jobs, like paid time off for parents and sick pay if people are ill.



2. Better ways to get our energy and help the environment

The world is getting warmer and nature is under threat.

We must do more about this.



So we want to make Scotland a world leader at getting energy in better ways for the environment.



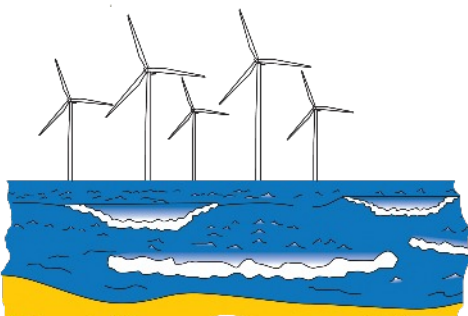
We will set up a new company called GB Energy which is owned by us all and based in Scotland.

And we want to do this by 2030.



We will:

- make our energy more secure as we make it ourselves
- have 69,000 good new jobs in Scotland
- have warmer homes that are much cheaper to run. We will spend £6.6bn on this across the UK
- have more wind farms on land and in the sea





- look at other ways to make clean energy from the sun, wind and water

- not allow new drilling for oil

- make sure oil and gas companies pay the windfall taxes they should



- support Scottish farmers to grow more food

- have an action plan to look after nature and make water cleaner.



3. Fixing the NHS and social care

When Labour started the NHS we said people should have the best health services without needing to pay.

We will always fight to keep the NHS doing its job.



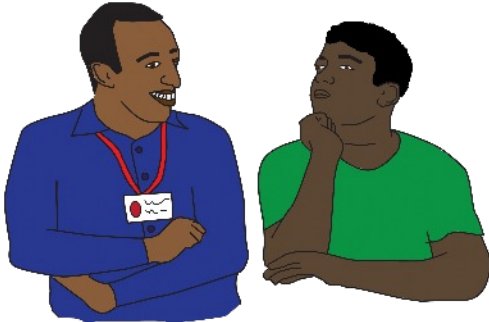
The current government has done a lot of damage to the NHS in Scotland.

This has happened before, we sorted it out then and we will sort it out again now.

We will:



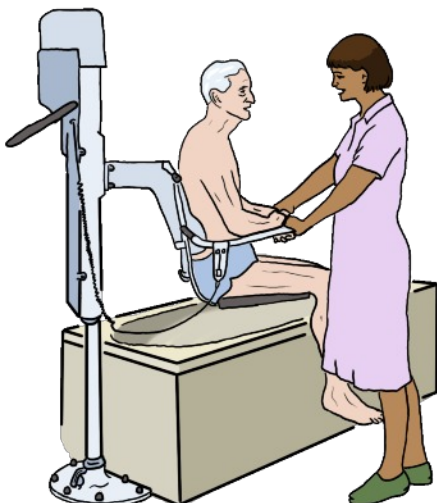
- help people be seen more quickly with 160,000 more appointments every year in Scotland
- have a plan make sure we have enough people working in Scotland's NHS



- spend more on mental health and have a mental health person in every GP practice and in schools
- have more checking for disease, like cancer to help find problems early on



- have more NHS dentists and dental care for children
- cut down on smoking and single use vapes
- more help for people on drugs



- use new technology to help people access the care and advice they need
- help everyone to have the support they need to be as independent as possible
- do more for social care staff showing what a skilled job it is.



We will never let the NHS be owned by private companies.



We will stop people having to pay for services themselves because they are waiting too long.



4. Keeping safe

What we believe.

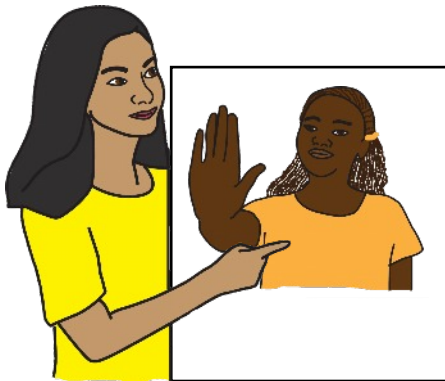
Policing in Scotland is not working as well as it could be at the moment.



