

Scottish Labour Party

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Recovery Plan



Easy Read



Here is our Scottish Labour recovery plan.

Recovery means getting better after a difficult time.



We want to:

- take 5 years to recover after COVID-19
- avoid a social and money crisis
- make things better for our health and our mental health after COVID-19



5 years from now, we want to:

- have no COVID-19 rules
- have a strong NHS ready for the future





focus on
recovery for the next 5 years.

To do this we need to

Jobs Recovery

Jobs

We will make sure that:



- there will be a job in the public sector for about 6 months for people who don't have a job who are:

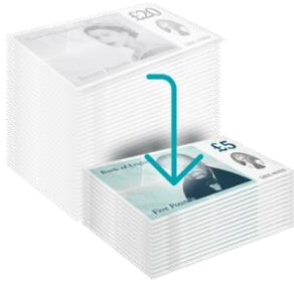
*Under 25

*disabled

*long-term unemployed



We will give these people 1 hour in every 5 hours for training and looking for jobs.



We will charge less
money for
organisations from:

- the voluntary sector
 - the private sector
- for them to ask to have these people
working for them.

KICKSTART
SCHEME

We will give 6 months more Kickstart
money for wages.



We will make places for 5 thousand

Apprenticeship means a job that
has lots of training time.

new apprenticeships.



We will make a programme called Equal Access Careers to help people who have started life with difficulties to get jobs.

We will give the Job Start Grant to all young disabled people.



We will pay 5 hundred pounds grant money to:

- young disabled people
- carer leavers

Training



We will make a new Scottish Skills Benefit. It will pay a 500 pound grant to people who are furloughed or have no job to let them retrain for a new job.

People with no job will get 750 pounds more to help them pay bills while they

train.



We will make a Scottish Work Experience Guarantee for students.

There will be money and career support for them.



We will give money for training in key jobs like:

- nursing
- health and care
- engineering

Good work



We will make a scheme called Better Business Scotland. It will label businesses who:

- work with the public sector
- meet our Good Work standards
- don't use zero hours contracts
- pay the Scottish Living Wage

Future Investment



We will make oil companies:

- use some local businesses for their supplies
- use Scottish companies when they make renewable technology



We will make sure that industry policies are written with the help of trade unions and businesses.

We will improve the Scottish National

Investment Bank. It will give:

**The Scottish
National
Investment Bank**

- funds for new ideas
- funds for projects called Capital for Good projects.

- support to businesses to become more digital and better for the environment

NHS and Social Care Recovery

Cancer Treatment



We will catch up on spotting cancers by using our screening programmes.

We will catch up on the waiting list of appointments by April 2022 by:

- having more staff
- speeding up in our screening

centres



We will have a special centre in each health area called a Rapid Diagnostic Centre.

Doctors can send people here who have worrying symptoms, where they can be seen within 2 weeks.



We will make sure that every cancer patient has 1 member of staff they can contact for support that suits them.

Mental Health



We will make a new referral and triage service. This means people will be able to get the support they need faster and more easily.

There will be a mental health worker in every GP surgery.

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In every health area there will be:

- a mental health Accident and Emergency (A&E) department
- people who know how to help someone who plans to end their life
- people who know how to help someone who is using drugs



Babies who were born during the pandemic will have:

- baby groups to help them meet other babies and parents



Women who had babies during the pandemic will have:

- an extra visit from their health visitor for breastfeeding support
- support if they have post-natal depression



We will give more money to mental health so that it has 11 percent of the NHS budget. This will be the same as England and Wales.



We will make sure that there is a mental health assessment for every school pupil.



COVID-19

We will give better.

We will digital

We will make a support programme for employers to use for anyone going back to work after time away.



Catching up after

money to make the NHS

spend more money on technology.



We will make special outpatient centres in each health area. We will:

- look at waiting lists to see urgent patients quickly
- clear the long list of patients still waiting



We will begin a service called Hospital to Home.

We will also have a recovery programme called Right to Rehab to support people with long term health conditions.

Workforce



We will work with trade unions to pay NHS staff more money.

