

Senedd Election 2026:

A comparison of political party manifesto commitments

The purpose of this document is to provide information about the commitments being made by the six main political parties in advance of the Senedd election in May 2026.

The document is organised into policy areas that are of most relevance to our member organisations, based on the services they run and the people they support.

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HOUSING

Plaid Cymru

A right to adequate housing

- Embed a Housing First, trauma-informed and person-centred approach to tackling homelessness – ensuring new homelessness legislation is implemented effectively and kept under review.
- Prioritise early intervention and the responsibility for specified public authorities to identify individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and respond effectively.
- Work with local authorities to review the effectiveness of existing measures on second homes and holiday lets – including Council Tax premiums, the Article 4 direction, and the Dwyfor Second Homes and Affordability Pilot – sharing learning and best practice, and assessing what further action is needed.
- Work to address the issue of ‘fleeceholds’ – where homeowners are burdened with unreasonable private charges for the upkeep of shared and communal areas – ensuring transparency in estate management
- and that roads, green spaces, and other essential infrastructure are publicly owned and maintained in the public interest.
- Support and build on services to deliver housing adaptations and home improvements so that older people are able to live independently and safely in accessible homes.
- Act to speed up remediation work on properties with unsafe cladding and other fire safety defects, including by strengthening oversight and enforcement where developers and freeholders fail to meet agreed deadlines.

More social homes

- Develop our understanding of housing need through a regular Welsh Housing Survey and improved data standards.
- Reduce regulatory barriers to building and buying-in more social homes, including through more balanced energy efficiency requirements.
- Encourage investment in housebuilding by Welsh pension funds, and examine options for developing new financial products through the Development Bank of Wales and by better leveraging of Welsh Government borrowing powers.

Unnos – a new national development body

Unnos will work closely with local authorities and housing associations and will be responsible for:

- Land assembly and site identification – acting as a broker to find, acquire and de-risk sites for social housing, and guiding the use of compulsory purchase powers.
- Assisting with planning applications and project management, and helping projects comply with rules and standards.
- Facilitating access to funding and helping projects secure investment.
- Connecting projects with local suppliers, contractors and service providers, and supporting procurement processes.

- Encouraging innovation in social housing, including in construction methods and procurement of home sourced building materials.

Fair rents

- Ending no-fault evictions and giving renters greater security of tenure, restricting rental bidding by requiring properties to be let at the advertised price, and limiting rent payable in advance.
- Fair rent-setting – through limiting annual rent increases to the lower of wage growth or consumer price index inflation, or a clearly defined equivalent benchmark.
- Giving renters a legal right to request a pet, with landlords unable to refuse unreasonably.
- Improving the overall quality of rental properties, with timely remediation of hazards such as damp and mould.
- Strengthening enforcement, enhancing tenant protections, and expanding the regulatory role of Rent Smart Wales – working to ensure that monies collected through fines are retained in Wales, rather than returned to the UK Treasury
- We will continue to call on the UK Government to unfreeze Local Housing Allowance (LHA) to narrow the gap between rent and housing benefit, reduce the risk of homelessness for thousands of families, and ensure it keeps pace with rising rents.

Warmer, more energy efficient homes

- Adopt practical and achievable energy efficiency standards that will enable more homes to be upgraded faster and more cost-effectively using the same resources.
- Take a whole-home approach, prioritising the most cost-effective insulation measures – such as draft proofing, loft insulation, and cavity wall insulation – while adding clean heating solutions like heat pumps where they are already cost effective, or preparing homes for future installation when they become so.
- Empower communities to collaborate in planning and requesting area-wide retrofitting initiatives, centred on one stop shop hubs where householders can access expert advice, guidance, and support on home improvements, as well as on optimising collective and community-owned energy solutions.
- Connect householders to the best financing options for their home upgrades, with tailored support for those on the lowest incomes.
- Establish a new quality control process to monitor the standards of work undertaken by installers operating with funding directed by government home energy efficiency schemes, including the requirement that an independent assessment is undertaken and deemed satisfactory before payment.
- Accelerate relevant skills pathways – including through apprenticeships – to grow the workforce, and ensure that more services are delivered by Welsh businesses.
- Review and update planning regulations, including to grant clearer permitted development rights for heat pumps and household renewables.

Reform Wales

- **Housing:** Wales faces a serious housing shortage. We need at least 10,000 additional homes just to catch up. A Reform Welsh Government will

speed up planning and intervene where councils fail to deliver the homes their communities need. We will build in the right places, creating jobs, and unlocking investment for schools, leisure centres and community infrastructure. Labour and Plaid have talked incessantly about housing but have failed to use the tools available to them. Most Welsh councils do not operate a Community Infrastructure Levy, forfeiting strategic funding that should support growth. Where councils fail to secure the infrastructure funding their areas need, Reform will step in.

- **Prioritise veterans for social housing:** In line with Reform national policy, we will mandate local authorities to enforce a strict 10 year residency requirement for social housing to put Welsh citizens at the front of the queue for social housing. This requirement would be waived for Armed Forces veterans, domestic abuse survivors, and care leavers under 25 to prioritise the most vulnerable.
- **Let Welsh Help to Buy expire:** Welsh Help to Buy is due to expire in September 2026. It is ineffective, with the threshold set too low for most new-build homes to qualify. There is no evidence it has boosted house building in Wales, with new home delivery in Wales behind England. We will replace Help to Buy with targeted incentives whilst addressing supply issues that ultimately make homes unaffordable.
- **Streamlined planning:** Currently the planning system works for no one. Businesses are waiting months for routine decisions, with consequent economic damage. We will amend Planning Policy Wales, and relevant legislation, to impose clear time limits, limit repeat consultations, and expedite decisions. Compliant schemes will proceed.
- **Repeal sustainability requirements:** Wales is subject to specific requirements that offer no safety benefits and push up costs. Regulations criticised by housebuilders are adding thousands of pounds to building costs, pushing up house prices, and making homes unaffordable in parts of Wales.
- **House and shop beautification:** We will change regulations to restrict frontages and ban neon signs and set higher national design standards to ensure that buildings reflect the local heritage and materials of Wales and its regions.
- **Second homes:** In some high-tourism areas the growth of second homes has reduced availability for full-time residents. The underlying problem is insufficient housing supply. We will increase housing delivery by imposing firm decision deadlines on councils, strengthening the presumption in favour of development where supply is inadequate, and allowing modest, well-designed extensions to settlements in high-demand areas. Reform will restore balance by increasing the supply of homes and supporting communities that are lived in, worked in, and sustained throughout the year.

