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Scottish Liberal Democrats Manifesto 2024



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



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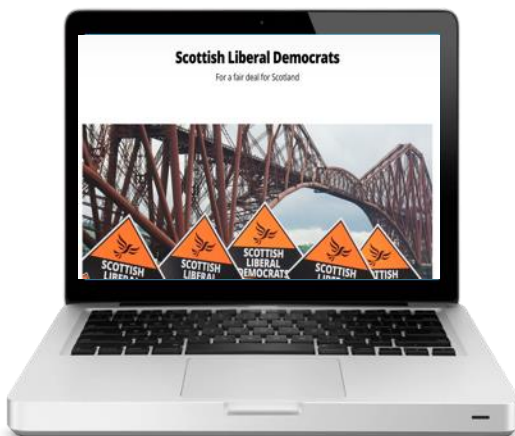
We are the **Scottish Liberal Democrats**.

Our leaders are Ed Davey and Alex Cole-Hamilton.



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.scotlibdems.org.uk if you want to find out more.

Making Britain better and fairer for everyone



We are fighting to make life fair for everyone in Britain.



We must change the way the country is run so we can fix the big problems that are happening at the moment.

Like big problems with health, social care and the economy.

More and more people are choosing the Liberal Democrats.

They want us to end the terrible government that we have at the moment.

They know that we will fight to make life better and fairer for them and their communities.



Our plan for a stronger economy and more jobs



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.



Many things cost too much at the moment.

We will help people to afford the things they need.

For example, we will make gas and electricity bills cheaper.



And we will start a plan to make sure that everyone has enough healthy food to eat.



We will also start a plan about how to make the economy stronger now and in the future.



This means things like:

- Helping businesses to grow to get more money and jobs for the country.
- Spending more on training and education to help people get good jobs and earn more money.



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



We will make sure that all people and businesses pay a fair amount of tax.

That also means making tax fair for working families.

Tax is money that people pay to the government to spend on things that the country needs.



We will look after money for the country very carefully.

This is to make sure the country has more money to spend and owes less money.

Our plan to save the environment



We will make homes warmer and cheaper to heat.

We will start a plan for the next 10 years to do that.



We will make sure most electricity in the UK is made by the wind, sun and sea by 2030.

That includes helping more people to make their own electricity by having solar panels on their homes.



We will stop water companies from making our rivers and seas dirty and unsafe.



We will keep plants, animals, seas and other things on earth safe.

That includes planting at least 60 million trees each year to help the environment.

Our plan for better health and social care



We will make sure that everyone can see a doctor quickly.



We will make sure that everyone can see an NHS dentist if they need urgent care for their teeth.



We will help more people to get mental health care sooner.

People may need mental health care if they feel very sad or worried a lot.



We will help more people to live longer if they have cancer.



We will give people healthcare closer to where they live.



We will stop people dying because of illegal drugs.



We will fix big problems with social care.

Social care is support that people may need to look after themselves or do important things.



We will make sure that care workers are paid more money.

This will help to get more care workers as there are not enough at the moment.



We will give people who care for family or friends more money from the government.

And time off that they are paid for.

Our plan for better education and better support for children and families



We will make sure there is mental health support for children in every school.



We will spend more money on schools and colleges.

And we will fix big problems with school and college buildings that need repairs.



We will spend more on good education for very young children.

We will give extra support to children who need it in school.



We will help students from Britain travel to other countries to learn new things there.



Our plan for pensions and stopping people being poor

We will work to stop people being very poor within the next 10 years.



We will change unfair rules about benefits that are making people poor.

Benefits is extra money that some people who need it can get from the government.



For example, we will change rules that mean people can only get some benefits for their first 2 children.

This is making many families with more children poor.



We will give older people enough extra money every year for their government pension.

Our plan for better housing and communities



We will build many new homes every year across the UK.

We will build 380,000 homes a year.

That includes 150,000 social homes that are cheaper to live in.



We will give farmers more money to help them grow food.

We will also:

- Stop people from having to sleep on the streets.
- Make sure that every home and business can get broadband internet.
- Do more to stop Jewish and Muslim people being hurt or treated badly just because they are Jewish or Muslim.



Our plan for better transport



We will make it cheaper and easier for people to have cars that run on electricity.

They are better for the environment than cars that use petrol.



We will make public transport better by:

- Making tickets for public transport easier to use.



- Having more trains that run on electricity.

- Making train stations better. And making them easier for disabled people to use.



- Helping to get better bus services for local areas.



We will also make new paths for people to walk or go by bike.



Our plan for culture, media and sport

We will keep the BBC and Channel 4 safe from changes that could harm them.



We will help more people to take part in sports and exercise.

Our plan for people who come to Britain to work, study or be safe



We will have fair and clear rules for people who move to the UK to work.

Some people come to Britain to be safe from war, violence and other problems.

We will make better and quicker decisions about who can stay.

And we will give people the right to work 3 months after they ask to stay.



We will stop the unfair law that means some people who try to come here could be sent to Rwanda in Africa.

Our plan for human rights and making Britain fair for everyone



Human rights are rights that we all have. They help to keep us safe.

We will stand up for everyone's human rights whoever they are.

We will also start a plan to make sure that people of all races are treated fairly.



We will work to keep important human rights laws in the UK.



We will start better ways to deal with some crimes that happen to women and girls.



We will make it easier for disabled people to work and take part in the community.

Our plan for better voting and politics



We will change the way we vote to make it fairer.

This means starting a new way to vote called proportional representation.



It also means making sure that people can still vote without a photo document to show who they are.



We will give more power to local areas in Britain.

This will give people in local areas more say in important decisions.



We will work to keep Scotland part of the United Kingdom.

Our plan for a safer and fairer world



We will keep our support for NATO. This is a group of countries that help each other to keep safe.



We will spend more money on our army and keeping our country safe.

That includes more support for people in our army, navy and air force while they are keeping our country safe and after they leave.



We will go back to spending the same money as before to help poorer countries. At the moment this money has been cut.



We will fix the problems in our relationship with Europe.

We will stand up for the people in Ukraine and give them the support they need.



The whole manifesto is on our website at:

www.scotlibdems.org.uk



To find out how to get this manifesto in other formats please email:

help@libdems.org.uk

Note:

This manifesto says what the Scottish Liberal Democrats want to happen in the United Kingdom (UK).

It also says some things about what they want to happen in Scotland.

This is because some things like health and education are decided in Scotland.



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