



Progressive Politics NI

CHARTER 2026



WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

Progressive Politics NI was started in January 2017 in the aftermath of the Cash for Ash scandal that kicked off yet another period of instability & no government for this place.

It was born from a jealousy & frustration of watching progressive movements catch on around the world & not seeing anything quite the same here – and watching the usual culprits hold back any attempt at progress here.

What started as just Facebook & Twitter accounts has now grown to include a membership, the PPNI Members Council. We are a diverse group of young & old, members of political parties & members of none & we are in other progressive activist groups or organisations.

We meet regularly & stay in constant contact to work together towards our shared goals & targets. We do this through campaigning, educating, organising & attending events & connecting people.

This Charter outlines policy positions, hopes & ideas we are supportive of. If you find yourself supportive of much included in this document then please consider joining our Members Council. We are stronger & better together.



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SHARED FUTURE

All levels of government & local civil organisations should be promoting mixed communities & inclusive public spaces



No paramilitary flags, symbolism or territory marking should be allowed to go up or stay up



Flags legislation should be brought forward so anyone wishing to fly a flag or challenge the flying of a flag from public property can do so



Residents in Northern Ireland should be able to vote for the Irish President

Bonfires should only be permitted if they meet certain safety & respect criteria – such as a certain height, nontoxic materials used & no posters, flags or emblems



The Identity and Language (Northern Ireland) Act 2022 should be implemented in full to provide protections & promotion of the Irish & Ulster Scots languages



The site of the former Maze Prison should be turned into a visitor centre dedicated to educating people on what happened there & The Troubles

Political parties, politicians and activists need to acknowledge that the killing of innocent people is always wrong & there can never be any excuse for it. Whether it be by the armed forces or paramilitary organisations, we must never seek to hero worship them





FIXING OUR POLITICS

Mandatory coalition should be moved away from for a more stable form of government



The Petition of Concern should be abolished or reformed



Unionist, Nationalist & Other designations in the NI Assembly should be removed



End the secrecy of historical party donations



Citizens should have the right to vote from the age of 16



The House of Lords should be replaced with an elected Senate

Automatic voter registration should happen once a person turns 16 years of age



There should be easier access to mail in voting



There should be investigations into the incorporation of electronic voting into our current system



Investigations should look at moving "polling day" for all elections to being on public/bank holidays, and/or changing them to be over at least 2 days so as to encourage greater public participation in elections

Special advisors in Stormont should be selected via employment trawl rather than chosen by Ministers

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FIXING OUR POLITICS

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The NI Executive should provide clarity on the processes of the Executive in their decision making



The NI Executive should publish minutes of Executive meetings within an appropriate time period after the meetings



Legislate for a binding Citizens Assembly mechanism in Northern Ireland for regional and local policymaking



MLAS & MPs should be banned from having second jobs - except in very certain circumstances like for a public service (for e.g. nurse, doctor, teacher, etc.)



MLAs & MPs wages should be that of the average public sector pay

Tax-payer provided subsidies of food & drink, including alcohol, that is available to MPs, peers, parliamentary staff & political journalists in all House of Commons located bars & eateries should be ended



Protections should be introduced against underinvestment in public services to fiscal governance mechanisms



A Social Value Act for Northern Ireland should be brought forward to entrench community wealth building into regional and local government



NI Executive parties should have a 2 time limit of blocking agenda items for discussion at Executive meetings





JUSTICE

The libel law in Northern Ireland should be reformed



The minimum age of criminal responsibility should be raised to 16



More resources should be directed to tackle human trafficking



Legislation should be introduced to hold social media giants to account to address online abuse



An action plan should be developed to address the disturbing rise of misinformation & disinformation within society & the negative influence it has on public life

Disciplinary penalties should be increased for law firms that engage in such behaviour that can be construed by an independent panel as a SLAPP suit



Defamation law in Northern Ireland should be reformed to reduce the incidents of SLAPP suits



The Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 must be revoked to ensure there is no amnesty for killings made during the Troubles, and that there is justice for victims and relatives of those affected by the Troubles

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JUSTICE

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The Tackling Paramilitarism, Criminality and Organised Crime programme should be updated to look at progress made so far, but also to add changes to take the necessary steps to totally eradicate paramilitarism in NI



The blasphemy law in Northern Ireland should be ended



An overall review into the PSNI as an organisation – including but not limited to their handling of cases and the practices & culture within the organisation with a view to taking the necessary steps to improve public confidence in them

• The requirement for reporting historic child abuse for an active investigation by the age of 21 should be removed, so no age limit exists



• The Justice Department should fund public campaigns to educate people on differences between stalking & harassment behaviours



• Reform the national security veto so it cannot be used to block investigations into serious abuse, corruption, or institutional wrongdoing



• Strengthen legal protections and safe reporting channels for whistleblowers who expose abuse, exploitation, or institutional cover ups

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JUSTICE

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Create clear legal duties and sanctions for institutions and senior figures who enable, ignore, or cover up serious abuse



Increase transparency in prosecution decisions for serious abuse cases, including published reasons when cases are not taken forward



Robust stalking protection orders should be introduced to provide early, preventative safeguards for victims at risk



Court transcripts should be available to victims without the need to pay for a fee