Welsh Labour

- End homelessness by 2034, with a milestone to have no children placed in bed and breakfast accommodation by 2030.
- Unlock a new decade of housebuilding to deliver 100,000 homes over the next 10 years, including a minimum of 40,000 warm, low carbon homes for rent in the social sector.

- Establish a new National Housing Taskforce to reform the planning system and contracting and drive faster adoption of modern methods of construction.
- Support local jobs and supply chains and provide more government support for co-operative and community-led housing.
- Ensure all new-build homes include renewable energy generation as standard, with solar panels as default.
- Support energy efficiency upgrades to more than 100,000 homes over the next Senedd term to reduce bills.
- Significantly increase the retrofit workforce, creating new jobs and opportunities.
- Strike a fairer deal for private renters, including a guarantor scheme to enable more to people secure a rental property.
- Explore a scores-on-the-doors scheme for lettings agencies.
- Introduce new rights for tenants and people living in hostels and refuges who want to keep pets.
- Strengthen legal rights of leaseholders and new-build residents, tackle charges for unadopted roads and introduce a framework to address building defects.
- Expand Help to Buy beyond new-build homes and continue Help to Stay to help people with their mortgage payments.
- Introduce a vacant land tax to prevent land-banking and encourage development.
- Invest in our high streets and transform empty units into businesses, leisure facilities and homes.
- Bring more than 2,000 empty homes back into use and explore every option to give councils more powers to tackle empty and run-down buildings.

Welsh Conservatives

Promote home ownership and build more homes

- Scrap Land Transaction Tax on primary residences to promote mobility in the housing market
- Restore the Right-to-Buy in Wales, reinvesting sale proceeds into more affordable housing and protecting homes from sale for 10 years
- Extend and expand the Help-to-Buy scheme to all first-time buyers and widen the scheme to include empty properties in need of renovation
- Work with the UK Government to give young people a £5,000 tax rebate in their first job, to help them save towards their first home
- Aim to build 40,000 new homes by 2030
- Adopt an infrastructure-first approach to new housing developments
- Introduce incentives for local authorities to make timely planning decisions and impose penalties on developers who fail to deliver housing projects with existing planning permission
- Review the operation of Rent Smart Wales

Raise housing standards across wales

- Establish a Fire Safety Fund to support the costs of fire safety works and end the scourge of unsafe cladding
- Explore the introduction of deposit passporting for social housing tenants

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement a ban on new leasehold premises in Wales and move towards commonhold arrangements for new developments while taking action to address existing unfair leasehold arrangements • Tackle the shortage of accessible homes for disabled people by developing a streamlined adaptations system and introduce a statutory obligation for local authorities to set targets for wheelchair accessible housing <p>Tackle homelessness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with stakeholders to develop a plan to eradicate rough sleeping in Wales • Bring an end to the use of hotels and caravans as emergency accommodation for families with children • Publish new guidance to address delays in assistance being provided to homeless people due to cross-border local connection disputes
<p>Wales Green Party</p>	<p>A fairer private rental market</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banning no-fault evictions • Banning rental bidding wars, with penalties of up to £7,000 for accepting offers above the listed price • Creating an independent Housing • Ombudsman to resolve disputes and challenge unfair charges • Extending the Welsh Housing Quality Standard to the private sector, with stronger protections against damp, mould and unsafe conditions • Ensuring landlords cannot unreasonably refuse tenants the right to keep pets • Clarify landlords' responsibilities to act on delivering reasonable adjustments for disabled tenants in properties which should include appropriate facilities for washing and bathing <p>Expanding social housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will launch a 10-year programme to deliver 60,000 affordable homes, with the majority built as social housing. • Introduce a moratorium on the sale of social housing, except in exceptional circumstances • Expand the Social Housing Grant so local authorities and Registered Social Landlords can buy homes, build new social housing and bring empty or derelict buildings back into use • Use compulsory purchase powers to bring long-term empty homes into public housing stock <p>Ending homelessness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will embed the Right to Adequate Housing in Welsh law, requiring future governments to develop long-term strategies to prevent homelessness and ensure secure housing • Advocate for the removal of the freeze on Local Housing Allowance so it rises with the cost of living • Ensure refuge accommodation for survivors of domestic abuse and violence provides clear pathways to secure long-term housing • Invest in early homelessness prevention, including support in schools and community service

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen coordination between housing, health and social support services <p>Reforming home ownership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All new developments will be freehold, commonhold or cooperatively owned, giving residents real control over their homes. • Existing leaseholders will be supported to buy their freehold at a fair price and convert to commonhold ownership if they choose. <p>Greener, warmer homes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ring-fencing funding from the UK Government Warm Homes Plan for use in Wales • Expanding schemes such as NEST to prioritise insulation, ventilation and heat pumps • Providing grants and affordable loans so homeowners can retrofit their properties • A national programme will coordinate area-based energy efficiency upgrades across Wales. • Building regulations will require all new homes to meet low- or net-zero carbon standards, including solar panels as standard and fossil-free heating systems such as heat pumps. • We will also improve indoor air quality through stronger ventilation standards and by tackling damp, mould and polluting heating systems. <p>Building a retrofit workforce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will invest in training and apprenticeships to build a national retrofit workforce, working with Medr, colleges and training providers to develop skills in insulation, heat pump installation and sustainable construction <p>Supporting community-led housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working through our new Cooperative Development Hub to raise awareness of community-led housing among local authorities and investors • Improving access to start-up grants and finance • Removing planning barriers that slow down community projects <p>Effective planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will ensure planning policy is centred on the specific needs of communities and local economies. This will include local action to avoid buildings becoming derelict and high streets looking homogenous. Instead, we will use planning to require a minimum provision of green spaces, easy access to local shops, and better protection of heritage buildings. • We will ensure local authorities are properly resourced to deliver housing and infrastructure, including appointing a statutory Chief Planner in every authority. • Public participation in planning will be strengthened so communities have a real voice in Local Development Plans and major developments
<p>Welsh Liberal Democrats</p>	<p>Tackle the housing crisis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build the homes that Wales needs, including 30,000 social homes, prioritising brownfield land and ensuring new developments strengthen local communities. • Make homes warmer and cheaper to heat with a ten-year emergency upgrade programme.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgently publish a cross-government plan to end rough sleeping and all forms of homelessness, ensuring access to prevention and advice services, and support multi-year funding for Housing First. • Ensure that gigabit broadband is available to every home and business, including in rural and remote communities, and support local bespoke solutions so that no property is left out. • End the scandal of leasehold tenure, ensuring that all new homes are offered as either freehold or commonhold
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SOCIAL CARE

