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Plaid Cymru Manifesto 2026

What we will do if
we win the 2026
Senedd Election



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About us



We are Plaid Cymru. This is our manifesto for the Senedd Election on 7 May 2026.



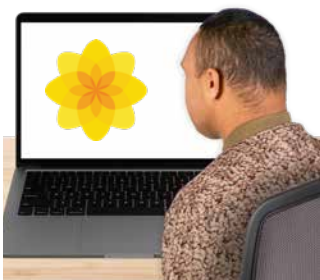
Our manifesto explains what we will do if we win the election.



It shares our goals for Wales and what we want to change.



This document explains some of the main things we want to do.



[You can read our full manifesto for more details.](#)

Our main goals

Health and care



We want people to get help from doctors and hospitals faster.



We have a clear plan to reduce waiting lists. We know how much money we need for this plan.

Childcare



We want to help families care for young children.



We will make a new childcare offer for children aged 9 months to 4 years.

Jobs and money



We will create good jobs.



We will support businesses to grow. And support Welsh businesses by spending government money with them.

Schools and learning



We will improve the plan for what is taught in schools. We will start a new plan for reading, writing and working with numbers.



We will make sure every primary school has a library by 2030.



We will support new teachers and help keep experienced teachers.

Child poverty



Some families do not have enough money for daily needs. We want to help using ideas that are known to work well.



We will test a new plan to give £10 each week to families with children aged 0 to 6 who get Universal Credit.

Leading Wales

We will:



Ask for the money Wales is owed from rail projects in England like HS2. Welsh money was used towards these projects, but Wales did not benefit from them.



Change unfair rules about how much money Wales gets from UK Government.



Ask for more control over taxes.



Work to put Wales in charge of its own courts and police.



Teach children about politics and news in schools.



Create a National Commission for Wales. It will be a group to carefully plan the future of Wales. This group will:



- Talk to people about what they want in Wales.



- Research politics, money, jobs and business.



- Prepare a report about if Wales should be independent.



Work with other countries in Europe.

Health, care and wellbeing



We have a big plan to look after our NHS.

We will:



Improve GP services. Hire up to 100 new GP doctors.



Get and keep more dentists in Wales.



Spend more on technology to support health and care services.



Make 10 centres where people can have operations more quickly.



Help staff in their jobs and make working in health and social care better.



Support students training to work in healthcare.



Collect and share better information about how services are doing.



Help health and social care work well together.



Support unpaid carers with training and extra help with money and living costs.



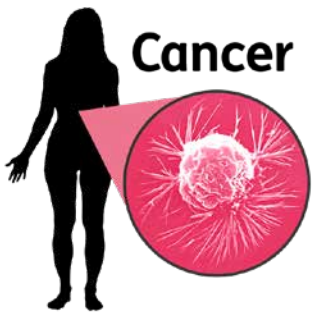
Focus on stopping illness early. Keep people well by improving housing, education, and money problems.



Make it easier to get help for mental health, no matter where you ask.



Help families more after someone dies.



Find cancers earlier with better tests. Make sure everyone can get good cancer services.



Improve dementia care. Dementia is a condition that affects memory and thinking.

Businesses and jobs

We will:

Help businesses do well in Wales and support Welsh businesses, through things like:



- Lowering business tax on high streets.



- Spending more government money with Welsh businesses. This could create over 35 thousand jobs.



Improve the Development Bank of Wales – a bank set up by Welsh Government to help businesses grow.



We will make sure its money supports safe jobs, fair pay and good working conditions.



Check what skills people need for jobs across Wales.



Give better careers advice.



Help young people understand their choices after age 16.



Help schools, colleges and employers work together.



Help workers learn computer and technology skills.



Make sure every home and business has superfast broadband internet.



Make a plan for how food is grown and supplied.
This will:



- Help farming and food businesses.



- Help make sure there is enough food for everyone.



Support tourism in Wales, encourage people to visit for holidays and days out.



Make sure tourism is good for Wales. Work with councils to make sure they use money from tourism to improve public services.



Make a law to help communities buy local buildings and businesses. Like pubs, shops and cafes.

Transport

We will:



Demand that Wales should be in control of decisions about trains.



Make trains easier for everyone to use.



Have more trains and run trains more often.



Keep free passes for over 60s and disabled people.



Make bus and train times connect better.



Make sure buses go to schools, workplaces and health services.



Create safe and easy to use paths for walking, wheeling and cycling.



Improve support for electric cars and vans and add more charging points.

Childcare and education



We will:

Offer new childcare for children aged 9 months to 4 years.



Keep the 30 hours for children aged 3 and whose parents are in work, education, or training.



Support childcare in Welsh.



Create a new plan about reading, writing and using numbers. The plan will:

- Set goals for schools and learners.
- Check how children are doing and give extra help to those who need it.



