

BETTER OFF WITH THE SNP

We are working hard to make life better for people across Scottish society and the plans we set out in this manifesto will see some new and important gains.

- **For our NHS** – we'll support a funding package for the NHS, that would see spending in Scotland rise by a total of £2 billion by 2020-21, helping us to deliver the world-class care that people in Scotland rightly expect.
- **For fair pay** – we'll back an increase in the minimum wage to £8.70 by 2020, making a quarter of a million people in Scotland better off by up to £4,000 a year.
- **For hard-pressed households** – we will support lower energy bills for consumers by pushing for the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) to be funded through general taxation and tough new powers to make sure energy companies pass on lower energy prices to consumers, saving households around £100 on energy bills based on recent wholesale prices.
- **For more jobs and growing businesses** – we will seek seed-fund capitalisation of the Scottish Business Development Bank, enabling new investment in Scottish business growth and innovation, helping create thousands of new jobs
- **For people approaching retirement** – we'll seek a review of the planned increase in the retirement age from 66 to 67, so that people in Scotland, who have paid in to a state pension all their lives, don't lose out.
- **For people moving into work** – we'll vote for an increase in the work allowance by 20 per cent, which means people moving in to work from benefits will keep more of their income.
- **For unpaid carers** – we propose an increase in carer's allowance to bring it in line with jobseeker's allowance, which will see over 100,000 unpaid carers in Scotland better off by almost £600 a year.
- **For pensioners** – we want a single-tier pension set at £160 per week, with the triple-lock protection continuing. This will guarantee that the value of the state pension is fully protected.
- **For no new nuclear weapons** – we continue to oppose nuclear weapons and will seek to block a new generation of nuclear weapons, saving as much as £4 billion a year in the mid-2020s.
- **For a greener Scotland** – we will continue to support a moratorium on fracking.
- **For our veterans** – we believe that those who have been injured in the service of our country should get the full value of any war disablement pension and we will work to ensure that it is not treated as income in the assessment of entitlement to other benefits.
- **For our cities** – we believe that City Deals should be made available to all Scotland's cities, in addition to Glasgow, bringing substantial new investment to places that are key drivers of growth in Scotland.
- **For our farming community** – we will look to secure a fair share of the UK's CAP convergence uplift, which comes to the UK as a result of Scotland's low hectare rates.
- **For workers in the oil & gas sector** – we'll keep the pressure on the UK Treasury to do all it can to protect jobs and investment in the oil and gas industry in light of lower global oil prices and will work to increase internationalisation opportunities for Scotland's oil and gas industry
- **For a fairer Scotland** – we'll prioritise the immediate scrapping of the Bedroom Tax and a halt to the roll out of Universal Credit and PIP. We'll seek to reverse the replacement of Disability Living Allowance by PIP and oppose the £3 billion cut in disability funding. In addition, we will seek an urgent reform of the conditionality and sanctions regime, to establish a fairer approach.