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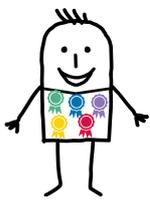
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Remember to vote on Thursday 8th June



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There will be a **general election** on Thursday 8th June 2017. A general election is when you vote for who you want to become your Member of Parliament (MP).



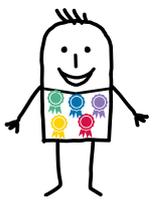
MPs make decisions and laws about things that affect everybody in the country. MPs are part of different groups called political parties.



A **political party** is a group of people who join together because they have similar ideas about things. There are lots of political parties in the UK.



Each party has different ideas about how the country should be run. Most political parties publish a **manifesto** which explains their ideas.



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Manifestos tell you what a party thinks about things like health, education, employment and benefits. It is important to know what each party thinks.



The **Government** is the name of the group of people who run the country. The Government is usually made up of the MPs from the political party that gets the most votes in the general election.



The political party that comes 2nd becomes the **official opposition**. It makes sure the Government keeps its manifesto promises.



General elections in the UK usually take place every 5 years but a Prime Minister can call an election sooner if lots of MPs in Parliament agree. This is called a **snap election**. The election on 8th June is a snap election.



Helpful Words



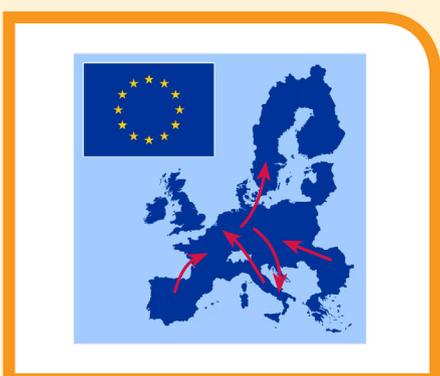
Bedroom Tax - If someone who gets housing benefit has an empty bedroom in their home, then they get less housing benefit. This is known as bedroom tax.



Brexit - The UK is part of a large group of countries called the European Union. In June 2016, people in the UK voted to leave the European Union (EU). The process of leaving the EU has now begun. This is called Brexit.



Defence means how the Government protects all the people in the UK with the help of the **armed forces**. This means service men and women.



Single market - This makes the movement of **goods and services** easier between all the countries within the European Union. Goods and services are things that we buy and sell.



Helpful Words



NHS

The **NHS** is the service that everyone in the UK can use if they need health care. It includes hospitals, doctors, nurses, dentists, and many others.



Refugees are people who have left their homes and countries because of wars or natural disasters, such as earthquakes.

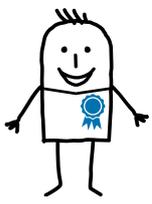
Migrants are people who have left their countries to get jobs in other countries.



Social care is the help that some people need to live their lives safely and independently. It is different to health care and the NHS.



Tax is the money that the Government uses to pay for their plans. The Government raises money by putting taxes on different things such as wages, food and drink, and businesses.

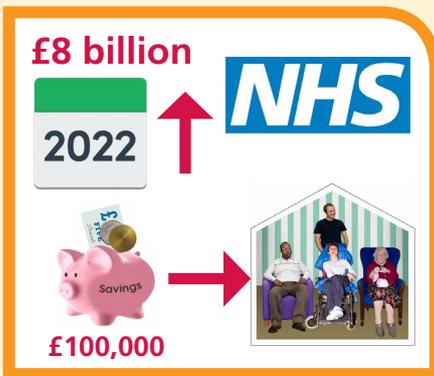


Conservative Party



Theresa May is the leader of the Conservative Party. She is also the current Prime Minister. If they win the general election, she will stay as our Prime Minister.

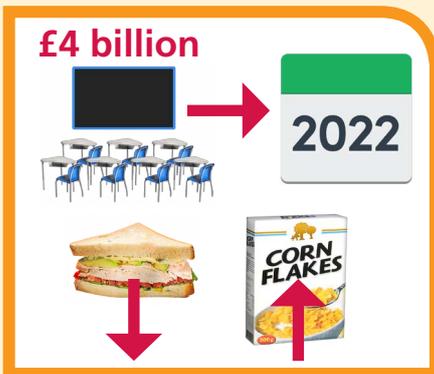
This is what the party promise they will do for the United Kingdom (UK).



Health and Social Care

Conservatives will spend at least an extra £8 billion on the **NHS** by 2022.

They want people who have more than £100,000 to pay for the **social care** that they need.



Education

Conservatives will spend an extra £4 billion on schools by 2022.

