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Get Informed Senedd Election 2026

Parties have published their manifestos for the 2026 Senedd Election. These outline the things they would do if elected on 7th May.

Below is a summary of the six big parties' pledges in different policy areas. We have classified the 'big parties' as those that put forward a full slate of 6 candidates in both Cardiff constituencies (Caerdydd Penarth and Caerdydd Fynnon Taf). We have chosen the policy areas most salient amongst Cardiff University students, evidenced by the work of our elected officers and live policy.

This text has been taken directly from the parties' manifestos. In some places it has been summarised for conciseness, but where possible, the exact wording has been used. We encourage you to read the full manifestos which are linked below.

Party Manifestos

- [Welsh Conservatives](#)
- [Plaid Cymru](#)
- [Reform UK](#)
- [Green Party Wales](#)
- [Welsh Labour](#)
- [Welsh Liberal Democrats](#)



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Higher Education

<p>Welsh Conservatives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the UK government to cut excessive interest rates on student debt and reduce public funding for degree courses with poorer job prospects • Pilot a £1,000 tuition fee discount for STEM subjects • Work with Welsh Universities to introduce intensive degrees that can be completed over two years • Require universities to publish more data on earnings and employment outcomes for their students • Encourage the take up of part-time, distance learning and flexible higher and further education courses • Introduce a Student Accommodation Quality Standard for halls of residence • Refund University tuition fees for nursing, medicine, teaching and dentistry students who study in Wales and go on to work for at least five years in the Welsh NHS or Welsh schools • Stamp out antisemitism and other forms of racism and hatred on university and higher education campuses • Partner with Welsh universities and the private sector to create a new centre of excellence and research into energy storage and transportation • Expand degree apprenticeships and access to higher education courses in Welsh colleges
<p>Plaid Cymru</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission an independent, comprehensive and sector-wide review of higher education and how it is funded in Wales • Encourage more young talent to stay in or return to Wales • Review and reform the Seren programme to support students to apply to Welsh universities and close the participation gap • Call for Wales' share of UK research funding to be devolved • Support the proposal to open a new Dental School, and a Veterinary School
<p>Reform UK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure university courses represent value for money and that content is sufficiently equipping graduates for the workplace • Embed universities within Wales' growth strategy • Support a sustainable funding model for Welsh universities • Keep fee levels in line with England for the foreseeable future • Review capital funding needs of Welsh universities • Align universities with major economic initiatives • Expand training places for doctors, dentists and nurses across Wales • Defend free speech and academic freedom. Institutions that curtail open debate will not be rewarded with public funding
<p>Green Party Wales</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase participation in higher education so that 40% of young people attend university by the end of the next Senedd term • Simplify systems for credit transfer and recognition of prior learning • Increase maintenance support for students studying in Wales • Expand the Seren programme towards keeping students in Wales • Commission an independent review of university funding and student support, including a pathway to sustainably lowering tuition fees • Maximise a student finance partial cancellation scheme within the limits of devolved powers



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen democratic governance within universities by ensuring meaningful representation for students and staff on governing bodies
Welsh Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect the long-term futures of colleges and universities by working closely with trade unions and sector leaders Launch a recruitment campaign to promote studying at Welsh universities and extend the Reaching Wider programme Support the Seren Academy to encourage the highest achieving learners to achieve their full potential Rejoin Erasmus+ Support Welsh universities by not introducing a levy on tuition fees paid by international students Remain committed to the system of non-repayable student maintenance grants Set up a Wales-only repayment plan for student loans to make the terms fairer for graduates Back plans for a new dental school
Welsh Liberal Democrats	<p>In Wales:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to deliver the most generous system of student finance anywhere in the UK for Welsh students Ensure opportunities for young people to study, teach and volunteer abroad through continued investment in Taith and by returning to the Erasmus Plus programme Increase access to university-level education so ambitious young people have the opportunity to thrive <p>In Westminster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reverse the damaging national insurance hike and international student levy Work towards ending pension inequality between pre- and post-1992 institutions Create a network of regional innovation centres across the UK, ensuring every nation and major region can support university-industry collaboration with state-of-the-art research facilities Reintroduce maintenance grants for those on Student Finance England on top of existing student loans, aiming to cover 35 per cent of undergraduate students, rising to 50 per cent when public finances allow

