

The Scottish National Party

Manifesto - Scottish Election 2011

The Scottish National Party is dedicated to Scotland. Scotland is at a crossroads and we have the ability to steer it in the right direction. Our Policies not only help Scotland but they help you. The SNP have been focused upon doing what is best for Scotland since 2007 and we were put into power as a minority government. We will continue to do this.

We will argue to scrap the £5 billion ID card project, the £100 billion replacement for Trident (the UK's nuclear programme), the £100 million House of Lords and the near £10 million Scotland Office so we can instead protect the vital public services we all rely on and make the investment we need for economic recovery.

We will demand the release of the Fossil Fuel Levy money so it can be used to deliver £200 million new investment in renewable energy. We will also work to remove obstacles to further investment in wave, tidal and wind generation in Scotland by ending the discriminatory transmission charging regime. We will also create 6000 new jobs through renewable energy sources.

We will provide a strong voice for our fishing and agriculture sectors, holding the UK government to account while they represent these economically important industries in Europe. We will also provide incentives for further investment and exploration in the North Sea, helping extend the lifetime of this valuable Scottish resource.

The SNP will also continue to lead cross-party calls for the return of £150 million lottery funds deprived from Scotland to help fund the London 2012 games.

We will increase the minimum wage to benefit Scottish workers. We also will protect our planned £1.25 billion investment in even more new and refurbished schools.

Through the Scottish budget this year, we have invested once again in modern apprentices and in our universities and colleges. The SNP will not introduce tuition fees or top up fees and will oppose any changes in English fees arrangements that have the knock on effect of reducing funding for Scotland through the Barnett formula, as we have done previously. Through the 16+ Learning Choices to offer a place of learning to every young person as they reach the end of their compulsory school years.

The faster journey times by train from Aberdeen and Inverness, the improvements on the A9 and A96 and the green light for the Aberdeen by-pass will also deliver social and economic benefits for communities in the north and north east.

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Your local SNP candidate is Hamish Ritchie. He is one of you, a pupil with not just Scotland's interests at heart, but yours the young, prosperous people of tomorrow. For these reasons he is undoubtedly the best candidate to entrust your vote with.

The Scottish National party is your current Scottish government. While in power the SNP has made significant inroads into solving Scotland's issues in fields like economics and the environment.

In the recent economic downturn times have been hard and hard decisions have had to be made. This is where the Scottish National Party has efficiently managed expenditures with cuts which have been forced upon Scotland by two separate Westminster governments which both lacked in appreciation of our countries needs.



Our manifesto has been carefully crafted by the SNP party to bring prosperity to Scotland's shores once again. The manifesto is based on realistic facts and figures sculpted through experience of being in power in Scotland and knowing what strains will be put upon the party's shoulder in the upcoming years.