Make sure every primary school has a library, so every child can enjoy stories and books.



Teach reading in all subjects in secondary school.



Give more help to pupils moving from primary to secondary school.



Give free school meals to secondary school children. We will start with families who get Universal Credit.



Give clear guidance on what children should learn.



Make teaching jobs more flexible with better pay.



Give money to trainee teachers in subjects like maths and computing.



Help schools, health, social care, and youth services work together. To support children who miss school.



Make the Additional Learning Needs system simpler. Additional Learning Needs means needing extra help to learn.



Train all teachers and teaching assistants about Additional Learning Needs.

Improve safety in schools. We will:



- Follow all advice.



- Listen to children.



- Create national rules that everyone must follow.



- Train teachers to spot problems early.



Help young people learn the skills they need for work or study.



Help adults learn new skills for work.



Look at how colleges and universities work in Wales.
Find a way to keep them funded for a long time.



Encourage young people to study and work in Wales.

Climate and nature

We will:

Make a new Climate and Nature Action Plan to:



- Reduce harmful gases in the air.



- Support local energy projects and create jobs that help the environment.



- Make transport better for the planet and nature.



Support making energy from wind, water, and the sun.



Try to get more power for Wales to control our water, cut down pollution, and help people pay less for their water.



Create a group to check water companies are fair and safe.



Create a group to plan how communities can cope with floods. Set up local flood support centres.



Make old coal tips safe. Coal tips are piles of unused bits of coal and stone from mining.



Create a plan to clean polluted land.



Use nature to help clean the land.



Stop plastic wrapping on fresh fruit and vegetables.



Give long-term funding for farming.



Help farmers plant more trees and hedges.



Keep strong rules to stop animals or crops getting sick.



Stop large projects from taking too much farmland.



Support shops to sell Welsh food. Help communities get local food.



Teach healthy cooking in schools and check school meals are good.



Use more trees that grow naturally in Wales. Add more trees in parks and public areas.



Make a plan to protect animals.



Have tougher rules for dangerous dog owners.



Make it easier for renters to have pets.



Help sell fish to other countries.



Fund businesses that catch fish in ways that protect the environment.



Protect sea plants and grow seaweed farming.

Housing and planning

We will:



Build at least 20 thousand social homes by 2030, homes that people rent at a lower cost.



Use empty homes for people who need them.



Tackle homelessness.

Create a group called **Unnos** to help with housing.

It will:



- Find land for homes.
- Manage housing projects.
- Make sure social housing follows the rules.



Stop landlords asking people who rent their homes to leave without a reason.



Make sure that the cost of rent is fair.



Fix damp and mould.



Support changes to homes so older people can live safely in their homes.



Help people use cleaner and cheaper ways to heat their homes.

Treating people fairly



We will:

Make a new, clear plan for ending child poverty.

Make Welsh benefits better, like:



- Help to pay council tax.
- Free school meals.
- Vouchers for healthy food.



Only work with organisations that treat workers well. This means they should:

- Pay workers enough money to live on.
- Listen to workers.
- Not have jobs with no set hours.



Make a new law to protect human rights in Wales.



Make sure services treat people fairly. Have people with real experience help design and check services.



Help women get higher-paid jobs and support more women in politics.



Improve the LGBTQ+ Action Plan. And make sure schools are safe and welcoming for LGBTQ+ young people.



LGBTQ+ means for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and other groups. This is a community of people who share experiences because of who they are and who they love.



Make people who come to Wales feel safe and welcome. Stop wrong information about people who need safety and are asking to live in Wales.



Remove things that stop disabled people joining in and making decisions.



Make public services easier to use for neurodivergent people. These are people whose brains work differently. Like autistic people, people with ADHD and similar conditions.



Make it faster to get tested for autism or ADHD.



Help autistic people and people with a learning disability live safely near home.



Work to put Wales in control of our justice system. This includes things like our police, courts and prisons.

When we are in charge of justice in Wales, we will:



- Focus more on helping people change, less on punishing them.



- Support people with mental health needs and drug and alcohol problems.



- Give early help and support so people do not break the law.

Culture, sport and the Welsh language



Culture means things like art, music, language, history, and traditions.

We will:



Keep National Museums free to visit.



Support free entry to Eisteddfod festivals for families with less money. These are festivals of Welsh music, dance, and culture.



Support music lessons for children aged 3 to 16.



Help creative businesses in Wales, like those in media, arts, and digital work.



Use sport and culture to help people with their health and wellbeing.



Get children more active in schools.



Support local and national sports teams.



Help Wales host big sports events.



Have more Welsh language childcare places.



Aim for half of all learners to have Welsh-medium education by 2050. This means children will learn in Welsh.



Make Welsh learning part of training for new teachers.



Make sure people can use Welsh to get health and care. This includes phone, video, and online services.

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