Prisons should be provided with the appropriate means to allow prisoners access to education, skills, behavioural programmes and work activities to give a greater chance of rehabilitation



The Justice Minister should ensure that prisons improve adult safeguarding



The Justice Minister should tackle staff victimisation within the prison service



The Justice Minister should commission a review into how sentencing guidelines are developed & whether a Sentencing Council - like in England & Wales - is needed here

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JUSTICE

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A gambling regulator for Northern Ireland should be created



The British Monarchy should be abolished



Mandatory digital ID should be opposed



Ban the use of NDAs by employers or education providers to silence people who report sexual harassment, abuse, or discrimination

Legislate for a Commissioner of Covert Law Enforcement for Northern Ireland

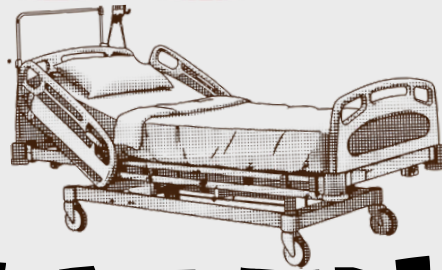


The Justice Minister should bring forward guidelines for the use of Irish in court settings, ensuring that the needs and expectations of the Irish language community are met



Convene an independent body to investigate the extent of covert surveillance against journalists, lawyers, and human rights defenders in NI by the PSNI, other police forces, and MI5





HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

The health service needs to be properly funded & restructured in a way that addresses the current shortcomings within the service & the needs of the population



Solving problems in terms of wait times in emergency departments & waiting lists should take priority



Privatisation of our NHS should be opposed



Support services for refugees & migrants need improved



There should be mandatory First Aid and Medical & Digital Literacy training in education

Pay rises in public sector jobs should be tied to a minimum of inflation, with a push for above inflation rises to restore pre-austerity pay levels



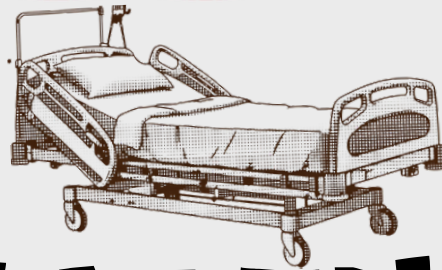
HSC Trusts should make improved efforts to involve people from the respective communities in the decision making of the future health services in areas including better advertisements



The GMC (General Medical Council) should be able to carry out hearings & investigations into the work of former members on when the relevant medical professional was a member

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HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

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An action plan should be developed & acted on to end the accepted practice & overuse of agency workers in HSC / the NHS, except in true emergency situations



The Department of Health & Public Health Agency should develop a plan to raise public awareness on emergency care options within their local communities, to help ease the burden on emergency departments



Ensure that health & social care support is effective & sufficient before a patient progresses with the process of assisted dying

As well as a fair pay rise, domiciliary care workers must receive appropriate compensation and travel costs for work related activities



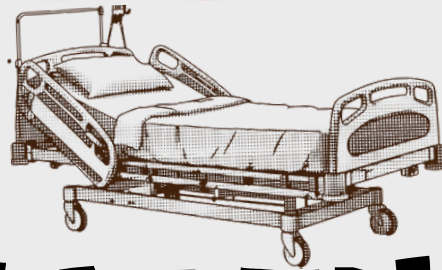
The Department of Health should continue & expand the roll out of Primary Care multi-disciplinary teams at general practices including
First Contact
Physiotherapists, Social Workers & Mental Health Practitioners



A strategy should be implemented to address the gaps in primary & community care services to prevent increased need for emergency & acute care services

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HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

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General practices should be brought under health and social care to allow consistent care & ease of sharing information between services



One single health trust should be implemented in Northern Ireland to allow equity of service provision



The Health Minister should undo the decision to reintroduce hospital car parking charges and honour the Hospital Parking Charges Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 legislation

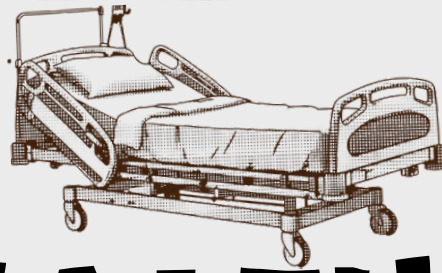


The Department of Health should agree a single definition of "Edge of Care" across all HSC Trusts

A complete overhaul to IVF healthcare in NI including comprehensive & individualised treatment, addressing lengthy waiting times, increased access to specialists, parity with the rest of the UK in providing access to a greater number of fresh IVF cycles and frozen transfers which includes removing any retrospective cut-off dates, access to egg freezing for non-cancer patients, subsidised medication costs like the ROI to ease financial burdens on patients, a change to overly restrictive BMI requirements, communication of treatment limits & access to psychological support before, during and after treatment

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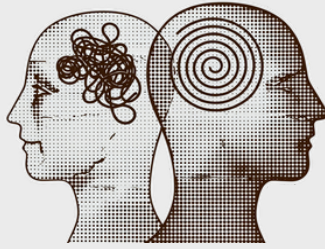
There should be
funding & research
into the effects of
Long COVID



Provide training to care
agency staff for helping
patients with medication and
medical device management

