

Liberal Democrats Manifesto 2017

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Open, Tolerant and United

**This document tells you what we believe in
and why we think you should vote for us**

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Change Britain's Future



We are the **Liberal Democrats**.

Our leader is Tim Farron.



This is a summary of our manifesto.

It tells you the main things we believe in and what we want Britain to be like now and in the future.



Our website is **www.libdems.org.uk** if you want to find out more.

Keep Britain's place in Europe



We strongly believe that Britain should stay in the European Union (EU).

The European Union is 28 countries in Europe that work on important things to do with Europe and the world.



We believe Britain will be stronger, better off and safer if we stay in the European Union.



In 2016 Britain voted to leave the European Union.

We respect this decision.



The decision means the government can start making a plan with the European Union about leaving.



But we think people in Britain should decide if this plan is good enough, not the government.



We want the people of Britain to have a choice.

We want them to be able to vote to:

- say yes to the plan to leave the European Union
- or say no to the plan and stay in the European Union



NHS

Save our NHS and care services

There are big problems for the NHS and care services. Care services give people support to do everyday things.

The government has not given the NHS or care services nearly enough money.

At the same time more and more people need these services.





This means that people are not getting the care they need or deserve.



We will save the NHS and care services by:

- asking people to pay a bit more tax (1p) for every pound they earn. The money will go to the NHS and care services



- making sure people don't wait longer for mental health care than for other healthcare



- making sure older people pay less for their care services

Put children first

Every child should have the best start in life.

But the government has made this harder for many children.



We will:

- spend £7 billion extra on education for children
- give a lot more money to help the poorest children aged 3 to 4 get a good start in education.

We will give £1000 per child instead of £300

- say no to new grammar schools.

Children have to pass a test to get into these schools.

This is unfair for many children



Build an economy that works for you



The economy is about things like money, businesses and buying and selling things.

It is about how this all works in Britain and the world.



Britain needs an economy that gives people jobs and the chance to do well.

We will build an economy that is strong, fair and works well now and in the future.



We will:

- help the economy and businesses across the UK really grow
- make sure the government does not spend or borrow too much money.

We will only borrow money for things that can help Britain grow and do well

- spend more money on research and new ideas that can help the economy



Look after the environment



The environment is the earth we live on, the countryside and the things around us.



The world uses too much petrol, coal and gas and other things that damage the environment.

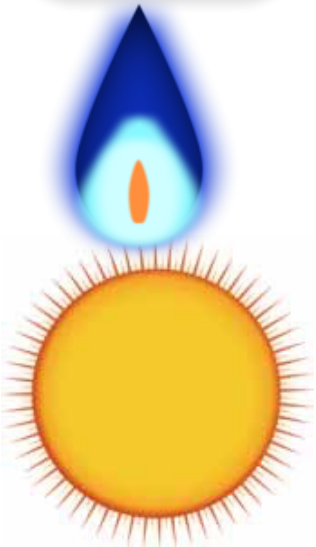
This is dangerous for our future.



But there are ways to keep the environment safe and help the economy.

We will:

- help make the air we breathe cleaner
- say no to fracking. This is a way to get gas and oil from the earth. It is bad for the environment
- use much more electricity made by the wind, sun and sea. This is better for the environment





- make sure 4 million homes get better insulation to keep them warm by 2022.

People who can't afford to heat their homes should get this help first.

Support families and communities

We want Britain to be fair for everyone and a better place for all families and communities.



We will:

- build 300,000 homes a year by 2022



- start free childcare for all 2 year old children



- make bus travel much cheaper for young people aged 16 to 21



Stand up for our rights

We think everyone should have the same chance to do well in life and be treated fairly.



We will:

- stand up for human rights.

We will work to stop the UK leaving the European Convention on Human Rights.

This is an agreement made by countries in Europe to make sure people get their human rights



- give a lot more money to the police in local areas. We will give an extra £300 million a year for this



- let 50,000 refugees from Syria and 3,000 refugee children who are on their own come to Britain to be safe by 2022.

Refugees are people who have to leave their countries because of war, violence or other problems.





Fight for a better world

We think it is important to work with other countries to stand up for human rights, help people who are very poor and keep countries safe.

We will:



- keep spending some of Britain's money to help other countries with these things, like we do now



- help countries work together to solve problems, instead of them working on their own



- have stronger rules about selling weapons to countries that don't look after people's human rights

Fairer votes and more power for people



People should have a big say in what happens in their lives and their countries.

We will:

- let young people aged 16 and 17 vote in elections and big votes called referendums
- give Scotland and Wales more power to make their own decisions about things like making laws and spending tax money
- help Northern Ireland have a safe government that works well together
- change the way voting works to a new way called proportional representation.



We think this is fairer and will help everyone's vote count.



Note: this manifesto says what the Liberal Democrats want to happen in the United Kingdom (UK).

The Scottish and Welsh Liberal Democrats decide some things they want to happen for Scotland and Wales. This means some things in this manifesto are only for England.

The party we work with in Northern Ireland is called the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland. They decide what they want to happen for some things in Northern Ireland.

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