



NI PEOPLE

NI People Party Manifesto 2024



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Party Structure

NI People are not a typical political party in Northern Ireland. We completely ignore orange and green labels and instead, celebrate our rich diversity of traditions and cultures, seeking to unite our communities to make NI work for all. We are a common sense, genuine centrist party for all that represents NI. We feel there is no person who fits this description from any political party here in NI.

We believe in putting people first and stripping back unnecessary government bureaucracy. We want to create a common-sense approach to government, free from big business and lobby group interference and control, and instead, create a decentralised, localised style of government.

We are a completely unwhipped

political party that promotes diversity of opinion and freedom with a set of principles to act as a guide with the specifics freely debated and agreed.

We strongly feel that the current traditional parties stifle creativity and put their party first. We very much believe that the public who vote in politicians and their specific areas should be put first.

Instead of a traditional party structure of a leader with followers, we are promoting a party of leaders. There is a leader in name only to satisfy the current system and they will step down following 2 terms to

be replaced by another candidate. There is a party Chairman who can suspend the party leader if required and their role is also on a rotation basis.

NI People will streamline bureaucracy by advocating for fewer laws and a smaller state sector. We prioritize supporting local small and medium-sized businesses and advocate for full devolution of powers from Westminster. We propose removing law-making abilities from Brussels. We will lower corporation taxes below our competitors in the Republic of Ireland to attract global wealth. Furthermore, we propose significant reductions in household and business rates and taxes, empowering individuals to make their own spending decisions rather than relying on the state sector.

What Makes Us Different?

Now is the time for **all** communities to truly come together to realise their full potential. By supporting each other as ONE community and no longer as cross-community, we will respect, defend and celebrate each other's cultures together.

The last few years have been extremely difficult with Covid restrictions affecting everyone's mental and physical health. The scale of the damage done to our lives and our economy is truly unprecedented.

Ill-informed, self-serving and dishonest government policies of lockdowns have resulted in business closures.

We have been badly let down by career politicians, intent on clinging onto their personal power and influence instead of empowering and enabling the people to live their lives. Driven by pure greed and ego they have prioritised their personal interests and gain over that of the civilians that voted them in to do precisely that.

There is now real hope for positive change from the old politics of division to one of inclusivity; one that places the needs of the civilian over the power of the individual politician.

We propose and pledge to deliver a revolutionary new system where ordinary members of the public are empowered and responsible for key decision making in their areas. Our new system will truly be represented by the whole community.

The financial irresponsibility and waste demonstrated by our 'government' will negatively affect not only those on benefits, but also the working poor with many now jobless and families separated.

Key Pledges

- ✓ **Agriculture**
Sustain and help the farmers, produce our own food. Net Zero will starve us, farmers feed us.
- ✓ **Economy**
Promoting business creation and freedom to trade which will create local jobs for the people of NI.
- ✓ **Education**
Parents to drive education, not the state. It should be education not indoctrination.
- ✓ **Family**
Family first, including creation and support.
- ✓ **Freedom**
Freedom of speech and expression. We need to support our neighbours' cultures and traditions; we should not censor it.
- ✓ **Healthcare**
Promote natural health and prevention. Pharmaceutical companies want long term customers not cures.
- ✓ **Housing**
We need a sensible housing policy where our homeless can access free hotels, food, electricity, heating and not the rest of the world. Our own people of NI need to be the priority.
- ✓ **Foreign Policy**
Neutrality with NATO. We need to worry about NI first and not get involved in foreign wars.
- ✓ **Fully Devolved Powers**
We believe the people of NI are best to legislate our own laws. We want full devolution from Westminster and we do not agree with Brussels passing laws here either.

Economy and Finance

Poverty knows no divide; equally affecting orange and green communities. Northern Ireland has the most educated civilians in the UK however we are the lowest paid. Years of poor leadership by our elected politicians are clearly the reason why there is so much economic inequality.

Former UK Prime Minister Teresa May once quoted that the difference in life expectancy between the poorest in society and the richest areas is 9 years for boys and 7 years for girls.

The key to a successful economy is to secure full devolution of tax raising powers. We want to reduce corporation tax levels to lower than the Republic of Ireland's rate of 12.5%. We want to introduce a rate of 10% which will encourage investment and job creation in NI.

We believe that local councils have decimated our towns and cities with the recent introduction of off street car parking attendants and unfair costly rates bills for start up businesses and local small and medium sized businesses.

We want to bring in free car parking to towns and cities for shoppers and workers and remove all rates bills. There are too many shops and streets closing up, becoming ghost towns. We want our towns to thrive.

It is our belief that the hardworking people of NI are being taxed at an obscene rate. The state sector does not create wealth but spends other people's wealth in a wasteful way. We want to reduce all state tax and national insurance contributions to a flat

20%. This can be achieved using a phased approach of closing down non-essential state sector departments. By doing this, other essential departments, such as the NHS, can be managed more effectively.

We believe in upholding the fundamental right to financial privacy. We firmly oppose the implementation of Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs), recognising the potential threat they pose to individual privacy and financial autonomy.

We will ensure that our currency is returned to a gold-backed currency, with physical cash guaranteed as a legal requirement for all shops, businesses, and banks. Also following developments in other jurisdictions eg. El Salvador, we support the adoption of Bitcoin as legal tender.

Education

We want to see the separation of state and education of our children. According to a recent poll, 75% of NI parents believe that the government's plans of implementation of RSE state sexual education is too graphic and not age appropriate. We need to trust our parents as the best educators of our children and should be free from direct government interference.