Plaid Cymru	<p><b style="color: #00B050;">Towards a National Care Service</p> <p>Plaid Cymru believes that social care, like healthcare, should be provided free at the point of use to all those who need it. A Plaid Cymru government will make progress on realising this vision. The existing division between healthcare – which is provided by NHS Wales – and social care – which is principally the responsibility of local authorities – is artificial, inefficient and unsustainable. It is delaying transfers of care – preventing people from leaving hospital, blocking beds and making waiting lists longer. To take the next steps towards creating a fully integrated Health and Care Service for Wales, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require stronger collaboration between health and social care services, with more joined-up planning, better coordination of resources, and clearer shared responsibility for delivery. • Instruct the new National Office for Care and Support to develop and implement standardised national guidelines on social care – on the commissioning of services, data collection, and needs assessments. • Work with local authorities and care providers to ensure that the Real Living Wage is the minimum wage rate for social care in Wales. • Support and expand social enterprise and co-operative social care models.
Reform Wales	<p><b style="color: #00AEEF;">Review for social care: Social care in Wales is currently in limbo between health boards and local authorities, and the most vulnerable patients suffer because of it, often in ambulances or in corridors. Yet social care integration only succeeds when it is costed and backed by intermediate capacity. We will therefore develop a fully costed integration framework between health and social care with clear accountability. Reducing delayed hospital discharge will also improve system efficiency. We will expand intermediate and step-down care so patients can leave hospital safely when acute care is no longer needed and introduce joint discharge performance metrics to align incentives and focus on outcomes.</p>
Welsh Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure a hospital is not a home for someone with learning disabilities. We will also reduce the use of out-of-area placements. • Take the next steps as part of our phased plan to create a National Care and Support Service for Wales, building on work already completed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guarantee all social care workers are fairly rewarded by introducing legally enforceable fair pay agreements for people working in both adult and children’s social care. • Create a Social Care Academy to help train the care workforce. We will properly recognise the workforce’s skills and boost perceptions of a career in care. • Strengthen registration for social care workers to include all roles, boosting professional development and career progression. • Ensure all care workers have the same basic rights at work by adopting the Migrant Care Workers Charter. • Prioritise and fund digital transformation in social care, easing transfer of information between organisations. • Make technology-enabled care nationally available for the over-80s, including wearable fall-detection devices and sensors to keep people safe at home. • Fund warm hubs and develop cool hubs in community spaces to tackle isolation and help people cope with extreme weather. • Deliver 45,000 home adaptations a year, helping people to continue living independently and improving their quality of life. • Deliver improvements in support for people with dementia through the new Dementia Strategy for Wales. • Increase support for unpaid carers and provide 16,000 short breaks for unpaid carers each year.
<p>Welsh Conservatives</p>	<p>Improve social care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the capital limit to £75,000 for those accessing residential care to ensure that people do not lose their life savings in care costs • Promote joint working between the NHS and social service departments • Establish an Independent Commission to consider long-term sustainable funding solutions for social care • Encourage the use of personal budgets and direct payments to empower those in receipt of social care to make personal choices • Introduce a right to respite for carers and give them free access to training and support • Recognise the role of young carers with a Young Carers Card scheme, the provision of free bus travel and grants to access education, training and employment opportunities
<p>Wales Green Party</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social care must help people live independently, stay connected and avoid crisis. It should remain locally delivered and democratically accountable. • Integration should mean better joint planning, funding and data sharing, not simply transferring social care into health boards. • We will expand local, not-for-profit and community-led provision, support social enterprises and co-operatives, and reform commissioning so smaller community organisations are not squeezed out. • We will improve pay parity, workforce wellbeing and safe conditions across social care, while investing in prevention and early intervention for children and adults alike.

Welsh Liberal Democrats

- If Westminster fails to reform Wales' funding formula and fails to tax banks and large social media companies effectively, then the Welsh Liberal Democrats would, for an emergency period, raise the Welsh Rate of Income Tax (WRIT) by 1p in the pound to fund urgent investment in our social care system.
- Deliver an NHS and social care workforce strategy that has safe staffing at its heart, improving data to inform commissioning of the right education and training places
- Supporting local authorities to allow a transformation to a strengths-based approach to care delivery with a stronger focus on early intervention and prevention, including action to reduce frailty, lower dementia risk, prevent falls, and tackle social isolation before problems escalate.
- Supporting the foundation of a Royal College of Care Workers, raising professional recognition, standards, and clear routes for progression.
- Showing greater leadership in closing the gap between unpaid carers' rights in Welsh law and reality on the ground to ensure more carers receive the support they are entitled to receive.
- Extending the Regional Integration Fund by a further year to allow time for projects to move to core funding models, and implementing a replacement scheme to support the development of a preventative care approach to the integration of health, social care and the third sector.
- Reviewing the processes in determining the funding balance between residential and Continuing Health Care (CHC), including a balancing fund to enable the initiation of care packages while funding arrangements are finalised between local government and the NHS.
- Creating a new statutory duty on the NHS and local authorities to prepare transition plans for all individuals known to the services who will receive long-term support as a result of their disabilities from the age of 14, so that they have clear funded pathways in place for when they turn 18.

