



SDLP MANIFESTO WESTMINSTER 2024 EASY READ

Our Priorities for Change

1. Remove this Tory Government from power
2. Better Public Services for All
3. Improved Funding Model for NI
4. Repeal the Legacy Act
5. A Fairer Economy for All
6. Recognise the State of Palestine and end arms exports to Israel
7. Restore nature and support a just transition

Fixing our Broken Politics

- Press for reform which prevents one party from collapsing devolution and removes the veto

Rescuing Public Services

- Press for a comprehensive spending review
- Press for real investment in public services
- Fight for a fair deal for public sector workers

Health

- Ensure health service transformation
- Seek dedicated resource to reduce waiting lists
- Argue for better pay and conditions for health service staff

Education

- Fair pay for teachers and school staff
- Support for the Irish Language Sector
- Action to tackle Educational Underachievement

- The transformation of Special Educational Needs provision
- A cap on school uniform costs
- Action on restraint and seclusion
- Progress on integrated education
- A Review of the Education Authority

A Fair & Prosperous Economy

- Maximise the Opportunities of Dual-Market Access
- Rebalance our economy for broad-based growth
- Tackle poverty
- Support our Tourism and Hospitality Sectors
- Invest in Our Arts and Culture

- Backing Our Small Businesses

Investing in Skills

- A full-size university campus at Magee of at least 10,000 students
- A Review of Higher Education funding
- Properly funding apprenticeships and reforming the Apprenticeship Levy
- We will fight to ensure age is never a barrier to learning

Defending Workers' Rights

- Fight for a New Deal for Working People
- Seek an economy that works for everyone
- Support our Unpaid Carers

A New Ireland for All

Our work is guided by **six core principles**:

1. Reconciliation as a guiding force
2. Embracing diversity
3. No one left behind
4. Led by citizens
5. Future-focused & outward looking
6. Hope with honesty

Childcare: The Best Start in Life for Every Child

- Fight for a new, bold and ambitious Early Education and Childcare Strategy

Addressing the Climate Emergency

- Support ambitious climate legislation in Westminster
- Campaign for an independent Environmental Protection Agency

- Prioritise Water Quality
- Fight for a Lough Neagh Recovery Plan
- Campaign for a 'Just Transition'
- Fight for Sustainable Funding for Farming
- Seek to implement an all-island animal cruelty register
- Support new legislation on clean air

Building For Our Future Infrastructure

- Seek investment in public transport
- Fight for A5 Delivery
- Advocate for A6 Completion
- Deliver on the potential of all-island rail
- Prioritise Our Water Infrastructure & Flood Alleviation

- Progress Electric Vehicle Infrastructure
- Reform the Planning System

Justice, Legacy and Victims

- Fight to ensure the Legacy Act is repealed
- Change the focus to rehabilitation
- Systemic reforms must be introduced to protect the rights of victims
- Ensure the PSNI must be representative of the community it seeks to serve
- Combating Cybercrime, economic crime & fraud
- Fight to reverse the cuts to Women's Aid

Equality & Rights

- Ensure a comprehensive ban on conversion practices
- Ensuring provision of gender-affirming healthcare services
- Promoting LGBTQIA+ inclusive relationships and sexuality education for schools
- Fighting for funding for LGBTQIA+ organisations and support services
- Stand up for asylum seekers and refugees
- Ensure Hate Crime legislation to support ethnic minorities
- Promote Irish language rights

Our Place In The World

Gaza

- Press for an Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza
- Recognition of the state of Palestine

- The Release of Hostages that were taken during the despicable 7th of October attack carried out by Hamas
- The expulsion of the Israeli Ambassador from the United Kingdom and Ireland
- A fully supported humanitarian intervention
- An end to the funding of Israeli arms by the British Government
- The establishment of a Palestinian Visa Scheme

Refugees and Asylum Seekers

- Advocate for the establishment of safe and legal routes for refugees to seek asylum
- Lobby to end the ban on asylum seekers working
- Ensure that asylum seekers are treated with the dignity they deserve

A Future Back In Europe

- Seize the opportunities of the Windsor Framework
- Restoring our voice – representation from Northern Ireland in European Union
- Plan for re-accession in context of a New Ireland