



We, The People

UKIP's straight-talking manifesto for the
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Message from Nigel Farage MEP, Leader of UKIP

Power to local people



SCOTLAND'S democratic spirit now has no champions but the UK Independence Party. UKIP alone, among the serious political parties, says no one but we, the people of Scotland, or those we elect should make our laws or tax us.

UKIP alone trusts Scottish and British people to exercise a new right to demand a legislative referendum on any law, present or proposed. The result of any referendum will be binding on those we elect. We, the people shall rule once more. UKIP alone admits that politicians can't please everybody. But we can at least consult everybody. We can at least be bound by the people's will. That is what UKIP's legislative referenda are for. That is what democracy is for. Our proposals to renew and refresh British democracy are nothing less than a revolution. That revolution is intended to put all real political power where it belongs – with you.

Whichever way you use your first vote in the Scottish Parliament elections, please use your second or regional vote to bring real, direct democracy to Scotland, to end all subsidies to pointless, wind-farms undemocratically inflicted on our countryside, to save our gallant Scottish regiments, our air-bases, our dockyards and our Coastguard, and to bring street

crime, and especially knife crime, to an end.

Government in Scotland and throughout the UK is today ever more remote from the electorate. We want Britain out of the undemocratic EU so that we, the people, can govern ourselves again by the ballot-box. We do not hate Europe: we love democracy. We want our United Kingdom, our Scottish nation and our local councils to run their own affairs without interference from distant, unelected bureaucrats with no understanding of our nation or of the Scottish people's needs and hopes.

An official German Government estimate is that five of every six laws passed in Europe are imposed on us by the EU – by bureaucrats in Brussels whom we, the peoples of Europe, do not elect. Official UKIP policy is that six of every six laws passed in Britain for the British and in Scotland for the Scots shall be passed by us or by those we elect, and by no one else.

The people of Scotland are proud to be Scottish, and proud to be British. UKIP believes the four great pillars of our United Kingdom work better together than they would apart, and work best of all when ruled by the people. We commend this short, radical, reasonable, democratic, straight-talking manifesto to you, the people.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Farage'.

Nigel Farage MEP

Democracy first. We, the people, shall rule

We will –

- Retain the Scottish Parliament
- Replace MSPs with Scottish Westminster MPs
- Refresh our democracy with binding legislative referenda
- Redeploy billions of saved EU money to Scotland and her people
- Reinvest in defence, energy, flood & coastal defences and transport
- Resign from the EU while keeping free trade with it
- Recoup Scotland's share of the £48 million a day paid to the EU
- Release Scottish businesses and our economy from Brussels red tape
- Require the direct election of all health, education and police boards in Scotland
- Require the direct election of all key officials in national and local government
- Remove the gag on Councillors who want to speak out on contentious issues
- Restrict immigration so Scotland will be for the Scots and the British first
- Return control of our great public services to our great people
- Refine lawmaking so Scotland's laws are made at the most local level possible
- Repeal the European Human Rights Act
- Replace the Human Rights Act with a new British Bill of Rights
- Revoke the European Arrest Warrant and Investigation Order
- Restore Britain's democracy to Britain's peoples

Energy and our landscape: no more wind-farms

We will –

- Repeal the Climate Change (Scotland) Act, which is pointlessly wrecking our world-famous landscape with wastefully-subsidised, useless, bird-killing wind-farms.
- Abolish the Department of Climate Change.
- End all subsidies to monstrous, climate-irrelevant, cost-ineffective wind-farms.
- Subject all wind-farms to democratic planning

procedures. Owners of existing wind-farms rejected by planning committees will pull them down at their own expense.

- Stop the proposed wind-farm projects that will ruin Scotland's forestry land.
- Support new nuclear power stations, particularly next to existing nuclear stations.
- Support efficient clean-coal power stations, hydro-electric and tidal power.
- Spare taxpayers the huge bill for needless carbon capture and storage.
- Spend no taxpayers' money on the non-problem of man made climate change until a Royal Commission has heard both sides of the scientific case and has reported.

Crime & punishment: no more soft touch Scotland

We will –

- Not tolerate crime, and not tolerate a soft approach to crime.
- Put victims' rights above criminals' rights.
- Bar prisoners from voting.
- End the SNP's milksop sentencing. Sentences will mean what they say. Life will mean life. Six months will not mean six weeks. No more early release for the likes of Megrahi.
- Introduce a 'three-strikes-and-you're-out' rule for habitual offenders. There will be boot camps to jolt young offenders out of a life of crime.
- Stop prisoners using legal aid to fund representations not directly involved in their appeal against conviction or sentence.
- Re-balance the law to ban prosecutions of home-owners who defend their families and property against criminals.
- Make the police democratically accountable by introducing directly-elected Police Boards answerable to you and me, not the remote, out-of-touch Justice Secretary.
- Keep policing local and policemen on the beat. We will stop the SNP's plan to destroy our local police forces and to replace them with a single, national force.
- Forbid the courts to extradite any British subject unless the foreign state seeking extradition has first produced proper prima facie evidence in due form.
- End the blanket secrecy of court proceedings about custody and adoption of children.

