

PRIORITIES FOR A FAIRER AND MORE SUCCESSFUL SCOTLAND

Whether in Scotland or at Westminster, our focus will be on **growing Scotland's economy** and **making life better for people across our country**. This is what underpins our policies on public finances, on education, health, housing and social justice and our support for the Scottish Parliament having more of the powers it needs. We want more people in rewarding, well paid work. We want stronger local economies, with job opportunities for our young people close to home so we can retain the important links of family and community that add to the strength and well-being of our society.

But this is not economic growth for its own sake. It must be sustainable and with the benefits shared across society. It will be wealth creation so we can, once and for all, **address the unacceptable levels of inequality in Scottish society**. As we set out in this manifesto, we will be able to build Scotland's success and deliver on our ambitions by **harnessing the energy of our people**, by building our skills and using them to the full, and by making the most of our nation's great natural wealth and many competitive and comparative advantages.

The more SNP MPs that are elected to Westminster, the louder Scotland's voice will be in the decisions that are taken there - and that means we can secure the best deal for Scotland and a more progressive approach for the benefit of people across the UK. SNP MPs, backed by hundreds of thousands of new supporters - many voting SNP at Westminster for the very first time - can make a real difference to the direction our country takes in the years ahead.

With greater influence for Scotland at Westminster and new powers for our parliament in Edinburgh, there is so much more we can achieve for the people of Scotland. SNP MPs will:

Make sure Westminster works better for the people of Scotland

- The biggest threat to Scotland's public services and our social fabric is the ongoing Tory and Labour obsession with austerity cuts to vital public spending. That is why we propose **responsible increases in public spending**.
- We will support **increases in infrastructure investment as part of our plans to generate new jobs** and support higher levels of growth, and we will work to open access to finances for businesses looking to expand.
- Our approach is to secure a fair deal for all with **those on the very highest incomes contributing a little bit more** to ensure that we can continue to deliver universal, free public services and protect the most vulnerable from the impacts of poverty.

Support the Scottish Government

- We back the planned **expansion of childcare with 30-hours a week of free nursery education** for all 3 and 4 year olds and eligible 2 year olds, providing the best possible start in life for younger Scots and making life easier for their parents.
- We support a big **increase in NHS spending in Scotland, and across the UK**, to enable the Scottish government to continue improving our health service. Our plans will mean £2 billion more for our NHS by 2020-21.
- We will also use our votes at Westminster to **protect the health service** in all parts of the UK **from privatisation**.