

The Labour Party Manifesto 2015

Easy read Summary



**This document tells you what we will do if
We win the general election**



We are the **Labour Party**.



Our leader is Ed Miliband.



We are a **political party**.

This means we are 1 of the groups who want to be the next **government** and run the country.



This easy read summary of our manifesto tells you about some of the main things that:

- we believe in
- we will do if we become the next government.



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Labour believes we should protect the money to spend on the services that are important for everyone.

These are:

- The economy
- Health and education
- Families and communities
- Government and the people of our country.

The Budget Lock

The budget lock means that we already have the money to carry out everything we talk about in this document.



It means that the country won't need to borrow any more money to make things change.

We believe in a society where everyone

- has rights
- has responsibilities
- is paid fairly for their work.



We think that when the country does well everyone should share the rewards.



The economy

People buy things like food and clothes and sell things like cars and houses.

Businesses buy and sell things. For example, a business that makes washing machines buys the parts for the machines and then sells the finished washing machines.



The banks look after our savings and lend us and businesses money.

How all this works together is called the economy.



There are lots of problems in the world with money. The economies of many countries are not working well.

Some banks made lots of mistakes in how they used our money.



Because of this the government had to lend money to banks. The government has also had to borrow money.

More about the economy



Labour will:

Cut down on our national debt as soon as possible in the next Parliament



Make sure that the people who earn the most money, help cut down our national debt.



Not increase Income Tax, National Insurance or VAT

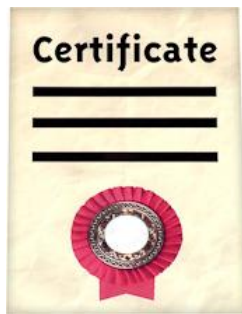


Cut and then freeze business rates so that it doesn't cost so much to run a business

Increase the National Minimum Wage to more than £8 an hour by October 2019.



Ban 0 hours contracts



Guarantee an apprenticeship for every school leaver who gets the basic grades.

Reduce tuition fees for university to £6,000 a year



Freeze energy bills until 2017 so they can fall but not rise.

Introduce a British Investment Bank and support a network of local banks to help people set up and run businesses.

Health and Education



We think every child should have a good education.



We want all schools to support children with special educational needs.



We want healthcare in this country to be the best in the world.

We want the NHS to put patient needs at the centre of the way healthcare works.

Labour will



Invest £2.5 billion to make sure we have:

- 8000 more doctors
- 20,000 more nurses
- 3000 more midwives

Make sure you can get a doctor's appointment within 48 hours.



Make sure you can have a test for cancer and get the results within one week by 2020.



Link up services from home to hospital.

Give mental health support the same priority as physical health.



Employ 5,000 new home-care workers to support people in their own home

Will protect the education budget from early years through to post-16 education



Make sure that all teachers in state schools have all the proper training.

Employ Directors of School Standards in every area to make sure schools are giving a good education.



Make sure that there are no more than 30 children in one class.

This will apply to 5, 6, and 7 year olds.



Make sure that all young people study English and Maths up to the age of 18.



Families and communities

We believe that families should have good support



We want communities to be safer for everybody

Labour will:



Do more to help families by making more free childcare available.

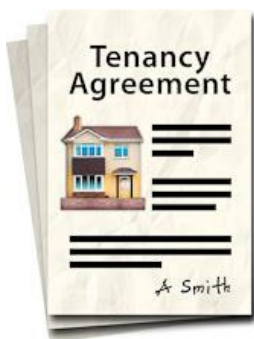
Make sure that fathers get 4 weeks leave from work when they become a parent.

Make sure that parents can get child care between 8am and 6pm through their primary school.



Make sure that at least 200,000 new homes a year are built by 2020.

Priority will be given to local first time buyers.



Make sure that landlords agree to tenancies for at least 3 years.

They will not be allowed to increase the price of rent too much.



Get rid of the Bedroom Tax



Make sure that people who move into our country are not able to claim benefits until they have lived here for at least two years



Make it illegal for employers to take advantage of people who come from abroad by paying them lower wages.

More about families and communities

Labour will:



Safeguard over 10,000 police officers for the next three years.



Make sure that everyone has access to art and creative groups at schools and after school clubs.

Make sure everyone has free admission to our national museums and galleries, to ensure that our great works of art can be enjoyed in all parts of the country.



Give football fans a voice in club boardrooms.



Keep our forests owned by the public.

Government

Labour will:



Replace the House of Lords with a Senate of the Nations and Regions

Pass an English Devolution Act. This means English cities will have more power to make their own decisions.

Give more powers for communities to shape their high streets.



This would mean towns could limit the number of betting shops and payday loan companies.



Give more power to Scotland and Wales
and keep working with Northern Ireland.



Give 16 and 17-year-olds the vote



Make sure that large companies publish
how much men and women get paid to
make sure it is the same.



Europe and the rest of the world

This is about how Britain works with the rest of the world.

Labour believes that Britain should have a big part in making the world a better place for everyone.

Labour will:



Have a review (look into) how the armed forces are working and what help and support people who have been to war need.

The armed forces are the

- army
- navy
- air force

We will make it illegal to abuse any members of our armed forces and to treat them differently to anyone else.



We will work hard to make the world a safer place.



We will work with the other countries in Europe to make sure we have a say in how the European Union is run and how it can work better.



Will promote human rights and make sure everyone has a fair say.



Make sure that big decisions aren't made about more power for Brussels without people in Britain having the chance to vote to decide if Britain stays in the European Union.