POVERTY AND WELFARE (excluding generic economy commitments)

Plaid Cymru

- We will press the UK Government to ensure that scrapping the two-child limit on benefits delivers real change for children living in poverty, including by lifting the overall benefit cap.
- As an immediate priority for an incoming Plaid Cymru government, we will work with partners to develop a new plan to tackle child poverty, setting clear targets, benchmarks and milestones to drive ambitious but deliverable change.
- At full rollout, our new childcare offer will be the most generous in the UK, delivering 20 hours of free childcare a week for 48 weeks a year for children aged 9 months to 4 years – care worth over £30,000 to a family in the first four years of a child's life.
- We will build on our record of delivering universal free school meals in primary schools by ensuring that every secondary school student living in a

	<p>household claiming Universal Credit is eligible for free school meals – scrapping the current £7,400 earnings limit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will also ensure that free school meals are extended to secondary school students with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) who are living in households with incomes at or below equivalent Universal Credit thresholds. • We will pilot Cynnal, a Welsh Child Payment, providing £10 a week for children aged 0–6 in households claiming Universal Credit. The pilot will be delivered initially in a limited number of local authority areas, selected using objective criteria as part of the pilot design. • Retain a Welsh Benefits Steering Group, to ensure that work continues on implementing a Welsh Benefits System, including incorporating Cynnal as a new Welsh benefit. • Review the effectiveness of existing individual Welsh benefits, as well as associated schemes like the Discretionary Assistance Fund (DAF), to maximise impact and guarantee value for money. • Ensure that both the eligibility criteria and cash value of Welsh benefits are fit for purpose. • Streamline access to Welsh benefits, including making their automatic delivery to eligible households a statutory duty. • Examine options for future Welsh benefits, such as a Baby Grant to help new parents in low-income households to afford essential equipment. • We will adopt a Fair Work First approach to awarding public sector grants, loans and contracts. This will ensure that organisations benefiting from public money pay a living wage, give workers a genuine voice, invest in skills and workforce development, and do not make inappropriate use of zero-hours contracts.
<p>Reform Wales</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End subsidy dogma: Reform will remove ideology from Welsh Government energy subsidies. Energy efficiency and fuel poverty subsidies like Nest will be focused on those on the lowest incomes who need help. Funding for low-carbon industrial heat and heat networks will be scaled back. Heat pump funding will be terminated.
<p>Welsh Labour</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle poverty by putting our Welsh Benefits Charter into law, making sure everyone in Wales can access their full entitlement to financial support. • Maintain the Discretionary Assistance Fund to support people in financial crisis. • Enhance the Single Advice Fund in providing guidance about benefits and debt relief. We will also continue to support credit unions’ work on financial inclusion. • Use all our devolved powers to tackle child poverty under the Child Poverty Strategy for Wales • Secure the devolution of non Job Centre Plus employment support to help more people into work, focusing on disabled people and people with health conditions. • Ensure businesses receiving Welsh Government support pay the Real Living Wage, end exploitative zero-hours contracts, and open the door to trade unions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase-in funded childcare to babies aged nine-months-old and make childcare easier to access over the course of the next Senedd. We'll create 20,000 new funded childcare spaces as part of our phased plan. • Aim to reduce fuel poverty by encouraging all utility companies to introduce a social tariff.
Welsh Conservatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle poverty by cutting tax, creating jobs and growing the Welsh economy to give more families the economic security of a decent income • Reform Flying Start to ensure that it is targeted at families who need it, not postcodes • Develop a Tackling Poverty Action Plan to include specific strategies to address child poverty and fuel poverty to drive accountability and progress • Work with stakeholders to develop a Gambling Action Plan to tackle problem gambling in Wales • Implement a UK Shared Prosperity Fund that tackles inequality and deprivation, and levels up across the whole of Wales
Wales Green Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Green Party will lead a rapid transition to a clean, safe, resilient and community-owned energy system that tackles climate change while reducing fuel poverty and creating skilled jobs across Wales. • We will introduce universal childcare for children aged nine months to four years, without requiring parents to work a minimum number of hours. Existing childcare schemes will be unified into a single, simpler system available for 48 weeks of the year. • We will establish a universal block of 20 hours, alongside additional funded hours offered on a sliding scale of fees based on income. Over time we will expand the universal block for 2-4 year olds from 20 hours to 30 hours per week, while allowing greater flexibility so parents working irregular hours can use support in ways that suit their lives. • We will extend universal free school meals to secondary schools, helping reduce inequality and ensuring every child has access to nutritious food.
Welsh Liberal Democrats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide free school meals to eligible children throughout the school holidays • Make homes warmer and cheaper to heat with a ten-year emergency upgrade programme. • Introduce a National Food Strategy for Wales to ensure food security, tackle food poverty and improve the health and nutrition of every family. • Guarantee free, high-quality childcare for every child from nine months to four years old: 30 hours a week, 48 weeks a year.

'INCLUSION HEALTH' AND PUBLIC HEALTH	
Plaid Cymru	<p>Treating the root causes of ill health, not just the symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will ensure that policymaking across government works to address the social determinants of health – including in housing, education and poverty

	<p>reduction – and reprioritise public and preventative health to keep people healthier for longer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a new Minister for Public Health within the Welsh Government, with responsibility for promoting people’s physical and mental health and well-being across everything the Welsh Government does – ensuring that all Government policy is aligned towards the goal of creating a healthier population, and with a targeted focus on chronic conditions like obesity and Type 2 diabetes. • Develop a new, comprehensive Public Health Strategy and Framework for Wales, based on a root-and-branch review of current and future public health needs, including targeted Children’s and Older People’s Health Plans. • Progressively shift resources to measures that promote better health and wellbeing including promoting healthy lifestyles, support for community arts, culture and sports, and tackling poor housing and health inequalities. • Promote social prescribing and nature-based interventions to improve people’s health and well-being.
Reform Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop illegal migrants jumping the queue for treatment: Illegal migrants are being allowed to jump the queue for planned health care services in Wales. Reform will end the injustice of taxpayers footing the bill for migrants’ healthcare by ensuring that eligibility for planned NHS treatment reflects lawful residency status and is applied consistently. Emergency care will remain available to anyone requiring urgent treatment. • Prevention and early intervention: Wales faces a public health crisis, with 75% of deaths of under 75 year olds in Wales now stemming from preventable causes. We will strengthen healthy weight programmes and promote physical activity participation in partnership with community providers. Public awareness campaigns for high blood pressure, diabetes risk, and early cognitive decline will promote healthier lifestyles without mandating nanny state policies. Reform will strengthen early intervention for obesity-related risks and publish quarterly diabetes statistics via a national dashboard.
Welsh Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect young people’s health by restricting sales of energy drinks to under-16s and explore action to create healthier food environments, including using local planning rules to limit hot takeaways around schools and playgrounds.
Welsh Conservatives	<p>Improve public health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote healthy eating and lifestyles throughout the school curriculum • Enhance smoking cessation services with the use of e-cigarettes as a tool to help people quit smoking for good • Utilise community pharmacies to maximise the impact of public health campaigns • Ensure the delivery of periodic campaigns to promote awareness of symptoms of cancer, heart disease, stroke and dementia • Introduce a national prostate cancer screening programme

