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# Plaid Cymru's plan for Wales

## What we will do if we are elected in the 2024 General Election

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For Ambition, For Wales**'.

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# About this booklet



We are **Plaid Cymru**. This is our **manifesto** for the General Election in June 2024.



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



We want to make sure the needs of Wales are heard in the UK Parliament.



We want everyone to be treated fairly and have a chance to do well, whoever they are. We will always put Wales first.



Vote for us on 4 July for a Member of Parliament who will represent Wales every day.

# What we plan to do

## Fair Funding



We will make sure Wales gets the money owed from the HS2 project. The HS2 project was a plan for a fast train line in England.



The UK Government spent a lot of money, but they stopped some parts. We will use this money for better public transport in Wales.

## Fair for Patients



We will get fair funding from the UK Government for the NHS. We will hire 500 more GP doctors.

# Fair for Families and Communities



We will increase Child Benefit by £20 a week.



We will raise the windfall tax paid by some big companies.



We want Wales to be in charge of all of its natural resources – its water, wind and sunshine.

# Money and Tax in Wales



The Conservatives have hurt the **economy** of the UK and Wales for 14 years.



The **economy** means how much money a country has.



Wales should have enough money and everyone should be treated fairly.



We think Wales should have more control of its money. We want Wales to decide how much tax people in Wales pay, not the UK Government.





We want people and companies with the most money to pay the most tax.



Some large companies, like oil and gas companies, should pay more tax.



We want a new law called the **Economic Fairness Bill** to help Wales be treated fairly with money decisions.

# Europe



We think the UK should rejoin the **European Single Market and Customs Union**.



This will make it easier for products and services from European countries to move around.



In the future, we think we should rejoin the **European Union**, like before Brexit.

# A Welsh Green New Deal



We think it is important to keep making steel in Wales. We do not want the steel plant in Port Talbot to close.



We think the UK Government or Welsh Government should run the steel plant.



We need to find ways to make steel in a way that is better for the environment.



We want new **green** jobs in Wales. This means jobs that help the environment.

# Helping Welsh Businesses



We want to help businesses in Wales because they are important.



We will support small businesses and those on the high street.



We will support co-operatives, where people work together. We will also help community-owned services.



## Better Internet



We will make sure all areas of Wales have better and faster internet.

## Apprenticeships



**Apprenticeships** are when people train while they work. We will make more chances for **apprenticeships** in Wales.



This will help businesses have people with the right skills.



We will make sure **apprentices** can earn a **living wage**. This means they will get enough money to live on.

# Fair for Employees



We want Wales to control its own employment laws to protect workers' rights.



We will change strike rules made by the Conservative government.



We will improve workers' rights, like the right to take time off when a loved one dies.

# Fair for the Planet



We know that **climate change** is a big problem.



**Climate change** is big changes in the weather. For example, places getting warmer, wetter, or drier. These changes cause things like storms to get worse, flooding and wildfires.



We will make a new law to make sure businesses do more to look after the planet and people.



# Health and Social Care



We think healthcare should be free and paid for by tax. The NHS should get enough money and stay public.



We support NHS staff who want fair pay.



We want 500 more GPs in Wales.



We will make more **apprenticeships** in healthcare.



We will make changes to the NHS to make it run better.





We believe in keeping people healthy and dealing with issues early. This can help stop some people from becoming ill.



We want to make a **National Care Service** for social care. We think social care should be free, like the NHS.



We don't have enough doctors, nurses and carers at the moment. So, we want to hire staff from other countries and help them live in Wales.



We want to pay social care workers £1 more than the **Real Living Wage**.



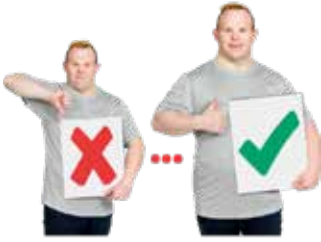
We will train more dentists and stop extra charges for dental work.



We will improve testing for cancers like bowel and lung cancer.



We will train more cancer health staff.



We will improve services for diagnosing and supporting **neurodiversity**.



**Neurodiversity** means some people's brains work differently to others. Autism is an example of **neurodiversity**.



We believe Wales should control the **Mental Health Act**. This law affects how mental health issues are managed and people's rights.



We want more health conditions treated locally. This means fewer people travelling far to hospitals.

# Education



No family should struggle to pay for education. No child should be hungry.



We want free school meals for secondary school children.



We will reduce the costs related to school, so no child misses out because of money.





We will make sure schools have enough money.  
We will fund Additional Learning Needs and mental health in schools properly.



We will support teachers and make sure pupils get the help they need with the new **Curriculum for Wales**. This is about what things they learn in school.



We will improve and build new schools.



We want Welsh-speaking early years and childcare services across Wales.



We will support more learning in Welsh.



We will help more people go to university and want it to be free for everyone.



We will give a free grant of 5000 pounds to all adults over 25 years old to study or train in a new subject.



We will offer childcare to those who want to learn and have children. We will make learning easier with more options.