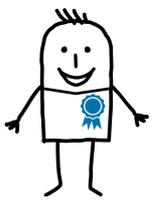
At the moment, every child aged 4 to 7 years old receives a free school meal. Conservatives want to give free lunches to just some children and give free breakfasts to all children in primary schools.



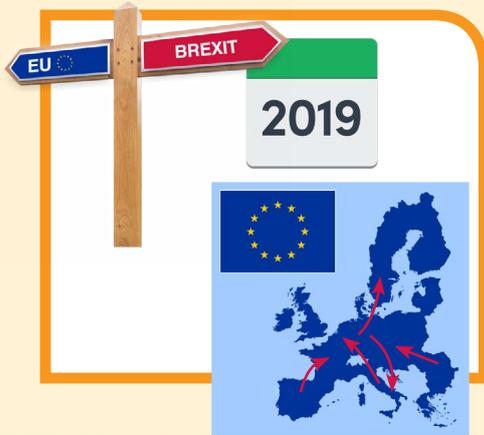
Welfare and Economy

Conservatives will reduce the amount of **tax** that people pay on the money they earn.

They will reduce the amount of **tax** paid by big companies. This is called **corporation tax**. They will also check the **business rates** are fair. This is what businesses pay on the buildings they use.



Conservative Party



Brexit

Conservatives support the UK leaving the European Union (EU) in 2019.

They want the UK to stop being part of the **single market**.



Defence

Conservatives will continue to raise the amount they spend on the **armed forces**.

They will keep our nuclear submarines. This is called the **Trident Submarine Programme**.

They will work with other countries including the United States of America (USA) to look after the security of the UK.



Immigration

Conservatives want to reduce the number of people who move to the UK from other countries to less than 100,000.

They will make sure there is help for **refugees** in the UK.



Employment

Conservatives want to increase the amount people get paid. They also want to make sure people are paid fairly.

They want to help disabled people, people with mental health needs and young people to get jobs and keep them.

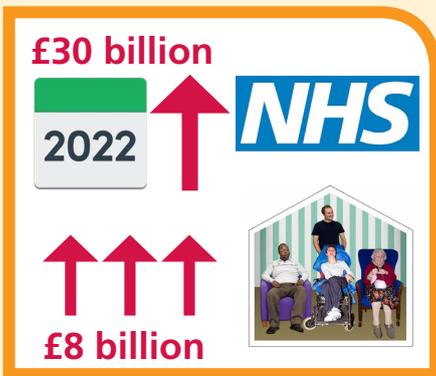


Labour Party



Jeremy Corbyn is the leader of the Labour Party. If they win the general election, he will become Prime Minister.

This is what the party promise they will do for the United Kingdom (UK).



Health and Social Care

Labour will spend at least an extra £30 billion on the **NHS** by 2022.

They want to spend an extra £8 billion by 2022 to pay for **social care**.



Education

Labour will protect funding for schools. They will give every child going to primary school free school lunches.

Labour will stop **University Tuition Fees**. This will mean students do not have to pay to learn at university.



Welfare and Economy

Labour want to increase some benefits and end **Bedroom Tax**.

They will make **taxes** go up for people earning more than £80,000 per year.

They will also make companies and businesses pay more **tax**. This is called **Corporation Tax**.



Labour Party



Brexit

Labour supports the UK leaving the European Union (EU) in 2019.

They will make sure that when **Brexit** happens, people from other EU countries that live in the UK can stay.



Defence

Labour will continue spending the same amount on the **armed forces**.

They will keep our nuclear submarine programme. This is called the **Trident Submarine Programme**.

Labour want to look at the different ways we keep the UK safe to make sure they are working.



Immigration

Labour want to introduce some new immigration rules when **Brexit** happens. This means that people coming to the UK from other countries may need special permission. This is called a **visa**.

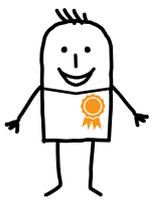
Labour want to look at the rules to make sure **refugees** are treated fairly.



Employment

Labour want to make sure that that people have more rights at work and are paid more.

They want to look at ways to help more disabled people get a job.



The Liberal Democrats



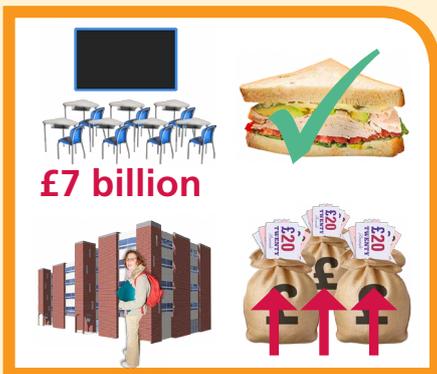
Tim Farron is the leader of the Liberal Democrats. If they win the general election, he will become Prime Minister.