Welsh Language

Welsh Conservatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain a target of one million Welsh speakers by 2050 Create an 'Access to Welsh' Fund to help people to access opportunities to develop their language skills Develop and implement a 'Welsh Language for All Charter' Establish a Welsh language Digital Initiative to promote learning Welsh, Welsh
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	<p>language broadcasting and online services in Welsh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the impact on the Welsh language is considered as part of the planning process for all significant developments in Wales • Increase the number of newly-trained teachers who speak Welsh • Develop a network of Welsh Language Business Champions • Increase the Welsh Language Commissioner's accountability by making the appointment of the Commissioner a matter for the Senedd, not the Welsh Government • Work to develop joint scrutiny and accountability arrangements between the UK Parliament and the Senedd for Welsh language broadcasters in Wales • Continue to support the operational and editorial independence of S4C
Plaid Cymru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and strengthen the Welsh language in every part of Wales - through education, communities and workplaces • Significantly expand Welsh-medium early years provision • Grow the number and proportion of children and young people receiving Welsh-medium education, as a central part of reaching one million Welsh speakers by 2050 • Strengthen Welsh-medium provision in further and higher education • Strengthen Welsh as a community language • Strengthen the rights of Welsh speakers by working to extend Welsh Language Standards to UK Government bodies and agencies operating in Wales, and to the private sector • Strengthen Welsh Language standards for public bodies and service providers • Improve the delivery of health and care services in Welsh
Reform UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move away from arbitrary targets and focus on high-quality teaching, voluntary uptake, and creating conditions where Welsh is chosen and used naturally
Green Party Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce a Culture Bill that will strengthen Welsh language use in communities and public life • Require public bodies to increase the use of Welsh in workplaces and services • Expand Welsh-medium and bilingual opportunities in schools • Planning and housing policy will support sustainable Welsh-speaking communities • Make free and accessible Welsh-language learning available for people of all ages
Welsh Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand provision of free Welsh lessons • Strengthen consideration of Welsh language across policy areas • Take the positive lessons from the Arfor 2 scheme and extend them to more areas where Welsh is the predominant language • Recognise geographical areas where Welsh is an integral part of daily life • Support more people to use Welsh at work • Open more opportunities for children and young people to learn through the medium of Welsh • Increase incentives and opportunities for people to train as Welsh-medium/second language Welsh teachers • Support innovation in Welsh language technology • Create a virtual network of young people studying or training outside Wales to use Welsh together



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always use Welsh language place names in government-funded housing developments
Welsh Liberal Democrats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass a Welsh Language for All Act, normalising the Welsh language in education • Support and enable the growth of rural, Welsh-speaking communities through a package of policies and funding • Ensure public and health and care services are available to all users through the medium of Welsh, by improving workforce planning, access to training and funding

Housing & Renting

Welsh Conservatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore Right-to-Buy in Wales, reinvesting sale proceeds into more affordable housing and protecting homes from sale for 10 years • Extend and expand Help-to-Buy scheme for all first-time buyers and widen to include empty properties in need of renovation • Work with UK Government to give young people a £5,000 tax rebate in their first job, to help save towards their own home • Aim to build 40,000 new homes by 2030 • Review the operation of Rent Smart Wales • Explore the introduction on new leasehold premises in Wales and move towards commonhold arrangements for new developments while taking action to address existing unfair leasehold agreements • Tackle the shortage of accessible homes for disabled people
Plaid Cymru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End no-fault evictions and give renters greater security, restricting rental bidding • Limit annual rent increases • Give renters a legal right to request a pet, with landlords unable to refuse unreasonably • Improve overall quality of rental priorities, with timely remediation of hazards such as damp and mould • Strengthen enforcement of tenant protections, expanding regulatory role of Rent Smart Wales
Reform UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed up planning and intervene where councils fail to deliver the homes their communities need • Let Welsh Help to Buy expire and replace with targeted incentives whilst addressing supply issues that ultimately make homes unaffordable
Green Party Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stabilise rents and introduce a one-year rent freeze • Rent increases only permitted where landlords deliver genuine improvements to homes • Ban no-fault evictions • Ban rental bidding wars • Create an independent Housing Ombudsman to resolve disputes and challenge



