

The Labour Party Manifesto 2010

Easy read summary



This is our manifesto
It tells you what we will do if
we win the general election

A future fair for all

We are the **Labour Party**.



Our leader is Gordon Brown.



We are a **political party**.

This means we are 1 of the groups who want to be the next **government** and run the country.



This easy read summary of our manifesto tells you about some of the main things that

- we believe in
- we will do if we become the next government.



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Labour believes

We should protect the money to spend on the services that are important for everyone.



These are

- childcare
- schools
- the NHS
- the police.



We think people should have more of a say in how services are run in their area.



We need more jobs in high-tech businesses. These are businesses that are to do with things like computers and science.



We believe in a society where everyone

- has rights
- has responsibilities
- is paid fairly for their work.

The economy



People buy things like food and clothes and sell things like cars and houses.

Businesses buy and sell things. For example, a business that makes washing machines buys the parts for the machines and then sells the finished washing machines.



The banks look after our savings and lend us and businesses money.

How all this works together is called the **economy**.



There are lots of problems in the world with money. The economies of many countries are not working well.

Some banks made lots of mistakes in how they used our money.



Because of this the government had to lend money to banks.

The government has also had to borrow money.

More about the economy

Labour will



Over 4 years cut down the annual amount of money the government borrows by half.



Make new rules about how banks can use and look after our money.



Help business grow and create jobs

Spend on new, faster railways

Everyone who wants it to have broadband to use the internet (websites) at home.



Living standards

This is about having enough money to live a good life.

It is about everyone who can work having a job.

Labour will

Put money aside to help make new jobs.



Make sure there is a job or training for young people who are out of work for 6 months. If after 10 months a young person does not take part, their benefits will be cut.



Promise a job to anyone who has been unemployed for 2 years. There will not be a choice to stay on benefits for ever.



Make sure that working means you will earn more money than you get on benefits.

Make sure the minimum wage goes up.
The minimum wage the lowest amount of money you should be paid for each hour you work.

More about living standards

Labour will



Make sure there is more training so workers can improve their skills.



Cut the tax (money) people pay when they buy their first house, for 9 out of 10 people.



Have a People's Bank at the Post Office to help everyone look after their money.

This will help make sure everyone who wants a bank account can have one.

Education



We think every child should have a good education.

We want all schools to support children with special educational needs.

Labour will

We will have better teaching for children with dyslexia and autism.



We will have more teachers for pupils with severe learning disabilities in special schools.

Spend more money on childcare, schools and education for 16 to 19 year olds.



Have more free nursery places for children who are 2 years old.

Have 15 hours a week free nursery education for children who are 3 and 4 years old.

More about education

Labour will



Make sure every child can read, write and do maths by the time they go to secondary school.



Have small groups and 1 to 1 help for children who need extra support to learn.



Make sure parents have a choice of secondary schools for their children to go to.



Promise every young person education or training until they are 18 years old.

Health



We want healthcare in this country to be the best in the world.

We want the NHS to put patient needs at the centre of the way healthcare works.

Labour will

Have guarantees for all patients.

For example,

- if your doctor thinks you may have cancer you will get tests and results in 1 week.
- the right to wait for no more than 18 weeks for NHS treatment or get the choice to use private healthcare.



Bring in health checks for people over 40 years old.



Have more personal care and the right to choose this care from any group that meets NHS standards.

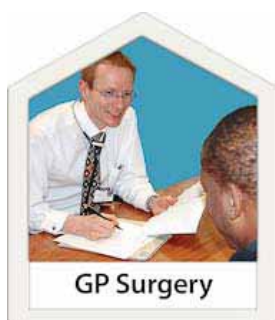
Promise 1 to 1 nursing for all cancer patients and more care at home.

More about health

Labour will



Give you the right to choose a doctor in your area.



Make sure there are doctor's surgeries open in the evening and at the weekend in your area.



Make sure people can have personal care plans and the right to an individual budget. An individual budget means you can use the money you get in benefits to pay for the care and support that is right for you.



Make sure people who need it will be able to get support with their mental health.

Crime and immigration



We believe people should feel safe in their communities.

We believe there should be checks about who is coming into the country.

Labour will



Make sure there is money to have enough police.

Make sure the police spend most of their time keeping the streets in your community safe.



Do more to stop crime before it happens.

Take action about the problems caused by some families.



Do more to stop and deal with anti-social behaviour. This is things like graffiti or making lots of noise late at night.

More about crime and immigration

Labour will

Make people who have committed a crime, but who do not have to go to prison, do more for their community.



Keep a check on who, and how many people, come into the country by having a points system.

For example, someone would get more points if they had skills we need to fill jobs.



Make new people who come here from other countries earn the right to stay in the country.



Families and older people

We believe that families should have good support.



Labour will

Have a new National Care Service to help all disabled adults and older people who need care.

Support carers and families through the National Care Service.



Make sure people who have the most needs will be looked after in their own home for free.



Have a limit on how much money older people have to pay for residential care. People will not have to sell their homes or use up all their savings if they need to live in a care home for more than 2 years.



Link pensions and wages from 2012 so that if wages go up pensions do as well. A pension is money you get paid when you retire (stop working).

Help people to save more money for when they retire through new Personal Pension Accounts.

More about families and older people

Labour will



Give older people the right to decide how long they want to go on working for and not have to stop work at 65.



Pay more money into the Child Trust Fund for each child with a disability.

The Child Trust Fund is a bank account for all babies.

The government pays money into the Fund.

The Fund is for children to use when they grow up.



- For disabled children, we will pay an extra £100 every year into their Fund.



Have a Father's Month so that dad's can get up to a month's paid leave to look after their children.



More support for parents with young children through a new Toddler Tax Credit.

This is extra money for parents of little children. They will get this money if they want to stay at home or work.

Communities and creative Britain



We believe that everyone should have the chance to take part in activities where they live.

We believe everyone should have the chance to do things that are fun, creative and rewarding in their spare time.

Labour will



Make sure the next 10 years around the 2012 Olympics are a great celebration of sport.

Have Registered Supporters Trusts so that fans can buy a stake in their football club.



Help the big museums and art galleries to be independent.

Have more money from the National Lottery going to arts, sports and culture after the Olympics.



Protect post offices and pubs that are a big part of communities.



Make sure everywhere in Britain has fast internet access.

A green future for Britain

We believe in looking after the environment.
Looking after the environment means



- doing things that save energy from heating and lighting
- cutting down on pollution
- looking after our seas and forests.



Labour will

Make 400,000 new jobs to do with the environment by 2015.

Have more electricity made in a way that is good for the environment.



Help people to save energy with money for insulating homes and energy bill discounts for pensioners.



Help Britain to recycle and not to throw anything away that can be recycled.



Make sure that more trees and forests and green areas around our towns are protected. This area around towns is called the Green Belt.



Support post offices, shops and pubs in rural communities.

Democratic reform



Democracy is about how the country is run and how we choose the government.

Labour believes that change is needed so you can have more say in who runs the country.

Labour will



Ask everyone what they think about changing the way we vote.

Make sure young people understand about democracy



Have a vote in parliament to decide if young people can vote in elections when they are 16.

Have new rules about how parliament works



Give everyone more of a say in how things are done in their community.

A global future



This is about how Britain works with the rest of the world.

Labour believes that Britain should have a big part in making the world a better place for everyone.

Labour will



Have a review (look into) how the armed forces are working and what help and support people who have been to war need.

The armed forces are the

- army
- navy
- air force



We will work hard to make the world a safer place.

We will work with the other countries in Europe to have a say in the world.



We will work with other countries in Europe to create new jobs and to help poorer people around the world.