Education: put pupils and parents first

We will –

- Let pupils leave school early provided they are entering approved apprenticeships or training schemes.
- Scrap loans and restore full grants for all Scottish university students.
- Let universities select their own students on merit. We will abolish the absurd 50% attendance target.
- Ensure all non-UK students pay realistic University fees
- Give schools and colleges independent control of teaching, exams and discipline, and the right to select on merit, not on postcode.
- Give parents the right to choose the school they want their children to attend.
- Scrap useless paperwork and enable teachers to do their jobs.
- Retain special schools for pupils with particular needs.
- Encourage competitive school sports and school trips.
- Ban the selling-off of school playing fields.

Health: Sorting out the National Health Service

We will –

- Cut NHS bureaucracy and waste, but make no cuts in front-line treatment. The NHS will continue to be free at the point of use, but only for British patients.
- Make the NHS directly and democratically accountable by introducing elected Health Boards chosen by voters every four years at the time of local authority elections.
- Encourage Health Boards to put key NHS services such as hospital management, long-term care and GPs' surgeries out to competitive tender.
- Introduce Health Vouchers allowing patients to opt out of the NHS and use the vouchers towards the cost of private treatment.
- Put doctors back in charge of clinical decisions, and matrons in charge of hospital wards and the fight against superbugs.

- Keep Scotland's vital Community Hospitals unless local residents vote for their abolition.
- Scrap the smoking ban as a needless restriction on freedom, giving owners of pubs and other buildings the freedom to set aside rooms for smokers if they want.

The economy: down with taxes, up with jobs

We will –

- Use the Scottish Parliament's tax-varying power to cut taxes in Scotland, increasing our competitiveness within and beyond the United Kingdom.
- Aim to make Scotland a low-tax, small-government nation.
- Undo the damage caused to Scotland's farms and fisheries by the European common agricultural and fisheries policy.
- Help Scotland's small businesses by removing the extra taxes, levies and fuel and energy price increases imposed in the name of climate change.
- Rebalance the business rate to favour Scotland's small businesses.
- Reduce crippling laws and regulations restricting public houses.
- Abolish costly, useless Home Reports for property sellers in Scotland.

Rural Scotland: a nation, not a political football

We will –

- Replace the Common Agricultural Policy with price supports that recognize local conditions, such as hill farming.
- Give special assistance to young farmers.
- Scrap over-regulation of abattoirs so that local abattoirs all over Britain can reopen.
- Encourage local food production.
- Ensure that fisheries licences, net sizes and fishing methods are regulated as locally as possible.
- Bring back control of Britain's fishing waters to Britain, on environmental as well as economic grounds.

- Rebuild our fisheries-protection fleet and place it under command of the Royal Navy.
- Keep rural post offices open as one-stop shops for local and national government services such as employment and tax enquiries.
- Make the cost of providing petrol stations in rural areas affordable
- Ensure that any woodland planted to alien monocultures by the Forestry Commission is privatised, with full preservation of public rights of access.
- Toughen penalties for anyone mistreating domestic or farm animals.

Immigration: Britain for the British first

We will –

- End Labour's mass immigration, which let in three million in 13 years.
- Freeze permanent settlement for five years to sort out the system.
- Increase Border Agency staffing as necessary to control immigration.
- Introduce strict visa controls.
- Admit key workers only, for fixed periods only.
- Deport illegal immigrants and foreign criminals.
- Require all citizens to learn English.
- Publish all official communications in Gaelic or English only.
- Scrap State promotion of multiculturalism. We are Scottish and British.

Transport: keeping Scotland on the move

We will –

- Remove all speed cameras throughout Scotland, except in specific locations where independent statistical research shows they have clearly saved lives.
- Improve local control of public transport and support airport links. It is a scandal that the Edinburgh main line passes the airport runway, but has no station.
- Let local residents decide whether they want speed humps or traffic-calming measures.

- Rule out satellite-based road-pricing and oppose privatisation of parking.
- Make carriageway doubling on the A9 from Perth to Inverness a priority.

Defence: double the budget to back our troops

We will –

- Double the Defence budget, to back our troops in the field, equip our Forces properly and reverse catastrophic cuts in manpower, equipment and materiel.
- Restore the traditional Scottish regiments.
- Reopen Scotland's air-bases and dockyards.
- Ensure that our aircraft carriers have aircraft to fly from them, and are supported by properly-equipped carrier battle groups.
- Require spares-and-service contracts to be in place for all battlefield equipment.
- Ensure that care of veterans returning from combat is the best available, and that our returning veterans are welcomed as the heroes they are.
- Restore the Coastguard, for the safety of mariners around Scotland's long coastline.
- Retain the RAF's vital search-and-rescue capability.

BUT, whatever we, the people, want or decide...

UKIP would like to point out that unelected EU bureaucrats set overall policy in –

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| ● Foreign affairs | ● Economic affairs |
| ● Public health | ● Transport |
| ● Justice | ● Energy |
| ● Employment | ● Environment |
| ● Police | ● Farming |
| ● Social affairs | ● Fisheries |
| ● Immigration | ● Law enforcement |
| ● Tourism | |

And They won't stop there. That is why we want our democracy back. If you want it too, vote UKIP with pride!



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