Blood types should be added to drivers' licences





MENTAL HEALTH

Additional funding is needed for mental health & restructuring of services, prioritising an increase for resources for primary & community mental health teams to prevent compulsory admissions to hospital

The Suicide Prevention Strategy needs fully delivered

All workplaces should have Mental Health First Aiders

Greater education of mental health issues is needed in schools, further education environments & workplaces

ASIST training should be offered to all members of the general public to increase awareness of how to care for friends & relatives with mental ill health

Treatment & research of psilocybin-assisted therapy for mental disorders such as treatment-resistant depression & major depressive disorder should be funded

Mental health wellbeing centres should be funded as an alternative to psychiatric wards

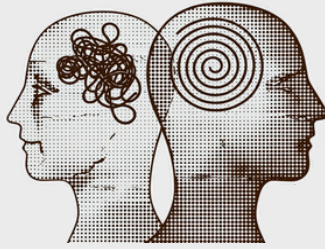
Designated mental health emergency departments should be opened

An all-island therapeutic community for people with Emotionally Unstable Personality Disorder should be implemented

Service provision should be increased for adults awaiting assessment for ADHD & ASD

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MENTAL HEALTH

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All HSC Trusts should expand the availability of counselling services



Greater funding should be given to the voluntary sector to address lengthy waiting lists for counselling as well as offering more individual sessions



The regional personality disorder network should be fully implemented as outlined in the mental health strategy



There needs to be greater regulation of the private sector to ensure private diagnoses are consistent with assessments conducted by HSC

Develop improved standards of Bipolar Care and data collection regularly audited by an independent third party, such as the Royal College of Psychiatrists, to also reduce the average delay to diagnosis from 9.5 years to 5 years, which could be achieved through public awareness campaigns and specialist diagnosis centres for referrals from primary care



A pathway should be created for young people trying to access mental health services who are too old to access CAMHS but not yet 18 years old



Research should be funded to look into prescribing non-medical options involving nature & social methods





HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

Urgent legislation should be introduced to tackle the growing homelessness problem, including people experiencing homelessness in the policy development process

Ban landlords from owning empty houses

Rent caps should be introduced on properties

Application administration fees should be abolished

The UN Human Right to Housing should be enacted

A vacant land tax should be introduced for those owning vacant land or the option to receive grants for "rewilding" and planting of native species

There should be further regulation of Houses of Multiple Occupancy

Tenants should be given greater rights to security of tenure in private rental housing & protection from no fault eviction

The practice of refusing tenancies to those in receipt of social security benefits should be prohibited

A cap on the number of new holiday homes in seaside areas should be introduced

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HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

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A charter for renters' rights should be delivered



A regular reviewing practice of homeless and emergency shelters by third party agencies should be introduced, to ensure good practices are upheld



There should be a full review of the homelessness assessment, including the abolition of the test of priority need



Legislation should be established so that landlords must consider requests to live with pets & cannot unreasonably refuse

A Decent Homes Standard should be established in law to create a legal obligation for landlords to ensure that their properties are safe & habitable, and are not dangerous to tenants' health (mould, etc.)



A new Private Rented Sector Landlord Ombudsman should be introduced, which landlords must join



The creeping privatisation into the Housing Executive should be opposed



Public financial aid should be expanded to cooperative housing projects

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HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

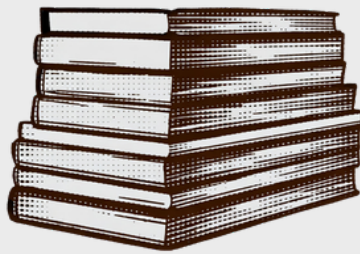
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Small house communities should be explored

- The Communities Department should invest in repairing empty homes so they can be used to house people
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Money allocated to the housing executive for accessible housing adaptation should be regularly reviewed so that it is in line with both inflation & the cost on building materials





EDUCATION

Tuition fees should be abolished



Students & teaching staff should be offered training on neurodiverse conditions to raise awareness



The cuts to the student nursing bursary should be reversed & extended to all health & social care students



Compulsory, comprehensive & standardised relationships and sexuality education (RSE) should be introduced in schools



Political education in schools, higher education & workplaces should be improved

Activism should be introduced as a compulsory school module



SEN schools & SEN pupils funding in mainstream schools should be improved, as well as more training & access to resources for staff/practitioners to support SEN



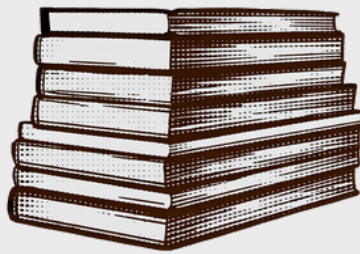
A reform of the Religious Education curriculum should happen to remove the Christian centric nature of the curriculum and provide more of a general education in world religions, philosophies and ethics



The much-discussed extension to the University of Ulster's Magee Campus in Derry should be delivered

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EDUCATION

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Education classes & resources should be held by local community centres/schools to offer support & networks for new parents & families (eg parenting classes, homework support classes, play groups) and more funding for programmes like Sure Start



There should be only one, integrated, school system so all children are taught together irrespective of religious background



The Education Authority should fund breakfast club initiatives in all schools



Religious education should not be compulsory at KS4

Financial wellbeing should be introduced earlier into the current education curriculum