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> unfair charges Extend the Welsh Housing Quality Standard to the private sector, with stronger protections against damp, mould and unsafe conditions Ensure landlords cannot unreasonably refuse tenants the right to keep pets Clarify landlords' responsibilities to act on delivering reasonable adjustments for disabled tenants Build 60,000 homes over ten years Make housing secure, affordable, and fit to live in
Welsh Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver 100,000 homes over the next 10 years Strike a fairer deal for private renters, including a guarantor scheme to enable more people to secure a rental property Explore a scores-on-the-doors scheme for letting agents Introduce new rights for tenants and people living in hostels and refugees who want to keep pets Strengthen legal rights of leaseholders and new-build residents Expand Help to Buy beyond new build homes and continue Help to Stay to help people with their mortgage payments Bring more than 2,000 empty homes back into use
Welsh Liberal Democrats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build the homes Wales needs, including 30,000 new social homes End the scandal of leasehold tenure, ensuring all new homes are offered as either freehold or commonhold

NHS & Healthcare

Welsh Conservatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Declare a health emergency and immediately improve NHS capacity and safety Initiate an urgent review of hospital bed capacity and increase bed numbers Clear the NHS waiting time backlog by the end of the Senedd term Increase spending and establish an NHS Wales Efficiency Taskforce to drive out waste and deliver better value for money Retain, recruit and train more doctors, dentists, nurses, midwives and other health professionals Build new hospitals and modernise the hospital and primary care estate in Wales Ensure everyone in Wales can access an annual check-up with an NHS dentist
Plaid Cymru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackle waiting lists Hire up to 100 additional salaried GPs Deliver 10 new surgical hubs Tackle corridor care by increasing the number of beds in Welsh hospitals Re-examine the contract for NHS dentistry, and maintain sufficient dental staffing levels to meet those needs



Reform UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the NHS free at the point of use whilst making changes necessary to fix the broken system • Reprioritise funding within the existing healthcare budget to deliver better outcomes, including putting a greater focus on prevention • Launch an emergency action plan targeted at cutting waiting lists • Eliminate corridor care and restore safe emergency department standards • Tackle the maintenance backlog and ensure hospitals are safe and fit for modern care • Replace the existing NHS dental contract so NHS provision is financially viable and retention improves. • Introduce targeted recruitment incentives for NHS dentists where access is weakest
Green Party Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase funding for GP and dental services, reform funding formulas to reflect community need, set national GP access targets and expand NHS dentistry • Strengthen work on healthy relationships, sexual health, drugs and alcohol, and ensure people seeking help will be guided to the right services wherever they enter the healthcare system • End corridor care - relieve overcrowding and restore safe care • Shift investment into prevention, primary care and community support to reduce avoidable illness, ease pressure on hospitals and improve long-term outcomes
Welsh Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest £4 billion to build state-of-the-art new hospitals • Guarantee you will be seen by a member of the primary care team within 48 hours if you have a pressing primary care-related health need • Recruit, train and retain the staff our NHS needs through a long-term workforce plan • Improve access to NHS dentistry by making more appointments available • Continue cutting long waits by supporting the NHS to provide more appointments, tests and operations • End long waits for neurodevelopmental assessments
Welsh Liberal Democrats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If Westminster fails to reform Wales' funding, raise the Welsh Rate of Income Tax by 1p to the pound to fund urgent investment in social care system • End corridor care by investing in up to 5,000 new or refurbished nursing-care placements • Train more GPs and Allied Health Professionals in Wales to end shortages and give everyone quicker access to local health services • Guarantee access to an NHS dentist for everyone needing urgent and emergency care • Begin a capital investment programme to repair, replace and upgrade Wales' hospital buildings • Work to address rural access to services inequality by continuing the development of rural diagnostic and day to day hubs