# Criminal Justice and Policing



We support Wales having full control of our criminal justice system. This means control over the police, prisons and managing crimes.



This will let Wales make decisions that are best for us, like Scotland and Northern Ireland do.



We will create a **Minister of Justice** in the Welsh Government.



We want fairer funding for criminal justice and to support victims of crime.



We will protect and support women and girls who experience violence.



We believe the prison system does not work well and needs to change.



We want police to focus on arresting people who sell drugs, not those who use them.



We want more support for people addicted to drugs.



# Housing



We need more homes in Wales. We will make a plan to build more homes across all parts of Wales.



We want better rent control for private rented houses to make rent fairer for locals.



# Climate Change



Our goal is to get to **net-zero** by 2035.



**Net-zero** means the amount of harmful gases we put into the air is balanced by the amount we take out.



We will put money into creating jobs that help the environment. Like making energy from sun, wind and water.



We will make sure the Welsh Government and UK Government spend money to help stop flooding.



We believe Wales should control its energy, not the UK Government.



We want to reduce charges for energy in Wales to make it fairer.



We need to protect wildlife in Wales. We support a plan to do this urgently.



# Child Poverty



No child should struggle without enough money for basic needs.



We will increase Child Benefit by £20 a week.



We will give free school meals to children in secondary schools.



We will remove limits to Universal Credit benefit that cause child poverty.



We believe people needing benefits or state pensions should get more money because costs have gone up.

# Welsh Benefits System



Wales should control its own benefits, not the UK Government.



Wales should be able to make new benefits.



People should not be blamed for being unwell and unable to work.



People should not have to wait so long to get benefits payments. It is unfair and makes life harder.



We need to change how much people can get for housing benefit to pay their rent.



The rates used are old and unfair, leading to people not having a place to live.



# Independence for Wales



We believe Wales should be independent of the UK.  
We think this would be fairer for Wales.



We will make a plan called a Green Paper for this.  
This will be for the people of Wales to decide.



While Wales is part of the UK, we think changes  
need to happen.



We want more equality between the Welsh and UK  
Government.



We think Wales needs more power to run our own services, like welfare benefits, energy and criminal justice.



We think that politicians should not be allowed to lie.



# Farming



We support Welsh farming and aim to help family farms for the future.

# Fair for Rural Areas



Living in the countryside can cost more, but there are fewer services.



We will increase the number of GPs and shops on local high streets.



We will help people to keep services open, like pubs and community centres.

# Gaza



We want an immediate **ceasefire** in Gaza. Both sides should stop attacking each other.



**Ceasefire** is when both sides stop attacking each other.



We believe Israel is not treating the people in Gaza fairly and is guilty of war crimes.



We support a State of Palestine where all Palestinian people can live.

# Ukraine



We support Ukraine in defending itself from Russia.



We support welcoming people from Ukraine to Wales for safety.

# Defence



We are against using **nuclear weapons**. **Nuclear weapons** cause big explosions and lots of deaths.



We do not agree with spending more money on defence in the UK.

# Migration and Asylum



This is about people moving to the UK from other countries. Often because of danger where they live.



We do not agree with the Conservative government sending people to Rwanda if they come to the UK.



People should have safe ways to enter the UK. When they ask to live here they should be dealt with quickly.



We support the UK staying in the **European Court of Human Rights**. This court helps protect people's rights.

# Transport



We want the UK Government to give Wales 4 billion pounds for transport. This money is owed because of the HS2 project.



This money would make transport in Wales a lot better.



We think Wales should control its own rail system, not the UK Government.



We think the Government should run bus and train services, not private companies.



There should be better bus services in the countryside.

# Road Safety



We want roads to be safe. We will look at roads where there are lots of accidents.



Last year the Welsh Government put in a 20 mile per hour speed limit.



We agree with the idea but think it needs to work better.

# The Arts and Sports



We believe arts organisations in Wales need more money.



We think important sporting events in Wales should be free to watch on television.



# Welsh Language



We want more people to use Welsh in Wales.





# LGBTQ+



LGBTQ+ means Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer and other groups.



It is about who people are and who they love.



We believe in supporting everyone's rights and listening to their views.

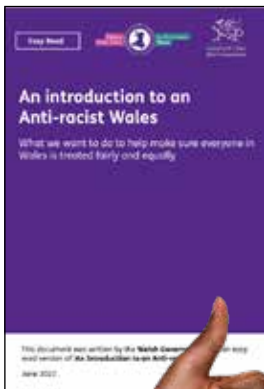


We want LGBTQ+ people to be treated fairly everywhere.

# Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic People



Everyone should be treated fairly no matter where they are from or what their skin colour is.



We support the Welsh Government's **Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan** to stop racism and will help it happen.

# Disability



We will work with disabled people and groups to make sure life is fair for everyone.



We will make sure things are easy for disabled people to use and access.



We will make sure we include disabled people and treat them fairly.

# Hard Words

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## Ceasefire

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## Manifesto

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