Additional funding should be provided for EOTAS (education otherwise than in a school), possibly with a view to establish more of them



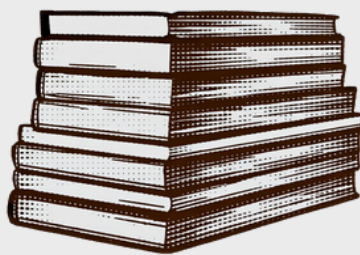
Schools should be mandated to create inclusive policies regarding pupil appearance irrespective of gender or identity on issues like uniform, hairstyles, jewellery, etc



Discrimination in school admissions on the basis of religion should be made illegal

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EDUCATION

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Schools & educational establishments should move to use more gender-neutral language



The requirement for mandatory prayer / collective worship in schools & government sittings should be removed



The mainstream education syllabus should be made available to those within special schools



The Education Authority should ensure that all schools are accessible, e.g. add ramps & lifts so all areas are accessible by staff & pupils

The Education Authority should fund to obtain & create SEN spaces & have appropriate SEN resources in mainstream & SEN schools



The Education Authority should provide funding for training & resources around staff wellbeing & safety when working with SEN pupils in SEN Schools



Life skills should be added to NI curriculum e.g budgeting, DIY, running a house, shopping, debt management etc



Mental health, wellbeing & mindfulness should be introduced as a compulsory module in schools

Government should introduce subsidies on foreign language courses





CHILD & FAMILY WELLBEING

Deliver a right to affordable and quality childcare for all children of school age



Paternity leave should be raised to 6 weeks & should be made available also to new non gestational parents



Free & nutritional school meals should be for all pupils



The NI Executive should bring forward a new Child Poverty Strategy



The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) should be incorporated into domestic law

The smacking of children should be banned



The NI Executive should develop a Loneliness Strategy



The UK state pension "triple lock" should be protected



"Baby Boxes" for newborn babies should be introduced like they are in Scotland



Leave for miscarriage or still birth of 2-4 weeks should be granted for both parents

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CHILD & FAMILY WELLBEING

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Government should subsidise school uniforms so they are supplied to all free of charge and schools should move to more standardised uniforms



The Department of Health must increase funding and availability of respite care for families and carers





RACIAL EQUALITY & SOCIAL INCLUSION

The Racial Equality Strategy 2015–2025 should be reviewed & implemented

Ethnic Monitoring should be implemented

The Race Relations Order 1997 should be updated

The Refugee Integration Strategy should be implemented

Education in schools on race and minority issues should include Black History Months in both primary & secondary schools

The rules of the Common Travel Area should be changed to extend rights & privileges to non CA residents with rights to work, study & live in the island of Ireland

Stormont should appoint an Independent Advisor on Racial Equality to provide expertise, insight & advice to the Executive on achieving progress

A Regional Roma Integration Strategy should be developed to address the inequality of the community in four key areas: Housing, Education, Employment & Healthcare

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RACIAL EQUALITY & SOCIAL INCLUSION

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The cultural rights of the Irish Traveller Community should be recognised to allow them to live their traditional lifestyle & to provide appropriate sites for Traveller accommodation with sufficient access to essential utilities

The British government should develop safe routes for asylum seekers to reach the UK

Asylum seekers should be allowed to gain employment in their country of asylum while waiting for their claim to be processed

There should be an investigation into The Mears Group and their practices in housing asylum seekers on behalf of the government & review of their contract

Expand funding for cultural celebration events representing diverse ethnic and faith communities

Support cross-community cultural festivals celebrating a wide range of traditions, similar to events such as Notting Hill Carnival

The Immigration Health Surcharge should be ended

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RACIAL EQUALITY & SOCIAL INCLUSION

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Promote integration beyond traditional Catholic/Protestant divides, encouraging engagement across Northern Ireland's broader population



Reintroduce earmarked funding streams for minority ethnic and non-majority faith groups & ensure such funds are assessed by diversity-trained panels

Prevent funding intended for minority communities from being redirected to groups with access to separate funding streams

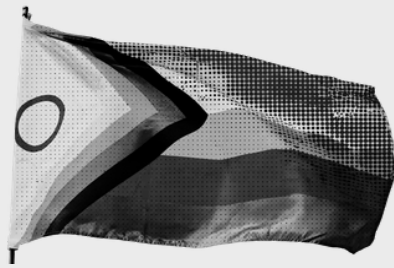


Asylum seekers should be allowed to gain higher / further education qualifications while their applications are being processed



More funding & opportunities should be made available for cultural celebration events





LGBTQ+

All forms of conversion therapy should be banned



The Health Minister should be required to accept SaBTO recommendations on blood donor criteria



The rights of trans women to be on all-women shortlists should be supported



The NI Executive should work with Departments for Education & Economy to bring forward a programme of education & training to provide better understanding on LGBTQ+ issues for both students & staff with an aim to end LGBTQ+ related bullying & harassment in educational establishments & workplaces

The puberty blockers ban by the Northern Ireland Executive should be reversed, allowing them to be prescribed as before – in consultation with medical specialists & parents



Data collection by public & government agencies on LGBTQ+ hate crimes needs to improve



