

TOWARDS A 2015 PENSIONERS' MANIFESTO



The General Election will take place on 7 May 2015, and in line with previous campaigns, the NPC will be putting together a Pensioners' Manifesto which can be put to all the candidates. This survey has been produced in order to ask our supporters to indicate what issues they think are the most important to older people and should be put into the NPC's manifesto. Please therefore indicate your preferences below. Thank you.

Please choose no more than 5 issues from the following:

ISSUE	PREFERENCE
Reintroduce the RPI (Retail Price Index) as the measure of inflation for uprating all pensions	
Apply the Triple Lock (the best of 2.5%, CPI or earnings) to future increases in state pensions	
Ensure pension indexation is the same for the existing state pension and the new single-tier state pension	
Increase the basic state pension for all pensioners to at least the official poverty level of around £175 a week	
Include existing pensioners in the new single-tier state pension where it would be financially beneficial for the individual	
Maintain all existing universal pensioner benefits (bus pass, winter fuel allowance, TV licences for the over 75s and free prescriptions) without means-testing	
Create a National Health and Care Service which is free at the point of use and funded through a range of taxation measures	
Improve the quality of care for older people by putting the NPC Dignity Code into legislation	
Introduce a minimum visit time of at least 30 minutes for social care at home	
Tackle fuel poverty by expanding the programme of insulation and energy efficiency measures for those pensioners in need	
End standing charges on all utility bills	
Provide access to free lifelong learning opportunities for all pensioners	
More action to combat the negative portrayal of older people in the media and elsewhere	
Introduce a fairer system for local government finance based on the household's ability to pay rather than property values	
Other (please state)	

Please return before 6 June 2014 to the
NPC Walkden House, 10 Melton Street, London NW1 2EJ. Thank you.