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# Plaid Cymru

## What we will do if we win the 2019 General Election



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# Introduction



We are **Plaid Cymru**. We want Wales to be a place where everybody can do well.



- The government in **Westminster** are not making decisions that work well for Wales.

**Westminster** is the main government in Britain.



We want to:

- Improve the lives of Welsh families



- 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.



- Make the Welsh **economy** better

The **economy** is about the jobs people do and the money they have.





- Make schools better



- Make health and social services better



- Help 50 thousand poor children in Wales



It will be difficult to do these things if we leave the **European Union**.

The **European Union** is a group of countries in Europe whose governments work together. Right now we are part of the **European Union**.



We want the public to have another vote about whether we should stay or leave the **European Union**.



**It is time for change in Wales. It is time to vote for Plaid Cymru.**

# The 5 main things we want to focus on

## 1. Jobs that are good for the environment



We think Wales can be a world leader in dealing with **climate change**.



If we want to do this we have to put money into creating jobs that are good for Wales. And for the planet.



For example we want to create jobs in:

- Energy that comes from wind, water and the sun instead of **carbon**.



**Carbon dioxide** is a gas we make when we burn coal and oil. It helps us make electricity but also makes the world too hot. This makes extreme weather like flooding and storms.



- Good public transport so that fewer people use cars.



- **Digital technology.**

**Digital technology** is anything to do with computers and the internet.



By 2030 we want to completely stop using **carbon**.



And we also want to completely stop using plastics that you can only use once. Like plastic cups and cutlery.

## 2. Caring for Everyone



Our health and social services have been struggling. This is because of funding cuts made by the government we have now.



We want to give free social care for older people. And people who need extra support in Wales.

We want to make our NHS better. We want:



- 1 thousand new doctors



- 5 thousand new nurses



- 100 new dentists



We will put more money into services that help stop people from getting ill in the first place.



We believe that private companies should not make money from people being ill.



We will fight to make sure that the NHS does not get sold off to private companies. And that it stays free for the people who need it.



### 3. Helping children from poor families



We do not want children from poor families to be left out. Or to have fewer chances.

We want to:



Give poor families £35 a week for each of their children.



Offer free childcare and early years education to all children age 1 to 3.



Give an extra £300 million a year to our schools and colleges. To make sure Welsh children get the best education.

## 4. Making housing more fair



People who rent their homes in Wales have a bad deal.



Many people who rent their homes do not earn much money. And many of these people spend more than a third of their income on housing.



Everybody deserves to have safe housing that they can afford.



So we want to give money to people who are paying more than a third of their income on rent.



We also want to build 20 thousand new council homes over 5 years.



We will make sure that all these new homes use power from the sun to make electricity and to heat up water.



## 5. Stopping crime



Wales is the only country in the UK that does not have power to make decisions about its police and **justice system**.



The **justice system** is how we deal with crime in this country. We decide if people are innocent or guilty in court.



This is not ok. We want to be able to create the services that are right for Wales.



We want every community to have 2 extra police officers that know the area well and will help keep people safe.



Overall this will be 16 hundred new police officers across Wales.



These extra police officers will work with people in communities to solve problems and stop crime before it happens.



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# Staying in the European Union



We think the British public should be allowed to vote 1 more time on whether we should leave or stay in the [European Union](#).



This Conservative government has wasted 3 years trying to get us to leave the [European Union](#). And has refused to let the public have a final say.



If we leave the [European Union](#) the Welsh [economy](#) will get worse. We will have to pay a lot more for things we buy from other countries.



It will also make life harder for people who live in Wales but are from other countries in Europe. And for Welsh people living abroad in Europe.



The last 3 years has been a mess. We want to sort it out and move on. And make sure we do not leave the [European Union](#).



We also think Wales should become a member of the [European Union](#) on its own. So that we can have our own relationship with European countries based on equality.



# Our environment



We have damaged and lost many natural places in Wales. These places are homes to our wildlife.



We will make new laws to protect our natural places and wildlife.



And we will make sure that people do not break these laws.



We want Wales to create its own energy from the sun, wind and water.



But it is important that we do this in a way that does the least damage to our wildlife.



We will also think about making some areas nature reserves. This means special places that we work hard to look after.