People should be able to self ID with the gender they identify with



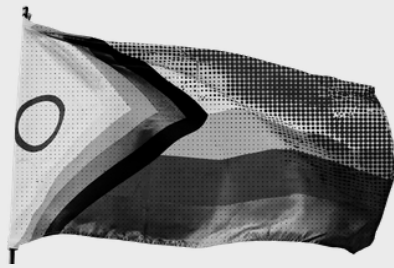
Gender-affirming care, including surgery, and related support services should be funded in NI, rather than referring patients to England



Trans healthcare referrals should be brought in line with the NHS maximum wait of 18 weeks

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LGBTQ+

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The requirement for a diagnosis of Gender Dysphoria in order to obtain a gender recognition certificate should be removed, instead implementing a broad scale usage of the deed poll for name change & allowing individuals to self-identify their gender identity & expressions

There should be an investigation into the ethicality and practices of the Cass Report, and suspending all legislation and policy decisions that use the report as a foundational component until this investigation is concluded

Safe housing & domestic violence shelters for LGBTQ+ refugees & asylum seekers should be developed

Specialist training should be provided for housing providers & law enforcement to better support LGBTQ+ survivors & asylum seekers

Safe housing & support services for LGBTQ+ individuals experiencing domestic violence or discrimination should be expanded

Funding should be allocated for the development & maintenance of LGBTQ+ community spaces





WOMEN

Reproductive healthcare access & autonomy should be improved, including expanding access to vasectomy services



The Protest Buffer Zones legislation, that allows for those seeking abortions & other forms of healthcare to do so without facing abuse, needs to be implemented in full - including appropriate support from the PSNI to stop repeat offenders at certain sites - for e.g. Causeway Hospital



Gender quotas should be introduced for elections

Legislation should be introduced to make it law that wherever publicly accessible toilets are even those of businesses - period products need to be provided



The Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy in Northern Ireland should be fully implemented



An amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill should be made to remove women from the Offences Against the Person Act 1861 and the Infant Life Preservation Act 1929 in relation to their own pregnancies



There should be a continued highlighting of, and action to resolve, the gender pay gap

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WOMEN

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Research & healthcare funding for women's health conditions needs improved, including for PMOS & endometriosis



Monthly leave should be given for menstruation & menopause, and for conditions such as endometriosis and adenomyosis



More funding should be put into women's safety & safe spaces (e.g. transport, public spaces, etc)

Government should introduce various educational campaigns addressing societal pressures on girls and women relating to body image and gender expectations



Legislation surrounding the rights of those who breastfeed should be updated so an employer or member of the public can never legally block or interfere with an attempt to breastfeed





DISABILITY

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) should be incorporated into law in NI

There should be greater education of disabilities taught in schools, further education & workplaces

The Personal Independence Payment (PIP) benefit & associated assessment should be repealed for a better alternative

The Work Capability legislation, including the associated assessment should be repealed & a human rights approach adopted

Carers should have protected time off work

Harry's Law – legislation to protect children with disabilities in education – should be introduced

Legislation should be developed which recognises that children under 16 (including disabled children) can exercise legal capacity with support

The Mental Capacity Act 2016 should be reformed to remove discrimination on the basis of disability in the context of deprivation of liberty

The Independent Living Fund should be re-opened to new applicants

Data monitoring by public & government agencies must be improved

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DISABILITY

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Adult Safeguarding legislation should be developed to create single source of evidence on violence, exploitation and abuse of d/Deaf and disabled people within care systems in NI



Stormont should legislate for a Sign Language Act to provide legal recognition & protections for both BSL (British Sign Language) & ISL (Irish Sign Language)



Until it is scrapped for a better system, PIP reviews should be evidence led & a presumption of continuity for long term conditions should be introduced, shifting the burden of proof from claimant to the state

An integrated "digital compassion" system should be created so health and social care records can link with benefits, ending repeated requests for evidence the state already holds



The Department of Health should ensure that mental health services are not withheld to autistic & neurodiverse people



The Department for Infrastructure should ensure markings at dropped curbs for not parking are made clear



Funding should be allocated for small businesses to ensure their premises are accessible for all

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DISABILITY

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Translink, or any future public transport system, should ensure that more than one wheelchair space is available on their buses



The Department for Infrastructure should provide funding to provide more accessible taxis

Disabled parking spaces provided should legally have to provide appropriate space for either side and the back of the vehicle



HSC Trusts should improve sign posting to the Recovery Colleges, alongside promoting/advertising available classes across their platforms





WORKERS

Pay rises in public sector jobs should be tied to a minimum of inflation, with a push for above inflation rises to restore pre-austerity pay levels

Employers should be prohibited from taking employees' tips

Employees should have the right to transition to remote working where feasible & requested collectively

Employees should have the right to a 4-day working week where feasible & requested collectively

Fire & rehire should be outlawed

The income tax personal allowance should be increased from £12,570 to £25,000

Zero hours contracts should be banned

The minimum wage should be raised to £20 per hour

Age based variations for the minimum wage should be removed

The required notice period for a trade union to take industrial action of two days should be removed

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WORKERS

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The minimum number of employees needed for an employer to consider recognition of a trade union & requests for industrial action should be reduced to 5 employees



The requirement for a postal ballot process when unions are deciding on industrial action should be removed



