



# Plaid Cymru Local Government Manifesto 2022

## What we want to do for Wales



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# About Plaid Cymru



Hello, I am Adam Price, Leader of **Plaid Cymru**. This is our **manifesto**.

A **manifesto** is a document that explains:

- What we stand for
- What we want to happen



We love Wales and we want to make a difference to people's lives.



We want to tell you about some of the things we are doing now and want to do in the future.

## Making a difference



This year we have managed to get **£200 million** to pay for free school meals for **all** primary school children.



Our local authorities will work to get free school meals for all **secondary school pupils** too. We want there to be free school meals for all school children across Wales.



We are going to make free childcare available for all children aged 2.



We want to tackle the housing crisis. People can't afford to buy or rent houses in their local areas. And there are too many second homes in our communities, sitting empty for much of the year.



We are building more **social housing** that will help people to save money on energy bills.

**Social housing** is homes for people that they can afford to pay for.



The new **social housing** will also be better for the **environment**.

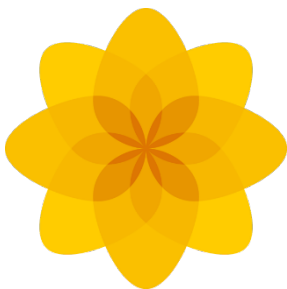
The **environment** is where we live. It includes the land, the sea, the air and everything that lives in and on it. For example: plants, animals and fish.



We are doing everything we can to lower the number of second homes in Wales.



We are making a new Welsh energy company called **Ynni Cymru**. It will have energy schemes that are owned by the community and are better for the **environment**.



Whoever you are, wherever you are, whatever language you speak - you can trust **Plaid Cymru** to make a difference for you, your family and your community.

# Keeping money local

## **We want to protect people from the rising cost of living**

We can help people by:



- Taking ownership of the making of energy locally. Like gas and electric
- Making people's homes use energy better. So we can keep warm, cook, and light homes using less energy.
- Supporting local businesses and protecting jobs

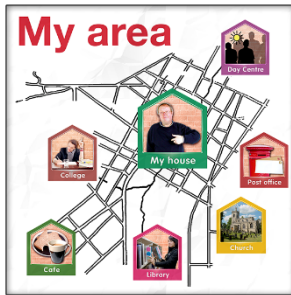
## **We want to keep business local**



We will make sure that our councils use local businesses and spend their money locally.



**We want our town centres to be great places to live, shop and work**



We will make sure there are good community spaces, libraries, and parks.



We will make new spaces for people to work together in towns. These are called **co-working spaces**.



We will make walking and cycling easier in our towns.





# Healthy, caring communities

**We want to make care services better for the people that use them and the staff that work in them**



We think that care services need to be as good as health services. We also think that care staff should be paid well, like staff in the **NHS**.



We want there to be a **National Care Service** that is as good as the **NHS**. The 2 services would work together to make things better for people.

**We want to make things more equal so that everyone can love long healthy lives.**



Covid-19 has been worse for poorer people. This is not fair.



Our aim is to help everyone to live a healthy life, whatever background they are from.



To do this, we will make it easier for people to walk and cycle. And make public transport better.



We will give money to services that help young people. Like Youth Services and Youth Centres.



We will make sure that local government staff have support for their health and well-being in work. We will make sure they can use things like leisure centres and sports clubs. We will look at how we can support staff in local businesses in this way too.



We will help schools give children the chance to learn and play more outdoors.



We will help doctors and nurses to tell people about places in the community that can support them. Like gardening and sports groups.

## **We want to make it easier for people to get mental health support**



We are working with **Welsh Government** to get more money for mental health services for young people and adults.

## **We want people in Wales to be equal**



We think that changing things that are not fair is how we can help make people more equal.



We will work with Welsh Government to make a **Race Equality Action Plan** and an **LGBTQ+ Action Plan**.

**Race** is about people who come from other countries or cultures, who may live in a different way or have a different skin colour.

**LGBTQ+** is the term for people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer.



We would like to make an **Autism Act** that tells people about the rights of autistic people.

**We want to make things better for disabled people**



Covid-19 and the way it was dealt with has gone against some disabled people's **human rights**.

**Human rights** are rights that everyone has. For example, the right to be alive and the right to have an education.



Our **Wales Only Covid Enquiry** will look at what happened. And how things went wrong for disabled people.



We think it will be important to bring the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Disabled People** into our law, to help protect people.





When we are building new spaces in our towns, we will check if they work well for disabled people before they go ahead.



Along with **Welsh Government**, we will make sure that more people know about disabled people's rights. We will help to make things fair for disabled people.





# The best start in life

## Free school meals for all primary school children



Thanks to us, all primary school children in Wales can get free school meals from September 2022. We want school children of all ages to have free school meals.



We want school meals to be made from food that has been grown locally in Wales.

## Free childcare for all children aged 2



Thanks to us, all children aged 2 in Wales will soon get free childcare.

## We value our teachers and school staff



**Welsh Government** controls how much teaching staff get paid. But local councils can make things better in schools by:



- Getting more teaching assistants to help children in the classroom.
- Giving teachers enough time to do their work.
- Helping teachers to take training courses.

## We want more people to speak Welsh



We want to give every child the chance to speak Welsh. We want to bring in a **Welsh Language Act** to help us get 1 million people speaking Welsh by 2050.

# The environment and our communities

**We want Wales to have lots of green energy schemes that are owned by the community**



We think that enough **renewable energy** can be made to power the whole of Wales by 2035. Our new energy company **Ynni Cymru** will help with this.

**Renewable energy** is making things like electricity from things don't run out. Like the sun, water, and wind.

**We want to fight the housing crisis**



Here are the ways we are working with **Welsh Government** to make housing better.



We are making a new Welsh building company called **Unnos**. It will help to make more **social housing**.



We want everyone to have a home.



We want to make sure there are enough houses for people in their communities. So we want there to be fewer second homes.



We want to change housing law to help make rent prices fair.

## **We want to make transport better for the environment**



We want Wales to be a happy, healthy country that looks after our **environment**.



Making public transport less harmful to the **environment** will help us to reach this goal.





We want there to be fewer cars that run on petrol and diesel. We want the number of journeys made by car to go down by half by 2030.



We will help to make it easier for people to have an electric car by making more places where they can be charged up.





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