We will keep letting staff retiring choose



more skilled staff by who are close to their working hours.



We will put more money into occupational health.

Occupational health means the wellbeing of all staff.



We will make more places for people who live in Scotland to study medicine and nursing.

We will add more spaces to the Widening Access to Medicine programme.

National Care Service



National Care

- focuses on
- keeps local

We will make social care easier to get by:

- changing the rules to let more people in
- stopping some of the charges



We will make a Service which:
national funding services



We will pay social care workers 12 pounds an hour straight away.

We will work with trade unions and move pay to 15 pounds an hour in the future.

We will help people who do caring work with no pay.

Education Recovery

Support for pupils



We will have a Personal Comeback Plan for every young person after COVID-19. It will check their mental health.



We will make a tutoring programme.
Tutoring means teaching one pupil at a time outside of school times.

We will ask teachers to tell us which pupils are finding it hard to be in school so that they can have a tutor to help them.

Another chance at exams



We will promise each young person a free place at college so they can take National Qualifications.



We will work together with colleges and universities to make sure that the pandemic doesn't stop young people getting to Further Education or Higher Education.

Workforce



We will offer vaccines to staff who work in schools.



We will make sure that new teachers can finish their probationary year.



We will offer:

- more digital training for staff
- a digital device to every pupil
- support to homes with no broadband internet connection

Summer Comeback

We will give a Summer Comeback Pass to young people to give them:

- free sports
- free travel
- free outdoor activities
- free culture



activities

We will make money for outdoor activity years.



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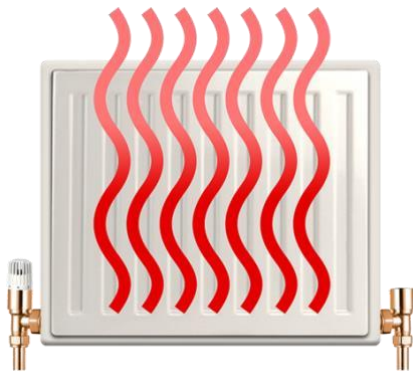
Climate Recovery

Energy In Our Homes



We will make all homes much better at using less energy. All homes will reach level EPC C or higher by 2030.

As many homes as possible will make zero carbon emissions by 2045.



We will make a national housing agency to work with local authorities.

Together they will help homes with things like:

- insulation
- double glazing windows
- new boiler
- better heating
- heat networks

We will give:



- grants of up to 18 thousand pounds
- loans with no interest to pay for households with a low income or a middle income.

We will help homes with no fuel and rural homes first.

Natural Environment



We will plant more than 15 thousand hectares of trees every year.

We will also:

- make 20 thousand more hectares of protected peatland
- work to stop peat being taken



We will make an organisation called Scottish Conservation Corps.

There will be new jobs for up to 10 thousand people to look after Scotland's natural environment.

Our suppliers



We will make an award system called Better Business Scotland.

It will help businesses which work with the public sector to:

- have a clear plan to make less carbon
- try and get to zero emissions



We will turn to local businesses first when we want to buy things.

This will keep carbon emissions low.

When we want to buy things that are

not sold locally, the Scottish National Investment Bank will help.



It will help local companies to supply these things.

This help will follow our Good Work standards.

Just Transition



We will make the group called the Just Transition Commission stronger to look at how moving to net zero emissions would be good for:

- people with no jobs
- people with not enough paid hours
- people who risk losing their jobs because of the pandemic and moving to net zero emissions



We will have a strong plan to say how Scotland's factories must change and grow.

They must do this to make new jobs in renewable energy.



We will make a new organisation called the Scottish Energy Development Agency. This new organisation will:

- be in charge of making more renewable energy
- be in charge of skills and training
- work with the Scottish National Investment Bank to buy things from Scottish companies



We will only say yes to building new wind farms if these rules are kept:

- there is a plan for making or buying supplies

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- there are new jobs people in Scotland

Greener Communities



We will think about public health and the environment first when we plan new building work.