<p>Wales Green Party</p>	<p>Public health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will reduce health inequalities by directing support to where need is greatest and shifting investment towards prevention, early intervention and integrated care. • We will build a properly funded public health system focused on prevention, fairness and the wider causes of poor health. • We will reduce health inequalities by improving the social conditions that shape people’s lives, such as housing, income, education, discrimination, community environment and employment, so that everyone has a fair chance to live a healthy life. We will make Wales a “Marmot nation” making health equity a national mission. • We will consolidate, align and deliver the vision and actions set out in the Future Generations Act, Public Health Wales’s Working Together for a Healthier Wales and the Healthy Wales Strategy. • We will strengthen environmental health protections, including clean indoor air standards, and replace weak existing structures with stronger Regional Wellbeing Partnerships. These partnerships will have dedicated budgets and clear accountability for reducing health inequalities.
<p>Welsh Liberal Democrats</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give people five more healthy years of life through a preventative mid-life health programme for over 40s, catching problems early before they become serious. • Protect and invest in grassroots sport facilities, arts, and culture, recognising their vital role in prevention, community connection, mental health and social well-being.

<h2>MENTAL HEALTH</h2>	
<p>Plaid Cymru</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embed integrated and collaborative partnership between the statutory and third sectors to deliver mental health provision. • Promote the ‘no wrong door’ model, making mental health referrals easier, and allowing more people to self-refer. • Work towards the closer integration of child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) and adult mental health services (AMHS), to remove the ‘cliff-edge’ that young people undergoing treatment for mental health face when they turn 18. • Ensure equity of access to perinatal mental health (PMH) and parent-infant relationship (PIR) services across health board areas. • Develop and strengthen Wales’s National Bereavement Care Pathway, and promote best practice on supporting parents and families affected by baby loss. • Expand education on suicide prevention, and establish a dedicated task force to tackle increasing suicides in Wales, especially among men.
<p>Reform Wales</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health support: Wales is gripped by a mental health emergency. Mental health support must move towards parity to alleviate pressures

	<p>elsewhere in the system. We will expand early intervention services to reduce crisis demand and improve long-term outcomes, and ensure that young people do not fall through gaps at critical points. We will provide specialist inpatient eating disorder provision to reduce out-of area placements and delays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men’s health strategies: Men’s health, both physical and mental, has long been underserved by health authorities. Men make up 54% of cancer deaths and 77% of suicide deaths in Wales; Reform will fight this disparity by initiating, planning, and delivering a Men’s Health Improvement Framework for Wales. This will be centred on improving preventive engagement, mental health outcomes and early diagnosis through evidence-based pathways and targeted campaigns. • Support mental health resilience: We will build on the support for mental health in the current curriculum to ensure that Welsh schools continue to promote mental health alongside physical health.
<p>Welsh Labour</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transform mental healthcare to provide easy-to-access, same-day services so everyone can get the right support when they need it. • We will invest in community-based mental health support for mums-to-be and new mums. • Further improve access to school counselling services and further embed a Whole School Approach to mental health and well-being.
<p>Welsh Conservatives</p>	<p>Transform mental health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase spending on mental health and wellbeing services in real terms in each and every year • Establish a number of mental health crises centres across Wales, open 24/7, to provide timely access to care and support • Publish mental health waiting times and other performance data • Increase the capacity of mental health services for children and young people (CAMHS services) to prevent placements at great distances from their loved ones • Establish a dedicated mother and baby unit in North Wales for those with severe post-natal mental health challenges
<p>Wales Green Party</p>	<p>Mental health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will put prevention, early help and equality at the centre of mental health policy. • We support the Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025–2035, but it must be matched by real delivery, investment and accountability. We will fund prevention through housing security, clean air, active travel, safe green spaces, community food programmes and poverty reduction. Poverty is a mental health emergency, and we will treat it as such. • We will guarantee faster access to support and introduce a no wrong door approach for children and young people. • We will create a transparent national system to track and reduce inequalities by deprivation, gender, ethnicity, LGBTQIA, disability, age, language and rurality.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will strengthen community-based roles, improve support in schools and communities, and expand training, apprenticeships and fair pay across the workforce. • We will also take a gendered approach to mental health, including better support after childbirth, for survivors of sexual violence, and for men in mid-life who are at highest risk of suicide. We will support gender affirming care for anyone who requires it.
Welsh Liberal Democrats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and invest in grassroots sports facilities, arts, and culture, recognising their vital role in prevention, community connection, mental health and social well-being. • Deliver the world-class mental health services Wales needs, treating mental health with the same importance as physical health. Improving early access to support and addressing the chronic underfunding, in particular, of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

VAWDASV	
Plaid Cymru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will work across all areas of government to end violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence (VAWDASV), through a whole-system, prevention led and society-wide approach • This will include actively engaging people of all ages in schools, workplaces and public services to address the root causes of violence and abuse. We will embed education on healthy relationships, and provide guidance to parents, educators and community leaders to support early intervention. • We will support employers to create safer workplaces, free from violence and abuse. • And we will support victims and survivors by protecting funding for specialist, survivor centred services, and by immediately exempting refugees from the Renting Homes Act to ensure access to safe accommodation
Reform Wales	The 10 year residency requirement for social housing would be waived for Armed Forces veterans, domestic abuse survivors, and care leavers under 25 to prioritise the most vulnerable.
Welsh Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act to ensure all women in Wales feel respected, valued and safe by making the next four-year VAWDASV Strategy the most ambitious ever, to include creating a Fund to Leave to support people fleeing domestic violence and guaranteed paid leave for domestic abuse survivors employed in the public sector
Welsh Conservatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase funding for those working to support survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse
Wales Green Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable funding will be provided for specialist services addressing violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence, including services run by and for affected communities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure refuge accommodation for survivors of domestic abuse and violence provides clear pathways to secure long-term housing • This will include tackling violence against women and girls and systemic misogyny within policing. We will adopt a zero tolerance approach to misogyny in misconduct • We will also invest in programmes that tackle male violence and harmful behaviours, including early intervention programmes, peer education and bystander training
<p>Welsh Liberal Democrats</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that survivors of violence against women and girls are properly supported throughout the criminal justice process, with mandatory trauma-informed training for police and prosecutors. • Establishing a commission to determine what education, justice, and Council services can do to create a safer, fairer society for women and girls