Mental Health

Welsh Conservatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase spending on mental health and wellbeing services in real terms in each and every year • Establish a number of mental health crises centres across Wales, open 24/7, to provide timely access to care and support • Publish mental health waiting times and other performance data • Increase the capacity of mental health services for children and young people to prevent placements at great distances from their loved ones • Establish a dedicated mother and baby unit in North Wales for those with severe post-natal mental health challenges
Plaid Cymru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embed integrated and collaborative partnership between the statutory and third sectors to deliver mental health provision • Promote the 'no wrong door' model, making referrals easier • Work towards closer integration of child and adolescent mental health services • Ensure equity of perinatal mental health and parent-infant relationship services across health boards areas • Develop and strengthen Wales' National Bereavement Care Pathway • Expand education on suicide prevention, and establish a dedicated taskforce to tackle increasing suicides in Wales • Promote physical and mental well-being across all Welsh Government activity
Reform UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand early intervention services to reduce crisis demand and improve long-term outcomes, and ensure young people do not fall through the gaps • Provide specialist inpatient eating disorder provision to reduce out-of-area placements and delays • Ensure Welsh schools continue to promote mental health alongside physical health
Green Party Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025-2035 • Fund prevention through housing security, clean air, active travel, safe green spaces, community food programmes and poverty reduction • Guarantee faster access to support and introduce a no wrong door approach for children and young people • Strengthen community-based roles, improve support in schools and communities, and expand training, apprenticeships and fair pay across the workforce • Take a gendered approach to mental health, including better support after childbirth, for survivors of sexual violence, and for men in mid-life who are at the highest risk of suicide • Support gender affirming care for anyone who requires it
Welsh Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transform mental healthcare to provide easy-to-access, same-day services so everyone can get the right support when they need it • Invest in community-based mental health support for mums-to-be and new mums
Welsh Liberal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver world-class mental health services, treating mental health with the same



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Public Transport

Welsh Conservatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build resilience in the bus network, including rural areas • Protect free bus travel and extend it to all 16-24 year-olds and military veterans • Deliver improvements to Transport for Wales' rail capacity, reliability and punctuality and performance • Work with the UK Government to secure the electrification of the North Wales Main Line and the delivery of new stations to meet demand • Press for consequential funding for all rail spending in England • Improve rail links between North Wales and the North West of England, including Manchester and Liverpool Airports • Offer free rail cards to all 16-24 year-olds • Pilot free off-peak rail travel for concessionary travel pass holders
Plaid Cymru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fight for rail funding owed to invest in Welsh rail • Better and more frequent everyday services in South East Wales • Increase capacity in North Wales • Upgrade signals and new passing loops to increase capacity on Welsh Marches Line • Advance plans to complete Cardiff Crossrail for further expansion of the Metro in South East Wales • Bring forward plans for Swansea Bay and West Wales Metro Phase 1 • Progress options for a new rail corridor in North West Wales, and for North-South rail connectivity • Explore possibility of new rail connections in West Wales • Continue to provide £1 single bus fares and £3 day tickets for children and young people aged 5-21 • Retain bus passes for over 60s and disabled people • Expand tap-on, tap-off • Bus timetables that correspond both with each other and rail services across the network • Extend bus priority and reduce congestion on existing roads • Improve accessibility and sustainability around bus stops
Reform UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase rail capacity and match real passenger demand
Green Party Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce a £1 single bus fare for adults aged 22-29 • Transform the Young Person's £1 bus scheme into free bus travel for everyone under 22 • Deliver a unified and easy-to-use bus system across Wales • Support services that run early and late and increase provision in rural and poorly served areas • Roll out contactless payment nationwide • Create new express bus routes