The right to challenge dismissal for partaking in industrial action should be extended to 5 years



The right to strike in solidarity action should be legalised

The right to strike in climate & ecological action should be legalised



A Northern Mutual Bank should be developed which moves away from the privatised system that currently exists & towards a democratised system that gives each person involved a say in how our money can be used for our benefit & the benefit of our region



Leave state pension at 66 and stop increasing this, regardless of the average life expectancy





SOCIAL SECURITY

Every adult should receive a Universal Basic Income



Current welfare programmes like Universal Credit, PIP & Work Capability Assessment need reformed



Pay-to-use ATM machines should be scrapped



Supermarkets, restaurants cafes, & other businesses must be enforced to donate unused food to food banks & other services in need

The £20 Universal Credit uplift should be returned until a new welfare program is ready to replace Universal Credit



The Right to Food should be enshrined in law with an appropriate oversight & enforcement body attached to it

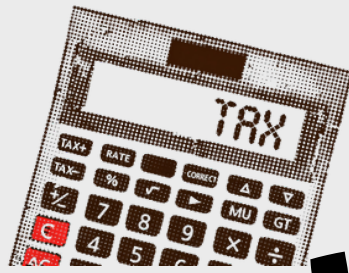


Winter fuel payments should be reinstated to all pensioners



There should be statutory support & funding provided for the recovery from the COVID pandemic





TAXATION

Apply a 2% wealth tax on assets over £10 million

Equalise capital gains and income tax rates

Apply National Insurance to investment income

Close inheritance tax loopholes

Close the loopholes in the new non-dom scheme

Introduce a 4% tax on share buybacks

End fossil fuel subsidies for oil and gas companies

Tax private jets

End tax reliefs that benefit huge multinational corporations

Restrict the pension tax relief to the basic rate of income tax

Recreate an investment income surcharge (15%) on unearned income, including on capital gains

Reform National Insurance charges on higher levels of earned income

Close the loophole in the oil and gas windfall tax - that allows oil companies to claw back roughly £45 for every £100 spent on new UK oil and gas projects

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TAXATION

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Abolish entrepreneurs relief



Abolish the VAT exemption for financial services within the UK



Abolish the VAT exemption for services provided by private schools



Reform the rates at which inheritance tax is charged to make them more equitable



Reform HMRC, including their overly complicated tax code system

Abolish the Bedroom Tax



Create stricter transfer pricing regulations. With the added clause that no existing large company may offshore their HQs within ten years of the start of the legislation



The rates relief for vacant commercial properties should be removed



The Finance Minister should review the Industrial Derating policy which has provided millions in rates exemptions to the manufacturing industry

Do not reduce corporation tax & increase it to 26% for larger companies





CLIMATE & ENERGY

There needs to be a transition towards a circular economy



Environmentally harmful acts should be cracked down upon & strengthen legislation regarding this



A meaningful independent Environmental Protection Agency for Northern Ireland should be created



Net zero carbon emissions should be achieved by 2035



Petroleum licensing should be banned



The statutory obligation on government in Northern Ireland to support the exploration & extraction of fossil fuels should be removed

A Green New Deal for Northern Ireland should be delivered to allow public employment to build a transition away from fossil fuels & ecocide & towards rewilding, natural renewal, and a regenerative relationship between economy & nature



A firewall between public administration & the fossil fuel & mining industries should be enforced



Sand dredging in Lough Neagh should be suspended, pending independent scientific analysis & public consultation



The Climate Change Act 2022 should be fully implemented

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CLIMATE & ENERGY

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A zero-carbon energy public transport should be delivered across Northern Ireland



Ban all new & pending fossil fuel infrastructure, onshore & offshore



Homes region-wide should be insulated to green standards, and heat pumps installed in each



Divestment of public anchor institutions from the fossil fuel industry should be mandated



A ban on advertising by fossil fuel companies should be introduced

The relationship between the utilities regulator & the energy industry should be subject to a public enquiry



Climate & ecological emergency declarations should be inserted into mandates of public authorities



Public financial aid should be expanded to cooperative energy, food, and housing projects



Only native species should be used where the planting of trees & other plants occurs in order to promote biodiversity & avoid invasive monocultures

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CLIMATE & ENERGY

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Universal retrofitting of private & social housing to align with climate & ecological objectives should be publicly funded



A binding Citizens Assembly on climate & ecological justice should be introduced



There should be a government commissioned review into how the formal education system is preparing students for the climate emergency & ecological crisis



The climate emergency & ecological crisis should be included in teacher training, and a new professional teaching qualification created

The priority of environmental sustainability in schools, including green infrastructure, sustainability inspections, and sustainability rankings should be increased



A Northern Irish Climate & Biodiversity Emergency Education Act should be delivered



Taxes on revenues from fossil fuel activities should be introduced



A Future Generations Act should be delivered



A programme of Workers Assemblies should be facilitated in sectors to collectively manage decarbonisation

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Advertisements by financial institutions should include warnings about their investments in fossil fuel industries



Public funding for carbon capture & storage technologies should cease



The Mubuo dump should be ended, and a River Faughan recovery programme introduced



The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty should be supported



The SORPI (statement of regulatory principles), an agreement in place allowing NI Water not to be prosecuted for allowing water pollution, should be ended