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

<p>Plaid Cymru</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combat mis- and disinformation about asylum seekers, refugees and migrants – protecting the internationally-shared nations of sanctuary vision and ensuring the principles underpinning this vision are embedded across government policy and practice in ways that promote integration and community cohesion. • Develop a joined-up strategy to support migrants and sanctuary seekers with no recourse to public funds (NRPF), working closely with local government and third sector partners to end destitution. • We will also ensure that free school meals are extended to secondary school students with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) who are living in households with incomes at or below equivalent Universal Credit thresholds.
<p>Reform Wales</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End the so-called ‘nation of sanctuary’: The Nation of Sanctuary experiment has handed taxpayer-funded support to illegal economic migrants and welcomed unvetted military-aged men into our communities. This is a clear security risk for our towns and cities and an ever-growing burden on the Welsh taxpayer. We will end the national policy as well as prohibiting any local plans. • Reject migrant hotels and HMOs: We will change the law to stop the Home Office placing illegal migrants into Welsh communities. We will change planning law to prevent planning use changes that enable the conversion of hotels into migrant hostels: it’s common sense that accommodation full of illegal migrants is no longer a hotel. We will also strengthen powers over Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) to stop there being too many HMOs in certain areas, known as saturation. We will overhaul HMO licensing to prevent migrant HMOs: licences will be refused, revoked or suspended when a landlord is caught knowingly housing illegal immigrants.

Welsh Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect Wales' status as a Nation of Sanctuary to support those who arrive here to rebuild their lives after fleeing persecution and war, assisting them to integrate into Welsh life and bring positive contributions to our nation.
Welsh Conservatives	<p>Support action to stop illegal immigration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrap Labour and Plaid Cymru's Nation of Sanctuary policy • Work with the UK Government to stop illegal immigration and support withdrawal from the ECHR • Stop spending on non-devolved matters, such as justice, international affairs, overseas aid and immigration
Wales Green Party	<p>Migrant justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wales should remain a welcoming nation. • We will strengthen support for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants, ensuring access to housing, healthcare, learning Welsh and English, and opportunities to settle into their new community. • The Nation of Sanctuary programme will be protected and expanded, and the Migrant Victim of Abuse Fund will continue to support survivors who face barriers to safety.
Welsh Liberal Democrats	(Nothing found in the Welsh Liberal Democrats manifesto specifically related to refugees and asylum seekers, but there are broader commitments on equality)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (not currently devolved to Wales)	
Plaid Cymru	<p>Devolving Justice and Policing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will pursue full devolution with the urgency this deserves <p>As we prepare for devolution, we will lay the foundations for a Welsh justice system that is joined-up, preventative and fit for Wales.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring forward a Welsh Tribunals Bill early in the Senedd term, to create a clearer, more coherent and more independent tribunals system – with modernised procedures, stronger accountability and a sharper focus on users. • Expand legal apprenticeships in Wales, working with the profession, regulators and training providers to grow higher level pathways, including solicitor-level routes, so more people can qualify and build legal careers in Wales. <p>And when powers are devolved, we will build a Welsh justice system in which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth justice is transformed – raising the age of criminal responsibility, replacing centralised custody with locally based rehabilitation, and embedding restorative justice and trauma-informed practice. • The particular needs of neurodivergent people are recognised, and mental health, addiction, and other social services are fully integrated into probation, providing more effective support for rehabilitation and reducing reoffending. • Policing in Wales is rights-based and accountable to the Senedd, focused

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on community safety through data led prevention and partnership with local communities. <p>In the immediate term, we will do more to tackle the causes of crime. We will establish a National Crime Prevention Agency to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen Wales-specific data on crime, sentencing, policing, prisons, and outcomes, to support evidence-based policy-making. • Coordinate crime prevention and diversion across police forces, the NHS, local authorities, schools, and third-sector partners – sharing best practice and addressing the root causes of crime. • Support early intervention, restorative justice, and diversion strategies to reduce offending and make communities safer. • Expand the Cardiff Model nationwide, using anonymised hospital data on violent injuries to target prevention in violent crime hotspots, and examine how this and other innovative approaches can be applied to a wider range of crimes. • We will maintain Welsh Government support for Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). • We will seek to extend Welsh Language Standards and work to strengthen integration between devolved health, education, and social services in prisons, ensuring access to services in Welsh, and improving the support available to people leaving custody. • We will work with the UK Government to reduce the disproportionate impact on women of the ‘jagged edge’ between devolved and non-devolved responsibilities in the criminal justice system, including by ensuring that fewer women sentenced in Wales are held in prisons in England, far from their families and support networks.
Reform Wales	(Nothing found in the Reform manifesto related to justice, police or prisons)
Welsh Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to pursue more powers for Wales, including devolution of the Crown Estate, and youth justice and probation as a first step towards devolution of justice and policing. • We will appoint a Minister for Justice and improve access to Welsh law, including through introducing a Welsh Tribunals Bill.
Welsh Conservatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reject Labour and Plaid Cymru’s efforts to devolve policing, justice and elements of welfare • Stop spending on non-devolved matters, such as justice, international affairs, overseas aid and immigration and rule out a Welsh Government funded Universal Basic Income
Wales Green Party	<p>Justice and policing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will set out a long-term vision for a devolved policing, probation and youth justice system, allowing Wales to develop approaches that focus on prevention, rehabilitation and community wellbeing. • This will include tackling violence against women and girls and systemic misogyny within policing. We will adopt a zero tolerance approach to misogyny in misconduct and examine policing practices affecting racialised communities, including deaths in custody, ensuring that transparency and accountability are strengthened.