This is what the party promise they will do for the United Kingdom (UK).



Health and Social Care

The Liberal Democrats will spend an extra £6 billion to make healthcare and **social care** better for people.



Education

The Liberal Democrats will spend £7 billion to improve education for children. They will also give free school meals to all children in primary schools.

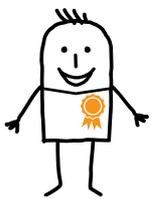
They will also bring back **maintenance grants**. This is money which helps poorer students go to university.



Welfare and Economy

The Liberal Democrats will spend £100 billion on **infrastructure**. This means making roads, transport and buildings better.

They want to increase some benefits and end the **Bedroom Tax**.



The Liberal Democrats



Brexit

The Liberal Democrats want to have another referendum so people in the UK can decide whether or not they still want to leave the European Union (EU).

They want the referendum to happen in 2019 when people will know more about the **Brexit** rules and laws.



Immigration

The Liberal Democrats want people from the EU to be able to live in the UK and people from the UK to be able to live in EU countries after **Brexit**.

They want the UK to let 3000 **refugee** children who don't have families, come to the UK and stay for as long as they want.



Employment

The Liberal Democrats want to make sure people are paid fairly and have more rights around the hours they work.

They also want to help more women go back to work after that have had babies. They will also let new fathers take an extra month off work when their baby is born. This is called **paternity leave**.

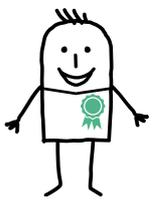


Age 16

Equality and Human Rights

The Liberal Democrats will let people vote in elections and referendums from the age of 16.

They will also make sure the UK keeps the **Human Rights Act** and stays in the **European Convention on Human Rights** after **Brexit**. These are laws which help to make sure all people are treated fairly.



Green Party

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Caroline Lucas and **Jonathan Bartley** are the **co-leaders** of the Green Party of England and Wales. They share the job of leading the Green Party.

This is what the party promise they will do for the United Kingdom (UK).



Brexit

The Green Party want to have another referendum so people in the UK can decide whether or not they still want to the leave the European Union (EU).

They want the referendum to happen in 2019 when people will know more about the **Brexit** rules and laws.



Health and Social Care

The Green Party say they will make sure health and dental services are always free on the **NHS**. They will make a new law so that this happens.

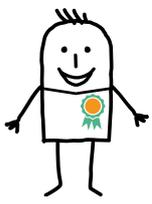
They will increase spending for local authorities to improve **social care** for elderly and disabled people.



Environment

The Green Party want a new law to look after the environment and protect wildlife.

They will reduce the amount of plastic and other waste, and introduce a scheme to get money back on bottles.



Plaid Cymru

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Leanne Wood is the leader of Plaid Cymru. This means “The Party of Wales”. Only people who live in Wales can vote for Plaid Cymru.

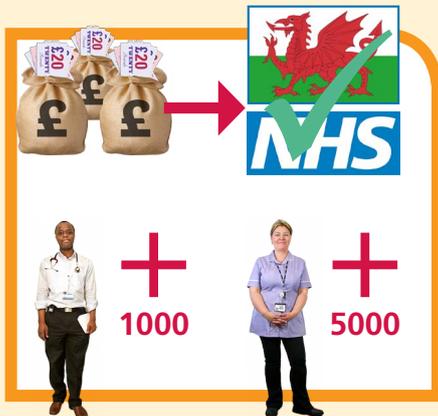
This is what the party promise they will do for Wales.



Brexit

Plaid Cymru wants to make sure Wales gets a fair share of any of the money the United Kingdom (UK) gets from leaving the European Union (EU).

They will make sure Wales can still trade with Europe and they will protect the rights of people from Europe who already live in Wales.



Health and Social Care

Plaid Cymru wants to make healthcare and **social care** better for people in Wales.

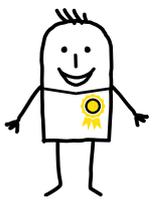
They want 1000 more doctors and 5000 more nurses to work for the **NHS** in Wales over the next 10 years. They want to spend more money on mental health and help more people live independently.



Employment

Plaid Cymru wants Welsh businesses to pay less money to the Government in **taxes**. They want to create more well-paid jobs in Wales.