We will put money into local councils so that they can make:

- more safe routes for walking, cycling and wheeling in towns and cities
- more safe routes for walking, cycling and wheeling in villages and the countryside



- more green spaces
- more places to grow food

loans with no

- more buy electric
- speed up charging



We will give government interest to help:

households to cars for 2 years making new points



We will spend 1 pound out of every 10 pounds in the transport budget on active travel.

This will help people to

- use cars less
- do more biking, walking and wheeling



We will let people who are younger than 25 years old travel for free on buses.

We will also make new buses which are accessible and have lower emissions.

Community Recovery

More money for people and families



We will pay more money for the Scottish Child Payment. It will be 20 pounds a week by the end of 2022.



Scottish Water has 531 million pounds extra money saved.

Every household will get 100 pounds from Scottish Water. This is called a rebate.



We will end council tax. We will have a new fairer tax which will be based on:

- how much your home is worth
- whether you can afford to pay

If central government freezes council tax, there must be funding so that local services do not get even less money.

We will make a charge called Debt



Advice Levy.

This means that people who make money using free money advice have to pay a bit back to help more people get free money advice.



We will give money to credit unions.
This will help them:

- get bigger and better
- make it easier to get help online
- make quicker decisions about loans



We will make a fund called Staying Connected. The grants will be:

- for any household with someone who is 75 years old or older
- the cost of a year's TV licence, 159 pounds at the moment
- for paying for the TV licence or internet costs

High Streets and Town Centres



We will give every adult in Scotland a money card worth 75 pounds to spend in shops, but not in food shops.

We will make a special offer called The



Great Scottish Staycation.

It will:

- give a third night free when a someone books 2 nights away
- be for all UK travellers
- be from September 2021 to

November 2021



We will lower business rates for shops which:

- don't sell groceries
- can be visited in person

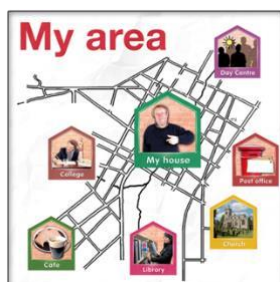


We will make a Business Restart Fund. It will help businesses which struggled with lockdown restrictions.

We will also make a Business Transition Fund. It will help businesses to find more customers or online

customers.

Local Ownership



We will ask local development organisations to:

- help businesses in their local area

- look for way to invest money in communities



We will work with local authorities to help create:

- co-operatives
- social enterprises
- links with local skills and suppliers

Housing



We want to build 200 thousand zerocarbon social homes in the next 10 years.

Grants will come from councils and housing associations.



We will plan to look at these things:

- the smallest space allowed
- how well homes are built
- how good homes are at saving energy



We will make a change that lets land be bought and sold at the price it is worth as it's used now.

We will make sure that businesses which make money from building homes pay some of it to help with things like schools, roads and healthcare.

Safety

We will:



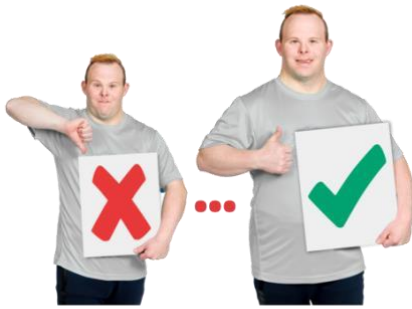
- help local communities and their local police to work together better
- make jobs for specialist staff
- put 5 hundred more police officers in local divisions

We will improve digital technology in the courts system.

This will:



- mean it is easier for people who don't have access to devices to use the court system



•help clear the backlog of cases We will:

- make legal aid better
- make a special court for sexual offences
- make special courts for domestic abuse

Domestic abuse means

violence in a relationship.



by communities

Democratic Renewal

Labour is a democratic socialist party.

This means:

- *everyone should have a say in how decisions are made
- *many organisations are owned and led



We do **not** want independence.

We can do more together than we can on our own.



We think we are stronger staying in the United Kingdom.

We think it is better to share out powers to Scottish Parliament and Scottish local government.

We don't want all the powers going to Westminster and Holyrood.