

Westminster isn't Working!



1 Economy - In the 1950s the Welsh GDP was twice as big as Ireland's. Now, as an independent nation in the 21st century, the economy of the Irish Republic is 4 times the size of Wales. Westminster rule doesn't work - independence does.

2 Water - 243 billion litres of water is annually exported from Wales to England, but our communities see no benefit. Severn Trent Water, who own many reservoirs in mid Wales, sell Welsh water and make a £1bn a year profit. None of this profit returns to Wales.

3 Transport - Wales has 11% of the rail network of Wales and England and 5.3% of the population, but receives just 1.6% of spending on rail enhancements. Wales is also uniquely the only country in Europe where you have to go into the country next door to travel from one end of the country to the other!

4 Poverty - One third of children in Wales grow up in poverty under Westminster rule. We need independence for the sake of our children. Wales is poor because Westminster does not allow us to invest in our own priorities.

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5 Energy - Wales exports twice as much energy as we use, yet people live in fuel poverty. The Welsh Parliament isn't allowed to decide on big energy projects over 350 MW. It seems Westminster politicians don't trust us to make decisions for ourselves.

6 Democracy - Wales has never voted for a Tory government but the majority of UK Governments since the 1950s have been Tory. Since 1945 the vote of the people of Wales has only influenced the political map of the United Kingdom for two years, between 1964 and 1966. Even with devolution, Wales is still overruled by Westminster and the views and wishes of the people of Wales are ignored. Independence stops that. Over 50 countries have opted out of Westminster rule; none have asked to return. Independence is normal.

Independence Works!



7 Defence – Trident, the UK's nuclear defence, will cost some £205bn. Whilst Germany and Ireland invest in schools, rail and education, the UK throws money at the industrial military complex. The UK has fought 12 wars since the Second World War. We can have a defence budget and policy suited to our needs.

8 Nuclear Waste – The threat of storing nuclear waste in Wales is very real under Westminster rule. Independence would stop Wales being a nuclear dumping ground and would give us control over planning consent for any new nuclear power stations and the waste that they create.

9 Why not? – Can anyone look at the utter mess of Westminster with its unelected House of Lords, their handling of Brexit and Covid-19, and the scandals and lies, without thinking that Wales could do better? We're already independent in the majority of sports and in other fields. Political independence is normal.

10 We are a nation – We have our own language, our own traditions, both old and new, and an internationalist outlook open to the world. The proud, inclusive, equal, modern Wales that we want, which works together with our international friends and neighbours, can never come about as part of a failing UK. Sovereign equality is one of the founding principles of the United Nations. There are currently 193 independent nations - let Wales be the 194th.

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