

OUR POLICY ON A PAGE FOR THE COMMON GOOD

WE FACE THREE CONNECTED CRISES:

1. Healing the planet from the effects of an unstable, unsustainable economy.
2. Creating a more equal society, reversing the trend towards a society divided between poverty and great wealth.
3. Creating truly democratic central and local government that governs for the common good.

TO HELP HEAL THE PLANET WE WILL:

- Make achieving international agreement and action to limit climate change to below 2 degrees C of warming the major foreign policy priority.
- Invest in an £85 billion public programme of renewable electricity generation, flood defences and building insulation.
- Support local sustainable agriculture, with respect for animals and wild places.
- Cut emissions by providing cheaper public transport and encouraging cycling and walking.

TO BECOME MORE EQUAL AND SUPPORT OUR PUBLIC SERVICES WE WILL:

- End privatisation in the National Health Service, provide proper funding and free social care for the elderly, and combat the loneliness of the elderly.
- Let teachers teach in properly funded democratically controlled schools, end SATS (Standard Assessment Tests), league tables and academies, and introduce free early education and childcare.
- End tuition fees and cancel student debt.
- Provide 500,000 social homes for rent over the five-year Parliament, control excessive rents and achieve house price stability.
- Increase public spending to almost half of national income.
- Make tax fair and crack down vigorously on tax avoidance and evasion.
- Make the minimum wage a living wage for all, with a target of £10 per hour by 2020.
- Make the highest wage in any organisation no more than ten times the lowest wage.
- Create jobs and help small business by reducing employers' National Insurance.
- Bring rail back into public ownership.
- Ensure respect for everyone whatever their ethnicity, gender, age, religious belief or non-belief, sexual orientation, class, size, disability or other status.
- Create over 1 million jobs through our programme of green investment and restoring the public sector.

TO CREATE A TRULY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND A COMMON CITIZENSHIP AND TO PROMOTE PEACE BASED ON DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES WE WILL:

- Reform the benefits system. End workfare and sanctions. Double Child Benefit and pay a pension that people can live on. In the longer term, unite tax and benefits in a Basic Income system covering everyone.
- Fund local government adequately and set democratically elected local authorities free to decide how to run education, public transport and other local services and to raise local taxes.
- Bring in a fair voting system involving proportional representation.
- Respect immigrants for the contribution they make and control immigration fairly.
- Decommission the Trident nuclear deterrent system and promote peacemaking.