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# Welsh Labour Manifesto 2021

Our plans for a stronger, fairer Wales

Moving Wales Forward



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# Introduction



The Welsh Senedd **election** will happen on **Thursday 6 May 2021**.

An **election** is when people vote for the person or **political party** that they want to represent them.

A **political party** is a group of people who agree on how to make decisions and run the country. For example, we are Welsh Labour.



The Senedd **election** is when you vote for the person you want to represent you and your community in Welsh Parliament.



Your vote decides who will speak on your behalf in parliament. And make decisions that affect your life.



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Your vote also decides which **political party** forms the next Welsh Government.



This document is a short easy read version of our manifesto. A manifesto explains what we will do if we are chosen to form the next Welsh Government

# Our promises



We have been working to make Wales a stronger, fairer place for 20 years.



We have made many positive changes for Wales and the people who live here.



This **election** gives us the chance to finish the job and keep Wales moving forward.



Here are our **priorities** – the things most important to us that we will focus on first.

# Health and well-being



The NHS was started by the Labour Party here in Wales. We plan to protect it by:



- Helping our NHS to catch up after the effects of COVID-19.



- Training thousands of new health professionals.



- Opening a new medical school in North Wales where health professionals will be trained.



- Paying people to train as nurses and health professionals.



- Keeping prescriptions free in Wales.



- Keeping parking at hospitals free in Wales.



- Supporting new centres for health and social care.



- Providing more funding for mental health services.



- Supporting the best new treatments and advice for people who are ill.



- Working with charities to develop an action plan to support people with **HIV**. **HIV** is a virus that stops people being able to fight infections. It can lead to another serious illness called Aids.



- Introducing written rules to support Autistic people.

## Social care



We value the important job care workers have been doing during COVID-19.



We want to make sure they are treated fairly and protect our care services for the future by:



- Making sure all care workers are paid fairly.



- Creating a **Social Care Framework for Wales**. This is a document that will have rules, ideas and beliefs that help people make decisions when organising social care.



- Keep the cap on the cost of social care for people living in their own homes. It won't cost more than £100 a week.



- Supporting childcare for parents who are in training, education or work.



- Supporting more families with parcels of baby clothes, toys and equipment. Known as baby bundles.

## Jobs and skills



We have worked hard to protect jobs and pay during COVID-19. Now we must build a greener, fairer and more successful Wales by:



- Making sure every person under the age of 25 is offered either:



- a job



- a place at university or college



- training or



- help to start their own business.



- Creating thousands of new **apprenticeships** for people of all ages.

An **apprenticeship** is when you get paid while learning the skills for a job.



- Helping Welsh businesses and organisations to recover after COVID-19.



- Making Wales a fair place to work for people who are Black, Asian, Ethnic Minority or who are disabled.



- Creating a **Community Bank** for Wales. This is an organisation that lends money to local small businesses or people who live in a particular community.



- Putting more money into our town centres and high streets.



- Supporting more people to work from home.

# Building a stronger, greener economy



**Economy** means the money the country makes by making and selling products and services.

The last year was a difficult one for Welsh businesses and organisations. We plan to create a new, fairer and greener **economy** by:



- Supporting Wales to develop an **economy** that is kind to the environment.



- Supporting councils to set up new local bus companies.



- Developing good quality public transport services that people can afford.



- Supporting plans to ease traffic jams on the M4 motorway.



- Providing new trains and equipment to railway services. Most rail journeys will be on new trains by 2024.



- Encouraging more people to walk or cycle when they can.



- Lowering the speed limit for cars to 20 miles an hour in places where a lot of people live.



- Supporting technology that makes **renewable energy**.

**Renewable energy** is when we make things like electricity in a way that does not damage the environment. For example, using wind, water or sunlight.

# Greener energy and environment



Climate change is already affecting the world around us. We have plans for a better, fairer and greener future for us all by:



- Banning the use of more single-use plastics that cause litter problems and pollution.



- Creating a National Forest for Wales and a new National Park in the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley.



- Creating laws to make all **coal tips** safe, protecting communities and the environment.