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritise better integration between buses and trains • Develop a national strategy for long-distance coach services • Establish a long-term programme of rail investment, including a rolling programme of electrification • Increase frequencies on the Welsh rail network • Deliver a package of new train stations throughout Wales • Make train stations more accessible • Support and fund tram-train systems for constructions in cities • Further enhance the South Wales metro by connecting disconnected communities • Continue to challenge the UK government over the refusal to grant Wales fair consequential funding from large rail projects classified as "England and Wales" schemes, including HS2 • Continue to lobby for investment in major infrastructure to deliver a long-term vision for Welsh rail • Work with UK government to introduce extra services linking West Wales and Bristol
Welsh Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce a £2 cap on adult bus fares • Roll out more than 100 new bus routes and an increase in services • Guarantee continuation of £1 bus fare for under 25s and free bus travel for over 60s • Renew and replace ageing buses, bus stops, stations and shelters • Use bus franchising to introduce new minimum standards for bus drivers • Work to attract a more diverse transport workforce • Deliver a pipeline of new stations, upgraded rail lines and improved train services, and maximise the opportunities this brings for jobs and skills • Work with Global Centre for Rail Excellence to develop its site as a top destination for rail innovation • Take the next steps to deliver the South Wales Metro • Continue to develop Network North Wales and a metro for the Swansea Bay region • Deliver new rail stations and lines in South East Wales • Make transport network accessible to everybody • Take action to electrify the public transport fleet
Welsh Liberal Democrats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen and extend the existing £1 single and £3 day youth bus fares • Ensure upgrades to railway services and infrastructure continue at pace

Rights, Equality & Liberation

Welsh Conservatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle poverty by cutting tax, creating jobs and growing the Welsh economy • Develop a Tackling Poverty Action Plan • Support disabled people to live independently • Introduce an Autism and Learning Disability Bill for Wales • Adopt a zero-tolerance culture across Welsh Government to prevent discrimination on the basis of sex, age, gender, sexual orientation, race,
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	<p>ethnicity, religion or disability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Welsh Government-funded employment opportunities and opportunities are offered on merit to the best candidates • Increase funding for those working to support survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse • Support withdrawal from ECHR
Plaid Cymru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to break the cycle of poverty through childcare, extending free school meals, and piloting a Welsh Child Payment • Fully implement a Welsh Benefits system • Adopt a Fair Work First approach • Fully incorporate key international treaties into Welsh law • Take a rights-based and intersectional approach to tackling gender inequality • Work across all areas of government to end violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence • Embed education on healthy relationships, and provide guidance to parents, educators and community leaders to support early intervention • Stand up for equality and dignity, and oppose all forms of homophobia, bi-phobia and transphobia • Embed and build on the Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan • Take a rights-based approach to removing barriers and promoting real fairness and inclusion for disabled people • Ensure educational settings and other services are accessible to neurodivergent people, and improve awareness of neurodiversity
Reform UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Unable to find explicit mention of this.</i>
Green Party Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate human rights standards into Welsh law • Strengthen the Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan with clear milestones, proper resources and transparent progress reporting • Deliver a long-term Disabled People's Rights Plan, implement policies such as expanding accessible housing, and appoint a Minister for Disabled People • Expand childcare support, support women entering STEM, and provide sustainable funding for specialist services addressing violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence • Ensure Wales moves towards a safe, thriving enriching environment for people of all sexualities and gender identities - increase representation in the curriculum, healthcare and work environments • Use public procurement as a tool for fairness and inclusion
Welsh Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle poverty by ensuring everyone in Wales can access financial support • Work to eliminate the gender, ethnicity, and disability pay gaps by 2050 • Act to ensure all women in Wales feel respected, valued and safe • Expand Purple Plaques to celebrate the achievements of more remarkable Welsh women • Expand period dignity programme to make more period products available for free in public spaces • Roll out workplace menopause support across all public sector employers • Make Wales an anti-racist nation by 2030 through the Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan • Refresh the LGBTQ+ Action Plan to make Wales the best place in Europe to be



	<p>an LGBTQ+ person</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue action so disabled people can live, work, and flourish as equal citizens • Use every tool to tackle hate crimes • Work with police and other partners to reduce anti-social behaviour and support victims and survivors of crime
Welsh Liberal Democrats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion the Human Rights Act • Uphold the UK's commitment to the ECHR • Make it easier for disabled people to access public life • Develop and implement a Race Equality Strategy • Work with communities to tackle the rise of religious hate crimes • Respect and defend the rights of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities • Work across nations to establish a consensus for reforming equalities and gender recognition laws to protect trans people's rights

