

# Working for Jobs A Growing Economy



“We want to free Welsh industry and enterprise to thrive and play their part in getting Wales working again. We want to create the conditions for a thriving economy, to build the fair and prosperous society we know we can be.”

*Leanne Wood* AM, Plaid Cymru Leader.

**Plaid Cymru wants a successful economy for Wales, where everybody can maximise their potential. This will be a growing economy where everyone benefits – not just the richest 1%. Investment and planning will provide opportunities for everybody to have a well-paid job and a good work-life balance. As the economy improves, Plaid Cymru believes that everyone should benefit. Unlike the Westminster parties, we do not support the continuation of ‘austerity’ policies - the cuts that have had such a detrimental effect on our way of life and hit the poorest in our society the hardest.**

## Plaid Cymru has worked for Wales

- Plaid Cymru has consistently opposed the austerity cuts forced through the UK Parliament by the major UK parties because they lead to severe cuts in funding for Wales.
- Recognising the failure of UK economic policy, we published our plans for an Economic Fairness Bill to level up wealth across the UK, in both geographical and individual terms.
- Our ‘Plan C for Cymru’ economic plan, published in 2012, sets out how Wales can improve its economy using the economic powers we currently have – but the current Welsh Government are failing to use successfully.
- Our Budget deal in 2012 helped secure £40m of finance for thousands of new apprenticeships across Wales, training people for skilled jobs.
- Plaid Cymru has successfully secured funding for important projects such as the Menai Science Park which will grow the Welsh economy and create new jobs.

## Economic Fairness Bill

So that wealth is shared out more fairly within the UK, and to ensure that Wales receives its fair share of public investment, Plaid Cymru will introduce an Economic Fairness Bill to rebalance the wealth of the UK. This means that the UK Government would have to always assess the impact upon Wales of its economic plans before they’re put in place.

We will create 50,000 jobs in Wales by giving more Welsh public sector contracts to companies working in Wales, so that our economy benefits more from the £4.3bn spent by the Welsh public sector each year.