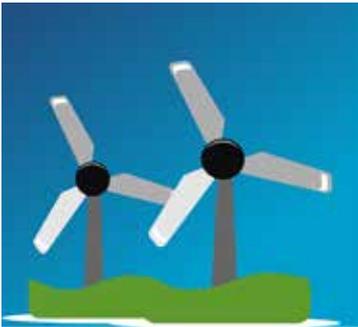
**Coal tips** are hills made of waste from the coal mines. **Coal tips** can be a danger when they fall.



- Protecting homes that are at risk of floods.



- Creating laws to make sure our air is clean and safe.



- Supporting the use of **renewable energy** rather than things like coal and gas which damage the environment.



- Encouraging more recycling by creating re-use and repair hubs in town centres.



- Developing rules to protect animal well-being and the environment. This includes in places where animals are killed for meat and farms.

# Schooling, learning and education for everyone



Schools, colleges and universities have been affected by COVID-19. We will make sure no child or young person is left behind by:



- Providing extra teaching staff in schools to make sure children can catch up on what they have missed.



- Spending money on new school and college buildings where they are most needed.



- Continuing to support young people to stay in education with the **Education Maintenance Allowance** – money paid to some young people aged between 16 and 19 to help them stay in education.



- Supporting colleges and universities to provide education to as many young people as possible.



- Helping to increase the number of adults who are learning in Wales.



- Introducing our new **curriculum** for Wales in 2022. This is a document that says what children will learn in school.



- Continuing to provide a free breakfast for all primary school children.

# Supporting equality



We have always spoken up for equal rights for everyone. We will continue to support those working for equality in Wales by:



- Starting our **Race Equality Action Plan** to stop racism.



- Focusing on stopping violence against women in our streets, homes and workplaces.



- Looking at laws to make sure people are paid fairly, whatever their colour, sex or religion.



- Celebrating our Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities in our art, history and museum events.



- Supporting more people to join Welsh politics who are:
  - Women
  - Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic
  - Disabled



- Supporting equal rights for people who are:
  - Lesbian
  - Gay
  - Bisexual
  - Transgender
  - Queer or Questioning



- Educating schools and young people about having **periods** and what that might be like for some young women.

A **period** is bleeding from the vagina that happens to most women once a month.



- Providing free sanitary items like tampons and sanitary towels for women who need them, in the community and schools, colleges and universities.

# Welsh language, culture, sport and tourism



We understand that arts, tourism and sport are important to the Welsh **economy** and everyday life.



We are also proud of Wales' history and language.

We will:



- Create a music service across Wales so all young people are able to learn to play an instrument if they want to.



- Create a housing plan that supports Welsh speaking communities.



- Increase the number of Welsh language schools across Wales.



- Support free entry to the **Urdd Eisteddfod** in 2022. This is a Welsh language festival that takes place every year.



- Put more money into our theatres and museums.



- Support equal access to sports for everyone.



- Encourage and support young sports people and clubs.



- Create further opportunities for people to learn skills in TV and film here in Wales.



- Move forward with plans for a Museum of North Wales.

# Our homes, communities and councils



We want our communities to be great places to live, work and raise a family.



We know how important it is for people to have a home and feel safe. We will:



- Pay for 600 Police Community Support Officers across Wales.



- Create new jobs by building thousands of new homes.



- Build thousands of new social homes for people who cannot afford to buy a house.



- Build new homes using materials that do not damage the environment.



- Improve building safety so that people feel safe in their homes.



- Make buildings that already exist safer from fire.



- Support councils to manage local services themselves.



- Make more green spaces in town centres.

## Our nation



It is important for Wales to have good relationships with other countries around the world.

We will:



- Lead conversations about the future of Wales.



- Not ask for more tax from people while we recover from the effects of COVID-19.



- Challenge decisions made in England that we do not agree with in Wales. Such as:
  - How our police force and justice system work.
  - How we work with countries in Europe now we have left the European Union.
  - Start a learning exchange programme which allows Welsh young people, teachers and students to study and work in other countries.

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