They will spend more money on making transport, schools and hospitals better.

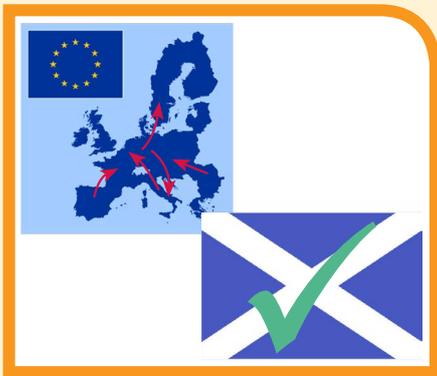


Scottish National Party (SNP)



Nicola Sturgeon is the leader of the Scottish National Party, also known as the SNP. Only people who live in Scotland can vote for the SNP.

This is what the party promise they will do if they win.



Brexit

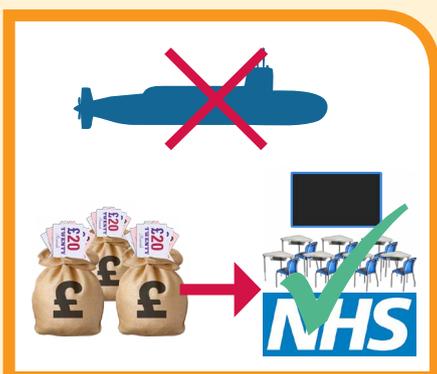
Most people in Scotland voted to remain in the European Union (EU) at the referendum in 2016.

The SNP want to be part of the team that will make the rules and law for **Brexit**. They want Scotland to remain part of the **single market**, when the United Kingdom (UK) leaves the EU.



Independence

The SNP want Scotland to be independent and not part of the UK. When **Brexit** has been agreed, the SNP want to hold another vote asking the people of Scotland whether they want to stay part of the UK or leave and become an independent country.



Defence

The SNP want to stop the nuclear submarine programme. This is called the **Trident Submarine Programme**. They would like the money spent on Trident to go on public services like NHS, schools and free childcare.



United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP)

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Paul Nuttall is the leader of the United Kingdom Independence Party, also known as UKIP.

This is what the party promise they will do for the United Kingdom (UK).

Brexit

UKIP has always supported the UK leaving the European Union (EU).

UKIP wants the UK to leave the EU by the end of 2019 without using **Article 50**. This is a special set of rules which the UK is using to leave the EU.

UKIP wants the UK to stop being part of the **single market**.

Health and Social Care

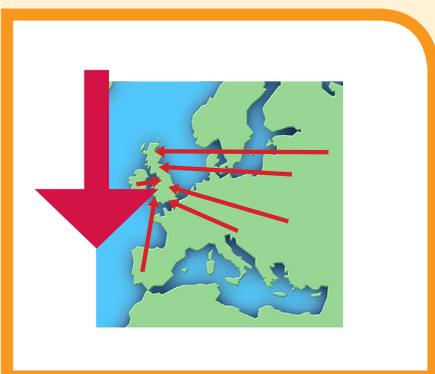
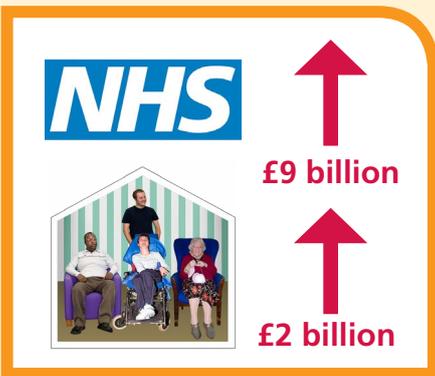
UKIP will spend £9 billion a year extra on the **NHS** in England by 2022. They will spend £2 billion extra on **social care**.

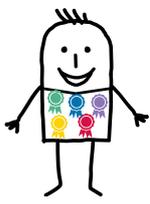
UKIP want British people to keep getting free healthcare from the **NHS**. People from other countries who have paid **taxes** in the UK for at least 5 years will also get free healthcare.

Immigration

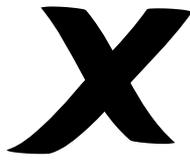
UKIP wants the numbers of people coming to live in the UK from other countries to be the same as the numbers of people leaving the UK.

After **Brexit**, UKIP will stop some people coming to live and work in the UK for 5 years. People from EU countries who moved to the UK after 29th March 2017 will not have the right to stay.





Remember to vote on 8th June



Every Vote Counts

People with disabilities have the same right to vote as anyone else. By voting in the General Election, you can help to decide who runs the country.

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