

STRONGER FOR SCOTLAND



SNP Manifesto 2015

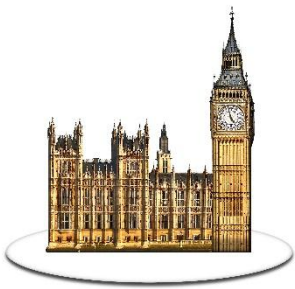
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My vow is to make Scotland stronger at Westminster.

With your support, we can secure a better future for you, your family and Scotland.

Nicola Sturgeon, Leader of the SNP.



This election will give us the chance to change Westminster. Westminster is where the UK government is based in London.



Voting for the SNP on 7th May will bring in MPs who will stand up for Scotland's best interests.



Voting for the SNP will make Scotland's voice heard at Westminster.



Scotland's voice will be heard more loudly than it has ever been heard before.



We will help to deliver new and better politics at Westminster for everyone.



The SNP will never put the Tories into power.



We will offer to work with other parties to keep the Tories out of power.



Everyone agrees that Westminster needs to change.



A strong SNP team at Westminster will help to make the government more equal and fair.

Here is how we will make Scotland stronger at Westminster:



We want to end hardship for people.



We do not want any more spending cuts.



We would like more public spending.



In our plan we would like to see more money spent on:

- Skills
- NHS
- Public services
- Roads, rail, water, power and other services.



This will help to bring people out of poverty.



We will make the tax system fairer.



People who earn more will give a little bit more to help with free public services.



This will help protect people who are at risk from poverty.



The SNP will support more spending on the NHS.
We want to see spending in the NHS go up by £2 billion by 2020-21.



This will help us to continue improving our health service.



We will use our votes at Westminster to stop the NHS in England from going private.



We want pensions to be much fairer. We want to set the pension at £160 per week.



The SNP will also vote to make sure the Winter Fuel Allowance keeps going.



We do not want Trident nuclear weapons to be renewed.



Westminster parties plan to spend £100 billion on Trident.



We want this money to go to better childcare, education and the NHS.



The SNP want people to have better paid jobs.
We will vote to raise the minimum wage to £8.70 per hour by 2020.



We would like to see the Living Wage being given across the UK. This is a wage that is high enough to have a normal standard of living.



By 2020 one million more children in the UK could be living in poverty. In Scotland this would be 100,000 more children living in poverty.



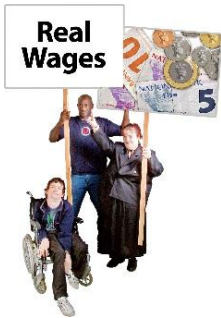
We do not think this is right and we want to stop this happening.



To stop this happening we will be against cuts in Child benefit and Tax Credits.



We will vote to increase benefits.



We want to make sure that the incomes of the poorest in society do not fall even more below the cost of living.



We want further free child care. We want free childcare to be 30 hours per week by 2020.



The SNP want more support for disabled people and carers.



There are plans to cut the Disability Living Allowance by £3 billion in the UK by 2017-18.



100 thousand disabled people in Scotland would not have the support they need to live independent lives.



We will vote to stop plans to cut Disability Living Allowance.



We will make sure that disabled people are given the support they deserve.



We will support a rise in Carer's Allowance.
People who get Carer's Allowance will get nearly £600 a year more.



We think the Bedroom Tax is unfair. We will vote to get rid of the Bedroom Tax.



We will make sure university education in Scotland stays free.



We want to stay part of the European Union. We think it is good for business and supports jobs.



When people come to live in the UK from other countries it is called **immigration**. We think immigration is good for our economy and our society.



We will support sensible policies around immigration.



There aren't enough affordable homes for rent in the UK.



We want 100,000 affordable homes to be built in the UK every year.



The Personal Tax Allowance is the amount you can earn before you pay tax. We want this amount to go up.



The Work Allowance is the amount you can earn before your benefits are cut. We want this amount to go up.



We will support an end to zero hours contracts.



We will support lower energy bills for people.



We want to make sure that women are treated fairly at work.



We want women to have the same pay as men.



We want to support parents by giving more time off to men when they have families.



We will vote to get rid of The House of Lords. This is because it is not elected by the people.



We will make sure promises made to Scotland during the referendum are kept.

We want the Scottish Parliament to be responsible for things like:



Employment laws. This mean things like setting how much the minimum wage should be.



Welfare and benefits.



Equality laws. This means making sure things are fair in our society.



The SNP is now the third largest party in the UK.

We have 59 people standing for election on May 7th. Here are some of their stories:



“One of the things I saw growing up was the amount of poverty ordinary people have to put up with. We need a strong group of SNP MPs at Westminster to make sure our voices are heard.”

Mhairi Black



“We must work to build communities that give young people the best start in life. That is why we need an end to Tory and Labour cuts.”

Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh



“I’ve joined the SNP because I believe it’s now the best way to build a better, fairer country in Scotland.”

Tommy Sheppard



An SNP vote on May 7th will be a vote to make Scotland's voice heard.



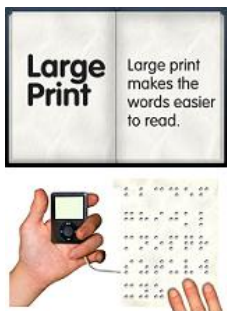
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The polling stations open at **7am**.



They close at **10pm**.



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