No more new data centres, given their significantly negative environmental impact, should be allowed on the island of Ireland



Public financial aid to cooperative energy projects should be expanded



Vertical gardens on building facades to cool streets and improve air quality should be encouraged



Local councils should adopt a tree equity approach to prioritise urban tree planting where it's needed most



Ban speculative grid reservations for large scale infrastructure

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CLIMATE & ENERGY

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Require full lifecycle carbon assessment for developments



Introduce mandatory transparency around projected and actual energy, water & land use for AI



The clustering of high energy digital infrastructure should be prohibited

Oil suppliers should be regulated much like electricity, gas, water and sewerage industries are by the Utility Regulator



Natural flood management options should be prioritised in planning





RURAL & ECOLOGY

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) management plans should have statutory powers in Northern Ireland, bringing them in line with the statutory protections in place in England

The construction of wind farms, mines and other large-scale developments (BESS etc) should be prohibited within AONBs to preserve their natural beauty and environmental integrity

Northern Ireland needs a Rights of Nature Act

Lough Neagh should be brought into public ownership & protected by a Rights of Nature framework

Toxic mineral extraction should be banned

A just transition from extractive agriculture towards a regenerative system of food production should be delivered

Public financial aid to cooperative food projects should be expanded

The Memorandum of Understandings with UFU, to minimise & castrate prosecution of ecocidal farming activities, should be rescinded & not repeated

The relationship between the NI Environment Agency & UFU should be subject to a public enquiry

Peatlands should be legally recognised as critical carbon sinks and biodiversity habitats under a Northern Ireland Peatland Protection Act

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RURAL & ECOLOGY

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A statutory ban on commercial and industrial peat extraction should be introduced in Northern Ireland



An Ecocide Act / Bill for Northern Ireland creating criminal liability for environmental destruction, and enabling effective investigation, prosecution and remediation should be introduced

Mandate the installation of integrated swift bricks or equivalent bird nesting features in all new residential and commercial developments



More accurate and representative baseline data needs kept on the distribution and true species makeup of the deer population

DAERA along with local Councils & other relevant stakeholders should develop an updated forestry strategy to address the regions lack of trees & lack of protections for them





ANIMAL WELFARE

Animal hunting with a dogs, including fox hunting, should be banned



Puppy farms & third-party sales of animals should be banned, and a reformation of breeding standards should take place to prioritise health



Seabins should be installed at docks and marinas to protect marine life



Harmful pesticides & insecticides should be banned



The Department for Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs should continue implementing the actions from the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan



Dove releasing should be banned

Factory farming should be opposed



Badger culling should be banned, and there should be a move towards science led control of bTB, including frequent testing & vaccination programmes



There should be stricter sentencing for those convicted of animal cruelty offences & the introduction of an animal cruelty register



Animal racing for sport should be banned

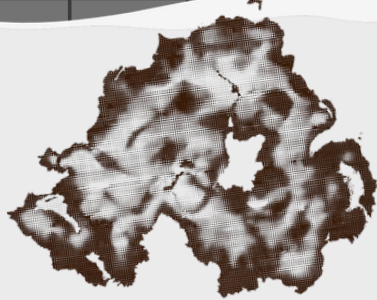


Dovecotes should be introduced to help manage the feral pigeon population



Ban the use of netting on roofs and outdoor structures





REGIONAL INVESTMENT

Infrastructure spending & capital investment should be required in the most deprived regions, based on need – not just Belfast



Transport routes in the West need improved with a high priority on train routes



Translink should introduce later & more regular transport links into & out of towns & cities including night routes across the region



Community transport services such as Rural Transport schemes & DATS require adequate funding

Robust protections are needed for communities against large-scale developments & changes that directly impact their way of life if a majority oppose it



Translink should be replaced with a public transport system that is free to use at the point of use



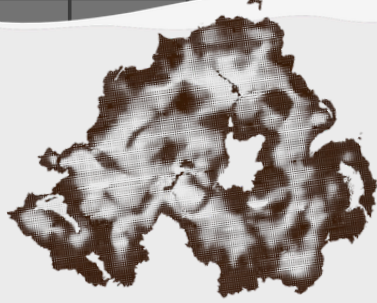
Installation & upgrading of high-speed broadband across all areas of NI should continue, including broadband free at the point of use for all



The creeping privatisation into Translink must be opposed

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REGIONAL INVESTMENT

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All local councils should have a program in place for the regeneration of town centres



All major town & city centres should be designated car free spaces, with the only traffic allowed to go through them being buses, taxis, bicycles & cars with blue badges



Regeneration powers should be transferred to local Councils



Funding should be made available to convert unused plots, rooftops, and roadside verges into mini forests or pollinator gardens

Residential parking charges in urban areas should be ended by guaranteeing free on street parking permits for people living in designated city zones



A city and / or a council architect should be created for each city and / or council area



Flood protections should be invested into affected areas

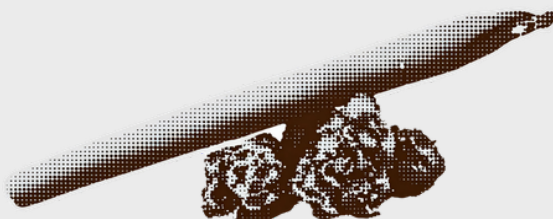


All public bins should have separate sections for general waste & recyclables



Funding should be provided for more non-political murals outside of Belfast





DRUG LAW REFORM

A safe & regulated market for the selling of & personal use of cannabis should be created