We think that when you call the police, they should come.



When you report a crime, it should be taken seriously and looked into no matter who you are or where you live.



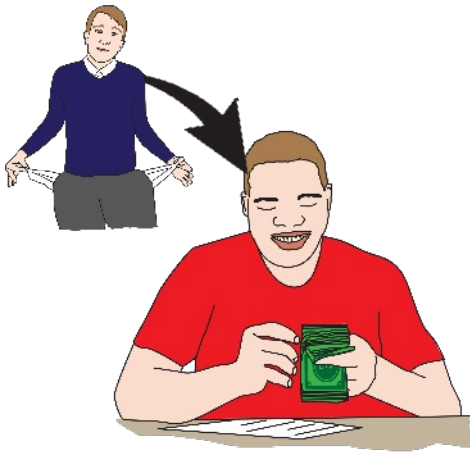
We will:

- look at all the ways we can stop violence against women and girls and get justice
- help schools teach young people about healthy relationships and saying no
- have more punishments for people selling banned knives
- keep young people safer online
- put victims at the centre of the criminal justice system
- have more community police again and listen to local people
- have officers wear body worn video cameras
- do more about stopping fraud





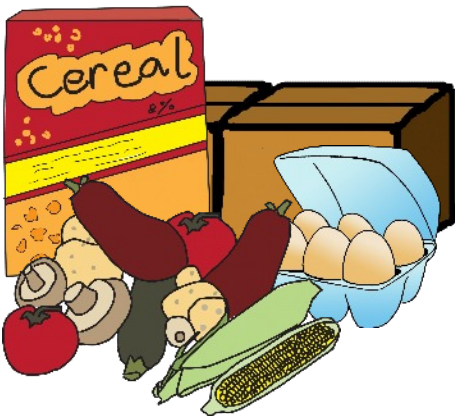
- modernise prison services so they help people and stop people committing more crimes
- make sure families get justice by doing what inquiries say should be done.



5. Helping people get on in life

When Labour was in power last time we managed to help get a lot of people in Scotland out of poverty. We will do that again.

We will



- look at how universal credit can be made better
- stop children living in poverty
- end so many people needing to go to food banks.



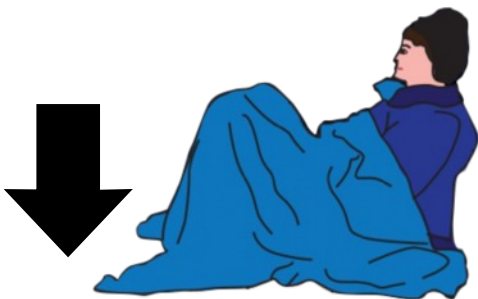
Housing

We believe that everybody should have a home that is safe, secure and they can afford to pay for.



We will:

- change the rules to help more houses get built that people can afford to buy
- have rents people can afford and protection for tenants
- take dangerous cladding off buildings more quickly
- have less people homeless.



Children and young people

We want every child to have opportunities to do well in life.

We will:



- make services for looking after small children work better for families
- put more money into local schools. This will be paid for by ending tax exemptions on private schools



- help children do better at school
- modernise colleges
- keep free university fees for Scottish young people



- help young people get ready for work
- make apprenticeships work better for young people.



Making things fairer

No matter where people come from, we want everyone to be treated with respect and to have a good life.



To help this we will:

- make sure women are paid the same as men
- have equal pay for disabled people
- a new law on treating people from different races equally
- keep pensions going up each year, called the triple lock
- have better access to sports, music and the arts
- have a modern gender recognition law that protects people's rights.

