

Welsh Labour

What we will do if we win the 2019 General Election



This manifesto was written by Welsh Labour. It is an easy read version of our **General Election Manifesto 2019 - Summary**.

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How to use this document



This is an easy read version. The words and their meaning are easy to read and understand.



You may need support to read and understand this document. Ask someone you know to help you.



Some words may be hard to understand. These are in **bold blue writing** and have been explained in a box beneath the word. If the hard word is used again it is in **normal blue writing**. You can check what it means on **page 20**.



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About our manifesto



The election on Thursday 12 December 2019 is more important than ever.



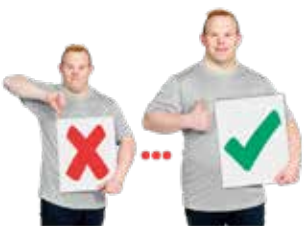
The Conservative party has made huge cuts to Wales.



The rules they have made have damaged our communities. And the **environment**.



The **environment** is where we live. It is the land, the sea, the air and everything that lives in and on it. For example plants, animals and fish.



This is our chance to put things right.



We care about everyone. Not just people who are rich.

We want to do things like:



- Make sure people earn at least £10 per hour.



- Stop **zero hour contracts**.

Zero hour contracts are when an employer does not have to give you a set number of hours to work each week. This means people may not earn enough money some weeks.



- Help the **environment** and deal with **climate change**.



Climate means long term weather trends. **Climate change** is about changes to the world's weather patterns like our air and water getting warmer.



The Conservative party wants to:



- Sell the NHS.



- Stop workers having rights.



- Put making money before saving the environment.



- Keep cutting **public services**.

Public services are services run by the government. For example: schools, the NHS, police and fire and rescue.



This manifesto is about what we will do if we win the election on 12 December.



We stand up for Wales and the people of Wales. We have done a lot of good work. For example:



- Kept the NHS free.



- Made sure there are lots of jobs.



- Put lots of money into schools and colleges.



- Helped the Welsh language grow.



- Helped the [environment](#).

And if we win this election we can do so much more.

People and the environment



There are 2 very big problems we face today:

1. The damage done to our **environment**.



2. People living in **poverty**.

Poverty is when people do not have enough money to live well. And are not able to get good services. Like health care and education.



We want to lead the world in fighting **climate change**.



We want there to be good jobs to make sure people live well.



And we want everyone to be treated fairly.



We are calling this work a **Green Industrial Revolution**.



We will make sure there are lots of new jobs. And that there are more opportunities for people to learn and train.



We want to use energy that does not damage the **environment**. We are doing more work on this than anywhere else in the UK. And we have set ourselves big aims for this.



We have a strong plan to improve transport in Wales.



We want everyone to have free **full fibre broadband** in Wales.



Full fibre broadband is a way of getting the internet fast.

Public services



Public services are paid for with tax money.



Public services improve people's lives.



In Wales the NHS has stayed completely free. For example, people do not have to pay for medicine.



The Conservative Government has cut a lot of money from Wales.



We can change this with a UK Labour government. We will make sure our **public services** are the best in the world.



We will pay for this by making sure people pay a fair amount of tax. And by getting people with a lot of money to pay more tax.

Health

We have done a lot of good work to improve:

- NHS Funding



- NHS staff



- Mental health services



We now make sure that health and social care services work together. This is helping people and workers.



Education



Work has been done to make schools better. And to improve pupils' Maths and English skills.



We are going to improve what pupils learn in schools.



And put more money into learning for pupils over the age of 16.



University students in Wales already have the best support in the UK because of the Labour government in Wales.



If Labour wins the general election, we can make university education free.

Safety



We have paid for 500 Community Support Officers since 2012. They help keep our communities safe.



With a UK Labour government, we can put more police on the streets.



We have made laws to help keep women safe from violence and abuse.

Mail and energy



Some **public services** are now run by private companies to make them money. For example:



- Mail services.



- Energy - like gas and electricity.



We are going to change this to save people money.
We want these services to be owned by the public.

Poverty and equality



Everyone should be able to afford a good life.



Under the Conservative Government many people live in **poverty**. Even if they work.



We want to make sure workers are treated fairly.
And their voices are heard.



We will make sure workers are paid fairly and can afford to live well.



We will make sure workers have rights.



We will make sure workers earn at least £10 per hour.



We will stop **zero hour contracts**.



We will make **maternity pay** last for 12 months instead of just 9 months.



Maternity pay is the pay women get when they have a baby. And need to stay home from work to care for their baby.



We will stop **Universal Credit** and change to a better system.

Universal Credit is the system used for claiming benefits.



We will build lots of new houses in Wales. And help people buy homes.



We have stopped the Right to Buy scheme. This is the scheme that lets people buy their council house. This means there are more council houses available.



We will make sure empty buildings are used again.



We have stopped estate agents from charging fees when people rent a home.



Brexit

Brexit is the term we use to talk about Britain leaving the **European Union**.



The **European Union** is a group of countries whose governments work together.



Within 3 months of the election we will come up with a sensible deal for Brexit.



Within 6 months of the election we will give you the chance to vote on what you want to do.



You can vote for our deal. Or vote to stay in the **European Union**.



Welsh Labour believes we should stay in the **European Union**. But it is up to you, the public. This will be the last vote about Brexit. We will have to follow the result by law. We are the only party that will do this.

Working with other countries



We will always work to make sure people in the UK are safe.



Making sure there is peace and safety in the whole world is an important part of our work.



We want to make sure people are treated equally and fairly all over the world.



We will make sure our rules for keeping people safe are based on facts.

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