

# Scottish Liberal Democrats Easy Read Manifesto



An election will take place on 8th June.



This is when people in Scotland vote for who they want to be in the British Parliament.



We are the **Scottish Liberal Democrats**.



This is our manifesto.

It tells you what we will do if we win the election.



Our leader is Willie Rennie.

# Our country



The European Union is a group of countries that work together.

Last year people in Britain voted to leave the European Union.

That means the British government has to agree what happens next with the other countries.



We think it will help more people to get good jobs if we stay in the European Union.

We want to make sure the decision to leave is right.

We will let people in Britain vote against leaving if they think it will be bad for them.

# Our country



We do not support a new referendum on independence in Scotland.

The last referendum was only 3 years ago.

It made lots of people angry and fall out with their family and friends.

It is a bad idea to have another referendum on independence.

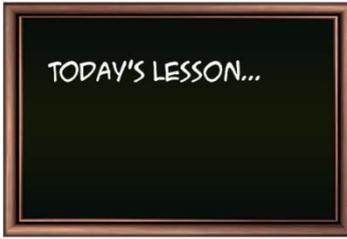
We will make Scotland more important as part of Britain.



We will change the way we vote at elections so that the final result is fairer.

We will let 16 and 17 year olds vote in elections.

# Education



We think that education is very important.

We want to spend more money on education.



Our plan will mean more children can go to nursery when they reach the age of 2.



We will give teachers in schools more money to help them teach children.

This will be for children who need extra help because they are from poor families.



We will open more places at college.

This will give people the skills they need to get a good job.



We will work with business to give more disabled people the chance to be an apprentice.

# Health



We think the health service is important.

We will make sure nobody has to pay to get the care they need.



At the moment people have to wait a long time for help with mental health.

We will change things so that there are more doctors and nurses for mental health.



We will pay more money to the people who care for a member of their family.



We will help social workers and nurses work together to care for people.



We will give a pay rise to nurses and care workers.

This will help them stay in their jobs.

# How we will pay for what we want to do



We will pay for our plan on education and health by asking people to pay a little more tax out of their wages.

People on low wages will not have to pay any more than they do today.

People with very good jobs will pay a few pounds more each week.

We think that is fair.

We will also increase the tax on companies who make big profits.



We will spend more money to build new railways and houses. This will mean good jobs for lots of people.

Our plan will make sure that the country has enough money to pay for this.

# Freedom



We think all people should be treated the same.

We want every person to be as good as they can be.



We will take action so that people do not bully other people or harm other people.

We will train teachers and the police to do more to stop people hurting other people.



We will make sure people get more say over decisions that affect them.

At the moment too many things are decided a long way from where people live.



We will make a new law to give rights to children.

Our new law will keep children from harm and give them more say over their lives.



We will make sure this country is a safe place for people who are victims of war.

# Housing

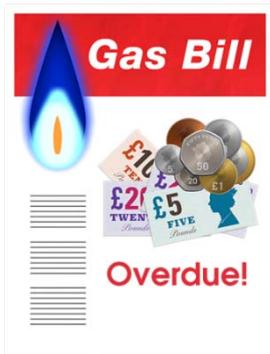


We will build lots more homes that people can afford to rent.

We will make sure homes are accessible so that all people can live in them easily.



We will end the Bedroom Tax.



A lot of people find it hard to keep their home warm.

We will pay for a big set of actions to make homes warmer.

# Money and jobs



We will make sure old people get good pensions.

The money they get will go up by a good amount every year.

We will make sure wages go up for everyone.

We will increase how much people get in benefits. This will mean they have enough money to live on every year.

# Keep us safe



We will make sure the police are able to keep us safe.

# Environment



Our plan for warm homes will also help to stop the damage caused by climate change.

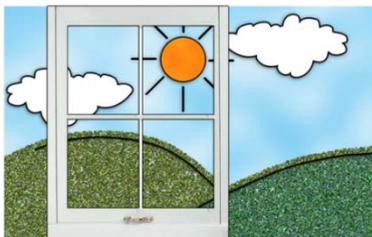
Climate change is the reason we are getting more floods and extreme weather.



We will also stop climate change by making it easy to use the bus or train instead of cars.



We will make it safer to walk or cycle.



We will also stop climate change and pollution by getting more electricity from wind power and wave power.

This will mean we need less power from coal and gas. Coal and gas cause pollution.



We will make sure Scottish farmers keep the same money as they do now. This will stop them closing farms.

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