Sustainability, Energy and Environment

Welsh Conservatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce a moratorium on industrial-scale solar and wind farms • Adopt a 'bury cables first' approach to infrastructure in the Welsh countryside • Encourage developers of new commercial buildings and car parks to generate solar energy from roof space and canopies • Adopt a Wales-wide approach to domestic recycling to prevent confusion and improve consistency • Enhance air quality monitoring to tackle pollution • Increase penalties and improve enforcement for fly-tipping, dog fouling, graffiti and littering • Establish a £20 million Wildlife Wales Fund to support conservation efforts across Wales
Plaid Cymru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver an updated Climate and Nature Action Plan for Wales, focused on charting a practical pathway to net zero by 2040 • Embed decarbonisation, sustainability and environmental protection as cabinet-level • Develop a National Energy Strategy, mapping Wales' current and future energy needs • Work to secure full benefits for Welsh communities from energy projects that currently fall outside the devolution settlement • Maximise meaningful Welsh ownership of renewable energy • Set new enforceable targets to reduce pollution in our rivers and seas • Make former industrial land safe, protect public health, and deliver long-overdue environmental justice for the communities most affected • Take bold action to clean up our air, reduce waste and cut pollution • Promote tree and hedge planting, prioritise woodland creation, and



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> protect high-quality cultural land Develop a renewed and science-led Animal Health and Welfare Plan
Reform UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ban new onshore wind and solar farms Maintain guidance that new power lines should be underground where possible Scrap net zero in devolved policy and replace with a clear focus on affordability, reliability and domestic energy security End subsidy dogma Abolish Natural Resources Wales Act as an enabler, not an obstacle, to nuclear power Review EU Environmental Law Develop a strategy to protect rivers based on global best practice Make fly-tipping a priority for Welsh local authorities Coal tip and mine remediation
Green Party Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead a rapid transition to a clean, safe resilient and community-owned energy system that tackles climate change while reducing fuel poverty and creating skilled jobs Maintain the commitment that 100% of Wales' electricity demand is met by renewable energy by 2035 Deliver 5GW of solar power and 10GW of battery storage by 2035 to support a stable energy system Require rooftop solar panels on all buildings and ensure new housing developments use heat pumps or other fossil-free heating systems Accelerate decarbonisation of the public sector estate Oppose nuclear power and maintain the ban on fossil fuel extraction Ensure Natural Resources Wales is properly resourced Introduce legal biodiversity targets by 2027 Protect 30% of Welsh land and freshwater seas by 2030 "No regression" principle will prevent future governments from weakening environmental protections Protect nature and restore ecosystems Reduce pollution and clean Wales' rivers and lakes, and restore Wales' seas Adopt the latest World Health Organisation air quality standards in Welsh law and introduce Clean Air zones
Welsh Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work towards vision of Energy Independent Wales Keep energy bills as low as possible and ensure local communities feel the benefits from renewable energy projects Publish a new renewable energy strategy Support nuclear development at Wylfa Deliver tidal energy recommendations of Western Gateway Commission Mandate that renewable energy projects benefit their local community Cut carbon emissions to meet current carbon budget and the next Protect 30% of lands and seas for nature by 2030 and set new, robust and legally binding targets for restoring nature Set up a new environmental governance body