	<p>Reducing the prison population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will set clear targets to reduce the prison population, focusing • on preventing crime and supporting rehabilitation. This means building strong communities where people feel connected, supported and able to access meaningful work, education and volunteering. • We will expand community-based alternatives to custody, including restorative justice, problem-solving courts and targeted community sentences that address the underlying causes of offending such as trauma, addiction and poverty. • We will also invest in programmes that tackle male violence and harmful behaviours, including early intervention programmes, peer education and bystander training.
<p>Welsh Liberal Democrats</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoring proper community policing, where officers are visible, trusted and focused on preventing and solving crimes – especially rape and other violent crime. • Devolving powers over policing, prisons, youth justice and probation services to allow Wales to create an effective, community-based approach to tackling crime. • Opposing any plans to centralise Wales’ four police forces into a single national force that is less accountable and less responsive to local needs. • Ensuring that survivors of violence against women and girls are properly supported throughout the criminal justice process, with mandatory trauma-informed training for police and prosecutors. • Establishing a commission to determine what education, justice, and Council services can do to create a safer, fairer society for women and girls. • Improving data on hate crime prevalence to inform services, funding, and strategies to prevent crimes. • Working with Police and Crime Commissioners to halt the use of facial recognition surveillance by police forces in Wales.

<h2>EQUALITIES</h2>	
<p>Plaid Cymru</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new Human Rights Act will fully incorporate key international treaties into Welsh law, including: The UN Convention on the Rights of Disabled People (UNCRDP), The UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), The International Covenant on Economic, Cultural and Social Rights (ICECSR), The UN Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) • We will ensure that public services in Wales are delivered through a robust rights-based approach, and that disabled people, women, racialised communities, children and young people, and people with lived experience of poverty and asylum play a central role in designing, • implementing and monitoring public policy. <p>Gender equality, and the protection and promotion of women’s rights</p>

- Enshrine and embed the rights of women and girls in law, through a new Human Rights Act for Wales.
- Work to end gender inequality in the Welsh economy, including through targeted support for women to access high-skill and high-paid jobs, gender budgeting and the routine collection, analysis and publication of robust gender-disaggregated economic data, including pay gap data.
- Improve access to affordable childcare through our new childcare offer, support unpaid carers, and ensure care workers are paid fairly.
- Strengthen the Women and Girls' Health Plan and guarantee free period products to promote period dignity.
- Work to increase the representation of women and girls in politics, and ensure their voices are meaningfully embedded in the design and delivery of public services.

LGBTQ+

- Review and, where necessary, strengthen, the LGBTQ+ Action Plan, holding public services accountable, and measuring and reporting on progress against it.
- Ensure that education – including on sex and healthy relationships – is LGBTQ+ inclusive, and embed antibullying measures in schools.
- Press the UK Government on a full, trans-inclusive ban on so-called 'conversion therapy', maximising Welsh Government action to tackle these harmful practices and support survivors.
- Support the development of the Welsh Gender Service in line with best international practice, ensuring that people – including young people – can access appropriate and timely care in Wales without needing to travel to England.
- Work towards a simpler and non-medicalised process for gender recognition, including by pursuing the devolution of relevant powers.
- Provide ongoing support to Pride organisations, and back Wales hosting EuroPride in 2029.

Older people

- Promote the health and wellbeing of older people through a new Older People's Health Plan and a new focus on preventative health measures.
- Take the next steps towards delivering a fully integrated health and care service for Wales.
- Build on existing services to deliver housing adaptations and improvement so that older people are able to live independently and safely, and roll out a new scheme to upgrade and retrofit more homes more quickly – making them warmer and cheaper to run, while also contributing to our Net Zero ambitions.
- Ensure that measures to address poverty account for the needs of older people. This will include strengthening advice and support services in a way that does not digitally exclude older people, to help more people access the full range of benefits to which they are entitled.

An Anti-Racist Wales

- Enshrine the UN Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) in Welsh law through a Human Rights Act for Wales.

- Keep the Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan under active review and report on progress, working closely with people with lived experience of racism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and anti-Gypsy, Roma and Traveller prejudice to strengthen delivery and impact.
- Improve data collection and sharing to drive evidence-led interventions, including on hate crime and racist incidents in schools.
- Strengthen hate crime reporting and victim support, ensuring incidents are addressed promptly and effectively.
- Embed anti-racist education across the curriculum.
- Ensure that strategies and programmes to tackle poverty actively address the higher prevalence of poverty among Black and minority ethnic communities.
- Work to increase representation of Black and minority ethnic people in Welsh politics and public life, and strengthen duties to promote diversity and inclusion in recruitment across publicly funded organisations.

A Disabled People's Rights Plan

- Incorporate the UN Convention on the Rights of Disabled People (UNCRDP) into Welsh law, via a Human Rights Act for Wales.
- Deliver a robust and action-oriented Disabled People's Rights Action Plan, with clear lines of accountability, and regular and transparent reporting on progress.
- Remove barriers to participation, promote equal access and champion the leadership of disabled people in public, professional and political life in Wales.
- Ensure the voices of disabled people are heard in the design, delivery, and evaluation of Welsh public services – and that both physical and digital infrastructure are designed to promote accessibility and independence.

Neurodiversity

- Ensure that educational settings, health and social care, workplaces, transport, and other public services are all designed to be accessible to neurodivergent people without unnecessary barriers.
- Work to reduce waiting times for neurodevelopmental assessments and support, exploring ways to streamline processes and ensure timely access to help, even before formal diagnosis – moving beyond over-medicalisation and rigid diagnostic thresholds.
- Improve awareness of, and training on, neurodiversity, including for teachers, doctors, public-service providers and businesses.
- Centre the voices of neurodivergent people in policy design and implementation, so that their lived experience informs service development, delivery, and evaluation.

Reform Wales

- **End DEI non-jobs and limit working from home in the public sector:** The Welsh public sector is stuffed with Diversity, Equality and Inclusion (DEI) officers who promote divisive identity politics that ultimately drives us all apart. These positions are almost always grossly overpaid, with salaries that bear no relation to any measurable output. Reform will end this waste of taxpayer's money. The Equality Act is a reserved matter and Wales must comply with it, but there is no requirement to gold-plate it.

- **Make government policy based on biological sex:** Reform will restore common sense and make government policy based on biological sex, including ending gender self-ID in women's sports and stopping gender ideology being taught in schools
- **Men's health strategies:** Men's health, both physical and mental, has long been underserved by health authorities. Men make up 54% of cancer deaths and 77% of suicide deaths in Wales; Reform will fight this disparity by initiating, planning, and delivering a Men's Health Improvement Framework for Wales. This will be centred on improving preventive engagement, mental health outcomes and early diagnosis through evidence-based pathways and targeted campaigns.
- **Women's health strategies:** Reform will implement a Women's Health Improvement Framework for Wales. We will ensure better clinical training for sex-specific symptom recognition to prevent avoidable harm. We will improve diagnostic timeliness, maternity outcomes and menopause support, with better pathways and workforce training.

