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# **Scottish Liberal Democrats Manifesto 2026**



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



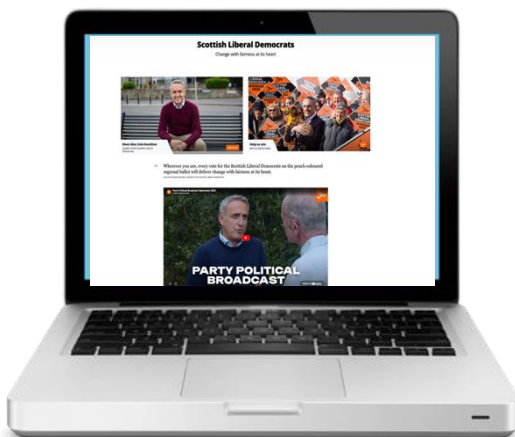
We are the **Scottish Liberal Democrats**.

Our leader is Alex Cole-Hamilton.



This is a summary of our manifesto.

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



You can go to our website to find out more:

[www.scotlibdems.org.uk](http://www.scotlibdems.org.uk)

# Everyone in Scotland should have a better life

Scotland is a great country. But right now it feels like it is just not working.

For example, people are paying much more for bills and other things.

And they have to wait a long time to see their doctor.

We know we can change Scotland to make it better.

But we must do that in a way that is fair for everyone.

More and more people are choosing the Scottish Liberal Democrats.

We know that people in Scotland should have a better life.

If you vote for us you can help to make that happen.



# How we will change Scotland to make it better and fairer for everyone

The Scottish Liberal Democrats get things done.

We have already helped to change many things for people in Scotland, like:



- Better support for local businesses. And for young people who want to start a business.



- More money for colleges to help people to learn important skills.



- Helping people to get tests more quickly to see if they have autism or ADHD.



- Putting money back for housing after it was taken away by the Greens and SNP.

- Supporting people who care for someone in their family to earn more money.



## Helping you with the cost of things

Many things cost too much at the moment.

Like gas and electricity bills.



We will help people to have cheaper gas and electricity bills.

For example, we will help many people to make their homes cheaper to heat.



This can be done with things like **insulation** and **solar panels**.



We will use cheaper and safer ways to get electricity and heat for Scotland.

For example, by getting electricity from the sun, wind and water.



This will make bills cheaper.

And it will be better for the earth we live on.



## Helping businesses to do well

We will make it easier for shops and other businesses to do well.



For example, we will change some of the tax money that businesses have to pay.

This will make it fairer for businesses so they do not have to pay too much.

## Helping people to learn important skills and earn more money



We will help people to learn new skills that could help them to earn more money.

For example, some people could borrow up to £5000 to help them to learn new skills and change their job.

## **Making life easier for families with children**



We will make it easier for families to work and have children.

For example, we will make it easier for families to get the childcare they want for their young children.

This includes education at nursery schools.

## **Solving Scotland's housing problems**



There is not enough housing for people in Scotland.

We want 25,000 new homes to be built every year.

We want new housing for people who work in important services.

For example, NHS workers, teachers and carers.

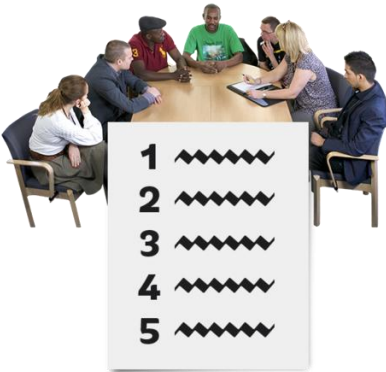
This will help people to get jobs they want without having to worry about housing.





## Helping Scotland to do well by working better with Europe

We want to fix our relationship with the  
**European Union.**



The European Union is 27 countries  
in Europe.

They work on important things to do with  
Europe and the world.



We want a new way for the UK and Europe  
to buy and sell things to each other and  
the world.

This is called a **customs union.**

It would be set up in a new way that works  
best for the UK and Europe.



This would help Scotland to grow and  
do well.

It would also help to keep prices lower  
for people.



## Really good healthcare and social care for everyone

Social care is support that people get from staff to live at home or do other important things.



We will make it quicker and easier for people to get healthcare when they need it.

And there will be more health staff and services in local areas.

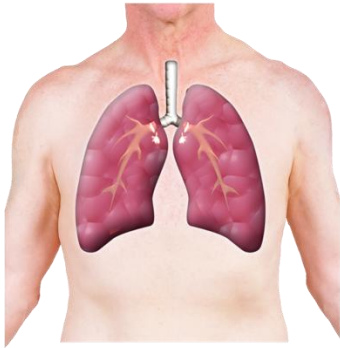
That includes in the countryside.



This will help people to:

- See a doctor more quickly.
- Find out if they have a health problem more quickly so they can get the right help.
- Get back to work more easily.





We will also:

- Get more tests for some people to check for lung cancer. This could save many lives.
- Get more dentists who work for the NHS to make it easier to see a dentist.



We will get quicker mental health support for young people and adults.



That includes new local places where people can go if they feel upset or worried.



We have a plan for the next 10 years for the NHS and social care services.

This is to make sure the services have the right staff working in the right places.



Many people are stuck in hospital because they cannot get the right care outside of hospital.



This is bad for everyone. And it costs the NHS a lot of money every day.



We will work to make this problem much better by 2030.

For example, we will help to get and keep more care workers in local areas.

We will do this by:



- Helping to make their pay and working lives fairer.
- Helping them to learn new skills and do well.



Some carers look after people they know. They do not get paid for this.

These carers can sometimes get money from the government to help them.

It is called **Carer Support Payment**.



We will give carers £400 more for this payment a year.

And we will give more support to young people who care for someone.

## Better transport to help Scotland get moving again



We will fix the problems with ferries in Scotland.

This will help people who live on islands and by the sea to get the boats they need.



We will make it easier for people to travel around.

That means we will be working on:

- Road tunnels under the sea for Shetland.
- Making the A9 road better and safer.
- More money for councils to fix big holes in the road.
- Making it easier for people to drive electric cars.
- Making bus services better.
- Better train services. Like more late night trains and new stations.



## Making education in Scotland great again



We will help every child to do well and to have the best start in life.

For example, there will be extra support in every school for children who need it.

This includes:



- 2,000 more people to support children at school who need extra help to learn.



- More support to help children to communicate.
- More support at the right time for children with conditions like ADHD, autism and dyslexia.



We will help children to learn more easily by stopping smartphones in schools.



We will help more teachers to stay in education and to teach at the same schools.

At the moment, many teachers keep changing. They can only work in schools for a short time.



We will do more for young people who are finding it hard at school.

We will support them to feel better about their lives and to find out what they are good at.



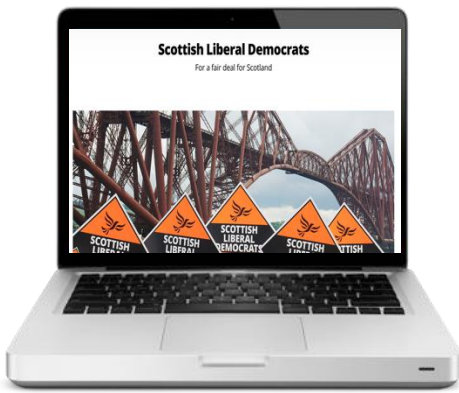
We will help people to have better futures by:

- Having more apprenticeships. This is where people learn how to do a job while getting paid for it.
- Making colleges and universities the best they can be.



- Making sure that Corseford College has enough money.

This college is for people who cannot get the right support at other colleges.



The whole manifesto is on our website at:

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