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-introduce key species like beavers and make all new homes nature-friendly • Clean up rivers and seas by introducing a Clean Water Bill for Wales • Create more green spaces in communities • Plant more trees than ever before and increase protections • Introduce new Marine Conservation Zones • Host a dedicated Nature Investment Summit • Make more than 400 disused coal tips safer • Work to ban single-use plastics • Improve air-quality with a new statutory target and rolling out new regulations • Encourage more people to grow, shop and eat local • Regulate animal welfare establishments
Welsh Liberal Democrats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End sewage scandal by legislating to ban sewage dumping in waterways • Introduce 'blue corridor' programme for rivers, streams and lakes to ensure clean and healthy water • Set meaningful targets to stop decline of natural environment and double nature by 2050 • Pass a comprehensive Wildlife Act for Wales • Give Natural Resources Wales the funding and resources it needs to monitor pollution properly and tackle it • Ensure nature-based solutions form a critical part of tackling climate change • Provide adequate financial support for woodland planting • Invest to make Wales a world-leader in tidal and hydro power • Accelerate floating offshore wind in the Celtic Sea • Support pilot projects to determine the potential for the development of green hydrogen • Use new technologies to help people use energy more flexibly, at times when it's cheaper • Oppose plans to reverse the ban on fracking • Drive a rooftop solar revolution through new legislation to ensure solar panels are installed on all new homes and large buildings • Protect funding for small-scale hydro projects • Press the UK Government to explore zonal energy pricing, incorporating a separate Welsh zone

Devolution & Welsh Independence

Welsh Conservatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect the devolution settlement and protect the UK • Rule out extending the Senedd's powers and further referendums on the constitutional settlement, including the separation of Wales from the rest of the UK • Reject efforts to devolve policing, justice and elements of welfare • Stop spending on non-devolved matters, such as justice, international affairs, overseas aid and immigration and rule out a Welsh Government funded Universal
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic Income Work with the UK Government to promote the benefits of the United Kingdom to the people of Wales Empower communities and establish a new devolution framework in Wales by devolving powers down from Cardiff Bay
Plaid Cymru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace the Barnett formula, ensuring Wales receives its fair share of public investment Greater tax powers to build a tax system that works for Wales Further reforms to the fiscal framework Explore new and innovative forms of financing, including working with the Wales Pension Partnership and Wales Wealth Fund Build a collaborative and productive relationship with the UK Government Work closely with partners in Scotland and Northern Ireland to defend devolution on areas of shared interest Make securing devolution of the Crown Estate key priority Pursue devolution of justice and policing Engage citizens in ongoing national conversation about the options for Wales' constitutional future Lay the foundations for a future White Paper on Welsh independence
Reform UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Unable to find explicit mention of this.</i>
Green Party Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modernise Welsh law so it is clear, accessible and focused on improving people's lives Push for the same devolved powers as Scotland, prioritising the devolution of justice, policing, rail, water, research and development and the Crown Estate, and campaign for reform of the Barnett formula so Wales receives fair funding to invest in its future Work to end the use of Welsh territory for development of weapons and training for internationally illegal acts of war
Welsh Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make the case for a Constitutional Reform Act to protect devolution and strengthen Wales' status within the UK Continue to call for repeal of UK Internal Market Act Continue to pursue more powers for Wales, including devolution of the Crown Estate, justice and policing Appoint a Minister for justice and improve access to Welsh law Advocate for a new independent adjudicator to ensure financial fairness across nations Work with UK Government to make Wales' access to its financial reserves permanent Make the case for a 'fare share formula' so Wales automatically receives its rightful share of UK resources in critical areas Work to secure reform of the Barnett formula Give people more of a say in some of the most challenging questions we face as a nation Ensure Wales is a bold and active player on the global stage
Welsh Liberal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stop independence, keeping Wales focused on the issues that matter to



Democrats

people's daily lives

- Not spend Welsh Government money on the independence agenda
- Complete the next stage of devolution in Wales - reducing the powers reserved to Westminster, increasing borrowing powers, and conferring full powers to change income tax rates
- Devolve full power for rail services and infrastructure to Wales
- Create a distinct legal jurisdiction for Wales
- Devolve powers over policing, prisons, youth justice and probation services
- Strengthen devolution powers over broadcasting
- Devolve Air Passenger Duty to Wales
- Devolve the Welsh Crown Estate to Wales
- Ensure the Barnett floor is set to a level that reflects the need for Wales to be funded fairly
- Create a United Kingdom Council to bring devolved governments together with regional leaders across England
- Remove ability for UK Parliament to unilaterally change powers of devolved parliaments or pass laws in their areas of responsibility