Decriminalise drug use so it is not viewed as a criminal justice matter & to focus on a healthcare-based approach



Support services should be expanded to help those who misuse drugs to quit



The Cancard should be recognised as a valid indication of medical cannabis usage

Safe drug consumption rooms and needle exchange programs should be rolled out region wide so as to give those with addiction issues safe options until they can seek help



All music festivals should be legally obliged to provide free "front-of-house" drug checking for attendees



Licensed premises should be provided with drug testing equipment to identify spiked drinks





CULTURE & ARTS

The Arts Council should receive more funding to make available for grants



The Arts Council should receive adequate support, so they are in a position to process more grant applications & within more appropriate timescales



Government bodies should seek to provide studio spaces in towns & cities for creatives to use, including incentivising building owners to offer empty properties as spaces if they are temporarily being unused



Austerity cuts in the community in important sectors such as the arts, youth clubs and sports should be reversed

The Department for Communities, the Arts Council & the 11 Local Councils should all work together to ensure a series of Culture Nights throughout the region receive adequate funding



Alcohol licensing applications should be changed from County Court & devolved to local councils



A new Cultural Licence should be created so venues & non-profit arts organisations do not need to use the public house licensing system



Councils should develop initiatives to take appropriate steps in developing a better nighttime economy

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CULTURE & ARTS

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Translink should introduce later & more regular transport links into & out of towns & cities including night routes across the region



The establishment of more alcohol-free venues open in the evening should be encouraged, providing diverse social opportunities



The Surrender Principle, which means there are only a set number of licences in Northern Ireland & if you want to open a pub or off licence you have to obtain a licence from an existing business, should be abolished

Belfast City Council should keep 2 Royal Avenue as a community hub used for culture, arts & other projects good for the community



The Competition & Markets Authority should be subject to a review regarding ticket pricing regulation



A basic income scheme for artists should be introduced, like it has been in the Republic of Ireland





SPORTS

Casement Park should be built with increased financial support from Stormont, Westminster & the GAA



Clubs should receive the Sub-Regional Stadia Fund as promised in 2011, adjusted for inflation



A Northern Ireland Sports Museum should be built to celebrate our sporting stars and accomplishments and to be a visitor attraction for tourists



Austerity cuts in sports & youth clubs should be reversed

Require all system Partners in the 2026–2031 funding cycle to have a certified Mental Health First Aider and a permanent on-site Wellbeing Station



The Irish Football Association's 2026 Safe Sport Literacy model should be adopted across all major sporting codes in NI



Launch a cross-code training program that teaches players and coaches how to recognize and report misogyny, sectarianism, and digital harassment





TECH & Ai

AI regulatory agencies should be created to certify AI systems based on adherence to ethical standards & with the power to hold big business to account



Bias bounties should be offered to individuals & organisations for identifying biases on AI systems



Community Review Boards should be set up over the region / country to have a say over the development & implementation of AI that may impact their lives



Certain quotas should be legally placed on all AI policymaking bodies to ensure representation of marginalised communities & ethics and social science experts

An AI Ombudsman office should be created to deal with complaints, mediate disputes & provide recourse for individuals harmed by AI



Free AI Literacy programs & courses should be offered to the general public



Investment should be made in AI training & upskilling programs & courses for public sector workers



International AI treaties should be negotiated between countries to agree on basic cooperation & protections for people





INTERNATIONALISM

Unnecessary military involvement in local or foreign conflicts should always be avoided



The conditions for when a border poll should be called should be outlined in detail by the British government, working with the Stormont Executive & the Irish government



The BDS (Boycott, Divest, Sanctions) movement should be supported



Solidarity with culturally distinct regions to have the democratic right to self-determination, for e.g. Catalonia, Palestine, Hong Kong, etc.

The British government should end all arms exports



There should be a real ceasefire in Palestine & criminal proceedings brought against Israeli government leaders including but not limited to the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu



Support non-violent opposition to Russia & their war in Ukraine – including trade sanctions, strangling the ability of their oligarchs to do business worldwide & limiting their participation in events the world over



Efforts should be supported to end the Death Penalty the world over

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INTERNATIONALISM

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International efforts should be increased to help bring an end to the Sudanese Civil War & bring forward a democratic government to run the country



The Irish government should refuse to allow the U.S. Military to use Shannon Airport for or on the way to any of their operations



Support efforts of international humanitarian organisations to ensure the human rights of Uyghurs, and other Muslim minorities, in China are being upheld

Highlight the need to stop female genital mutilation



The United Kingdom should be a leader in worldwide denuclearisation efforts including abolishing their own nuclear weapons program Trident



The United Kingdom & Ireland should join with other international partners to pressure the United States to end their sanctions on Cuba

Oppose the oppressive tactics of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi & his Bharatiya Janata Party on the people of India, including their attempts to replace India's secular democracy with a Hindu sectarian state





**"Another world
is not only
possible, she is
on her way."**

Arundhati Roy