Welsh Labour

- Work to eliminate the gender, ethnicity, and disability paygaps by 2050, and set a target to achieve this earlier in the devolved public sector.
- Act to ensure all women in Wales feel respected, valued and safe by making the next four-year VAWDASV Strategy the most ambitious ever, to include creating a Fund to Leave to support people fleeing domestic violence and guaranteed paid leave for domestic abuse survivors employed in the public sector.
- Expand Purple Plaques to celebrate the achievements of more remarkable Welsh women.
- Expand our period dignity programme to make more period products available for free in public spaces.
- Roll out workplace menopause support across all public sector employers, alongside a toolkit for the private sector.
- Make Wales an anti-racist nation by 2030 through the refreshed Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan.
- Refresh the LGBTQ+ Action Plan to make Wales the best place in Europe to be an LGBTQ+ person, including considering the evidence on the LGBTQ+ pay gap.
- Continue a decade of action under Welsh Labour so disabled people can live, work, and flourish as equal citizens by implementing the Disabled People's Rights Plan.
- Work with all devolved public bodies to achieve Disability Confident Leader status, working with the Disabled People's Employment Champions.
- Develop a new Learning Disability and Autism Employment Strategy, focused on supporting people into employment through tailored job coaching and support for employers.
- Use every tool to tackle hate crimes, including continuing support for our Hate Hurts Wales campaign. We will also promote cohesive communities by safeguarding funding for community cohesion workers and continuing to support the Faith Communities Forum.

<p>Welsh Conservatives</p>	<p>Promote inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities into Welsh law • Support disabled people to live independently by developing a streamlined home adaptations system and increasing the use of direct payments • Embrace the Social Model of Disability and the right to Independent Living, providing disabled people voice, choice, control and independence in their lives • Introduce an Autism and Learning Disability Bill for Wales to provide people with a clear pathway to diagnosis and a statutory right to receive timely services that meet their needs <p>Tackle discrimination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt a zero-tolerance culture across Welsh Government to prevent discrimination on the basis of sex, age, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, religion or disability • Ensure that Welsh Government funded employment opportunities and appointments are offered on merit to the best candidates, based on their ability, character, and competence, not their background <p>Support our faith communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve Welsh Government engagement with faith communities by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing an annual Faith Communities Conference • Consulting with faith communities when developing legislation and policy that affects them • Increasing the frequency of meetings of the Faith Communities Forum • Develop and promote opportunities for faith related tourism with strategies for sacred sites, historic chapels, churches, other places of worship and pilgrim routes • Establish a Faith Community Covenant Scheme for public bodies to recognise the positive contribution of faith groups to Wales and improve engagement with them • Review the role of Religious Education within the national curriculum • Continue to fund chaplaincy services in the Welsh NHS • Hold national events to remember the Holocaust and other acts of genocide • Promote the sustainability of places of worship by providing grants to reduce their running cost • Work with faith communities and other stakeholders to address anti-Semitism, anti-Muslim hatred and other hate crime • Work with the UK Government to tackle extremism
<p>Wales Green Party</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will improve placement stability, particularly for LGBTQIA children tackle racial inequalities, ensure children can maintain their language and identity, and campaign for care experience to become a protected characteristic under equality law • Equality policy will be rooted in human rights, recognising how discrimination and disadvantage intersect across race, gender, disability, care experience, class, sexuality and migration status. • We will incorporate international human rights standards into Welsh law, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination

Against Women (CEDAW) and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) within devolved competence.

- The Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan will be strengthened with clear milestones, proper resourcing and transparent progress reporting.

Disability rights

- Disabled people must be able to live independently and participate fully in society.
- We will deliver a long-term Disabled People's Rights Plan, supported by transparent reporting and strong partnership with Disabled People's Organisations. Policies will include expanding accessible housing strengthening Direct Payments, reducing insecure work and investing in services that support independent living.
- A Minister for Disabled People will be appointed to ensure disability rights are prioritised across government.

Women's equality

- We will expand childcare support, support women entering STEM and green industries and recognise the economic contribution of unpaid care.
- Sustainable funding will be provided for specialist services addressing violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence, including services run by and for affected communities.

LGBTQIA+ equality

- We will increase representation of these communities in the curriculum and include diverse family units.
- Healthcare will be revisited to ensure equitable access to treatment.
- Employers will be encouraged to create inclusive work environments for members of the LGBTQIA community, as staff or customers.

Representation and inclusive politics

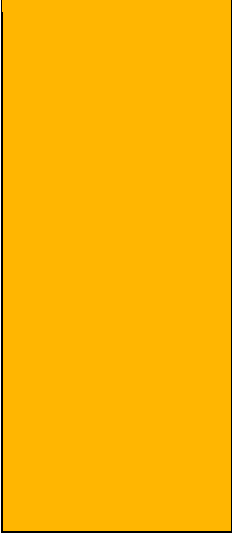
- We will work to restore gender balance in the Senedd by 2030, alongside measures that support candidates with caring responsibilities, including financial assistance and childcare support.
- Clear standards will be introduced to tackle abuse and harassment in politics and ensure safe participation in public life.
- Leadership diversity targets, stronger equality reporting and anti-racist practice standards will be introduced across the public sector.
- We will push for better representation from people with one or more protected characteristic including ethnicity, age, sex, gender identity, sexuality, and disability.

Using public spending to advance equality

- Contracts awarded by public bodies will prioritise employers who demonstrate fair work practices, accessibility and strong equality standards.

Welsh Liberal Democrats

- Champion the Human Rights Act and resist any attempts to weaken or repeal it.
- Uphold the UK's commitment to the European Convention on Human Rights and oppose any attempts to withdraw from it.
- Enshrine the rights of children and young people in Wales through Bil Pob Plentyn.

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- Make it easier for disabled people to access public life, including the world of work, and incorporate the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities into Welsh law.
 - Develop and implement a comprehensive Race Equality Strategy to address deep inequalities, including in education, health, criminal justice and the economy.
 - Recognise the growing risk that religious intolerance poses to community cohesion, and work with communities to tackle the rise of religious hate crimes, including Antisemitism and Islamophobia.
 - Respect and defend the rights of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, including access to life-saving medical care.
 - Work across nations to establish a consensus for reforming equalities and gender recognition laws to protect trans people's rights.