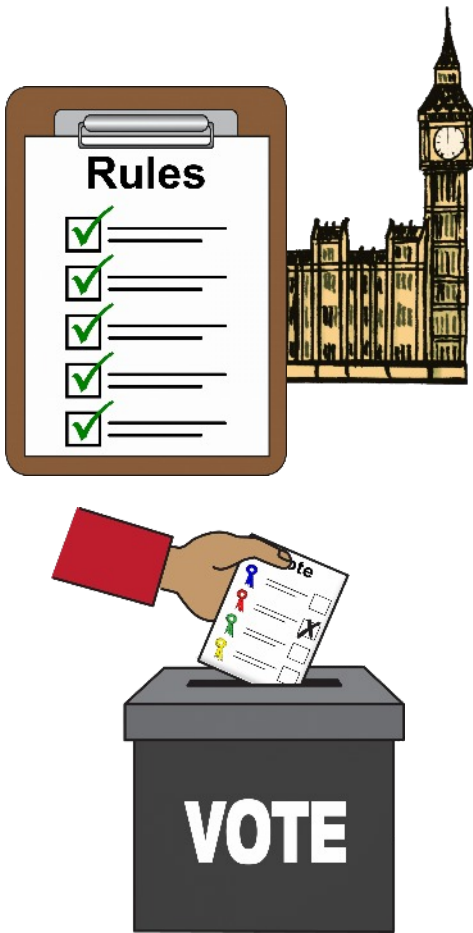


6. Sorting out Politics

With all the scandals over the last 14 years, people have lost their trust in politics.



We need to change this so people can trust their politicians once again to do the right thing and tell you the truth.



We will:

- have new high standards and rules to clean up politics and wrong doing at Westminster
- stop MPs and MSPs having other jobs
- modernise the House of Lords and look at replacing it
- allow 16 year olds to vote in all elections
- have stronger rules about money being given to political parties.



Scottish Democracy

Labour does not believe in independence or another referendum.

But we know that after 14 years of the Conservatives, the people of Scotland need change.

So, we will:



- have the UK and Scottish Governments working better together
- promote Scotland both in the UK and abroad
- help the Scottish Government to work with other countries
- have more people from Scotland involved in big decisions like planning how to help the economy and business.



7. A stronger UK working together

With Labour, the UK will be stronger, more secure and richer. But first we must sort out the mess left behind by the Conservatives.



Keeping the country safe

There are a lot of troubles in the world.



We will look carefully at everything we need to do to defend our country.

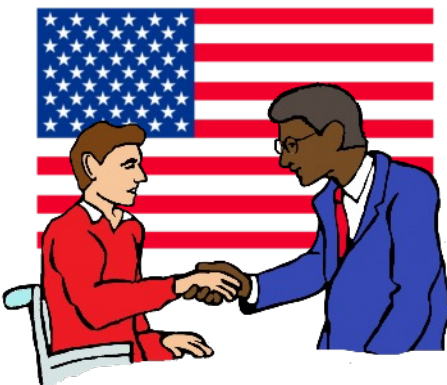
This includes spending more money to make us stronger and safer.

We will:



- have stronger armed forces
- make a new law to help keep us safer from terrorists
- support Scotland's veterans with what they need

Working with other countries



We will also work in a better way with other countries to make the world safer and fairer for everyone:

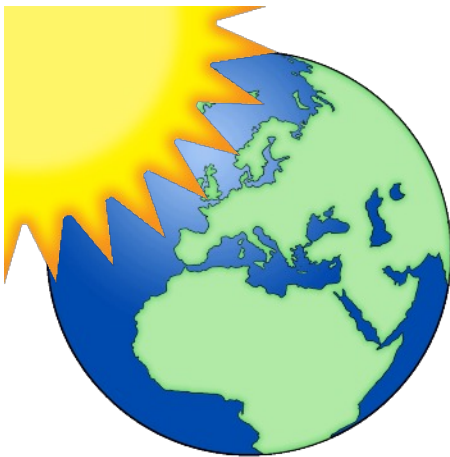
- work closely with the United States



- stay outside of the EU but work more closely with them
- have less red tape
- stay in the European Convention on Human Rights



- only sell arms to countries that follow the law
- support Ukraine
- work on better agreements with other countries to buy and sell things
- make sure big companies pay the taxes they should



- work to fight the climate crisis
- work towards a two-state solution and peace in Palestine and Israel
- work with others to do more to help other countries in trouble.



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