# Food and farming



The people who make food and drink in Wales are very important. Almost 250 million people work in this area.



Every year they make £7 billion for the Welsh economy.



We want people to know that Welsh food and drink is the best quality.



We will keep making sure we work in a way that is good for animal welfare. And good for the environment.



We also think that our food should not be **genetically modified**.

**Genetic modification** is when scientists change food so that it grows a certain way.

# The Welsh language



We want Wales to be a country where people can use both Welsh and English.



For this to happen we need more Welsh speakers. We want there to be 1 million Welsh speakers in Wales by 2050.



We want people to use Welsh at work more. As well as in other parts of life like in shops and in government.



We will make sure that more people can get Welsh language education. So that everyone has the chance to speak Welsh.





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YURT

Y Sgubon

ALLANFA

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JAVAN

# Culture and media

We think that culture is a really important part of our way of life. This includes things like:



- Art.



- Language.



- Sport.



We will think about how we can support Welsh culture when we are making decisions.



We will make sure that museums stay free to the public.



We also want to make an online library for Wales.  
So that everybody can get books.



And we want to make a new gallery for modern art.



We also want to have the power to make decisions  
about our own **media**.



**Media** is everything we use to communicate  
ideas. Like TV, films, radio and newspapers.



This is because we want our media to represents  
Welsh people. And what matters to them.



# Equalities



We believe that everyone should have the same chances. And that no one should be bullied because of who they are.



We want the power to make our own laws about equality. So that we can protect people when we need to.



We want women to have equal chances in work. We want more workplaces to let staff work different hours and from different places like home, to help with this.



We need to listen to **LGBT** people's experiences.

**LGBT** means **lesbians**, **gay men**, **bisexual people** and **transgender people**.





**Lesbians** are women who are attracted to other women.



**Gay men** are men attracted to other men.



**Bisexual people** are people who are attracted to both men and women.



**Transgender people** are people who are born as one sex and want to live as the other sex. For example a person who was born a man may feel inside that they are a woman.



We have funding to keep running and improve the **Gender Identity Clinic**.



The **Gender Identity Clinic** is a Welsh service that supports people who are **transgender**. Or who think they might be **transgender**.



We want to make sure people can use this service if they need it. And that they do not have to wait a long time to use it.



We want schools in Wales to keep a record of any bullying that happens because of someone's **sexuality**.

**Sexuality** is about who you are attracted to.



We will also help disabled people to find work in a way that suits them.

# Changing Westminster



We want to change the way people vote in elections in the future.



We think that the way we vote now is not fair. And that people's votes are not counted equally.



We also want to change the **House of Lords** so that the public can choose who the **Lords** are.



The **House of Lords** is part of parliament. The **Lords** have the power to say yes or no to new laws. But right now the **Lords** are not chosen by the public.



Right now you can only vote if you are 18 or over. We think that that 16 and 17 year olds should be able to vote and have their say too.

# Peace and security



We want Wales to be part of a world where we keep each other safe.



The Conservative party and the Labour party want to spend billions of pounds on **nuclear weapons**.

**Nuclear weapons** are bombs that can travel long distances and cause a lot of damage.



We think we should get rid of nuclear weapons.



Instead we want to make sure our **defence forces** have enough money and are running well.

Our **defence forces** include the army, the navy, the marines and the air force. They would protect Wales if we were in a war.



We also want to work with the government and other experts on how to protect Welsh people from **digital attacks**.

**Digital attacks** are when people use the internet to cause damage to someone else. For example breaking into someone's online bank account.

It is our duty to take care of people who worked in our defence forces. We need to make sure they get:



- Good health care.



- Good mental health care.



- A safe place to live.



# People visiting Wales



We know that lots of people in Wales work in **tourism**.



**Tourism** is people travelling for fun. It can include things like sight-seeing.



We want people to keep visiting Wales so that Welsh people who work in **tourism** can do well.



We want people to know that there is lots to do in Wales. And that our natural places, culture and food are all good quality.



Right now, Welsh **tourism** is held back by unfair taxes.



It is also held back because the government are not telling people that Wales is a good place to go on holiday.



We will cut the unfair taxes on **tourism** so that people want to visit.



And we will spend money to make sure that people around the world know about Wales. And want to visit.

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