Education, Not Indoctrination

Education within NI is no longer fit for purpose. The current system was designed for factory workers wearing uniforms, asking permission and intelligent enough to memorise key information. The world is changing dramatically with the need to educate the leaders of tomorrow and not the followers of yesterday.

We at NI people promote the learning of life skills, teaching farm-to-table lessons for our food. We want to promote self-sufficiency - both physical and mental self-care. We promote outdoor learning and specific teaching models such as Steiner Schools & forest schools.

We want to celebrate community schools that encourage cooking, sewing, gardening, budgeting and other practical life skills along with core subjects including English, Maths and IT.

We would implement a system that allows schools to develop individual policies, giving parents the freedom to choose their child's education path. We would introduce IQ-based entrance examinations, outside of the traditional schooling system.

We would encourage homeschooling, with tax incentives for those opting for this route could also be explored.

We would abolish the Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI), empowering parents and governors to make decisions about their school's direction.

We would enhance accountability in schools by providing more opportunities to dismiss teachers who are not meeting expectations could improve educational standards.

Health

NI People calls for a transformative shift in healthcare to address the dire state of Northern Ireland's health system. Waiting lists are unacceptably high, and shortages of essential medical staff persist.

The current crisis-driven approach is unsustainable. Challenges with the current healthcare model require a bold shift towards proactive, preventative care that empowers individuals and prioritizes community well-being.

Our goal is clear: transition from a healthcare system that reacts to illness to one that proactively fosters health and well-being. This involves a series of strategic initiatives designed to educate, engage, and empower our community.

Some of these initiatives include:

- **Improving access to primary care by integrating complementary therapies.**
- **Offering patients a more holistic approach to healthcare with therapies like acupuncture, chiropractic care etc.**
- **Reducing NHS wait times by promoting preventive care to reduce demand for acute services.**
- **Supporting community agriculture for food security and bonding.**
- **Promoting outdoor and environmental education, and ensuring access to green spaces for physical and mental well-being.**

- **Supporting practices with multidisciplinary teams.**

- **Stabilizing elective waiting lists.**

- **Improving access to social support.**

- **Collaborating with third-sector partners.**

- **Implementing multi-year budgets and investing in NHS recruitment.**

These reforms promise significant economic savings and a stronger, interconnected community. We wish to create a healthcare system that truly serves the people of Northern Ireland, setting a new standard for health and wellness.

Communities Policy

The NI People is an organic and evolving party. Borne from necessity to bring the Northern Irish people together for a common cause. Each member uniquely has their own core principles and values.

However, all our members are agreed, that in representing the people of this country it is understood that everyone deserves a quality of life with religious and cultural freedom, mutual respect and understanding.

The party is committed to building a strong unified people led, diverse community with tolerance and respect for each other in a sustainable manner. There has been a rapid change in the cultural landscape of Northern Ireland, and whilst we the people have welcomed the opportunity to become a more

diverse and multicultural society, it has not been without its challenges. The country has been rebuilding an already divided population after years of conflict, addressing legacy issues and re learning how to live within a society that is now more equitable and acceptable.

Therefore, the change in our population has highlighted the need to keep building and learning how to maintain a society that embraces all our differences.

For this reason, we collectively oppose an economic migration policy and believe it is unhealthy to burden an already unsustainable structure for health and housing with new pressures that bring no value to the country or its future.

We will address the inefficiencies

in outdated housing policies and systems that do not promote the sustainability of already existing communities, to nurture the family support needed to build a future for our children.

We will commit to work with all community organisations and statutory bodies collectively representing the needs of local people whilst promoting investment in social equity, health and wellbeing for all.

Environment and Rural Affairs

A main aim in NI People is to prioritise local farmers and growers over multinational business abroad.

We will help local farmers keep more money to invest back into their farms via cutting unjust taxation, government rates and pushing against multinational agendas which only harm our businesses' finances.

By relieving the local farmers from the pressure of competing against multinational industries, we will do everything in our power as a party to promote sustainable, natural produce.

We are in favour of Agri Forestry which involves replanting our countryside with native tree species and introducing local native cattle to graze below the tree canopy.

This will reduce the need for expensive fertilisers and slurry which increases the nitrates in our water courses preventing future algae blooms as experienced recently in Lough Neah.

We support the use of bio digesters to reduce energy requirements with compost and liquid feed as further benefits. We need to support farmers, not penalise them. Farmers feed us, Net Zero starves us.





Justice

NI People want to stop the need for so many departments within the justice system and put money into more police officers and prison officers.

Our police service has been stripped back bit by bit; it has lost the connection with the community and has been more interested in handling paperwork. We need officers to put tackling crime first.

The police service should protect our human rights and uphold the oath to protect our people. We need our dormant police stations to be local, not centralised, and manned. Our people should not have to wait over an hour for police to turn up in any situation.

Our prisons are not fit for purpose; we need a separate women's prison and not with

the young offenders. The prison population is seriously increasing and there are not enough officers to deal appropriately with this.

We want to prioritise work and education for prisoners to give them a helping hand for when they are released. We need to stop the drug abuse in the prisons and focus on mental health, giving prisoners a better chance for life on the outside.

There needs to be clear vision on staff retention in all areas of the judicial system.

Infrastructure

Our infrastructure, particularly our roads, has deteriorated due to delays and substandard repair work under Department for Infrastructure (DFI) contracts. Pothole repairs often fail due to low-quality materials, necessitating frequent rework.

Our solution involves comprehensive resurfacing of damaged roads for long-term cost savings, alongside using superior materials and expert consultation for effective short-term patching.

The swift shift to LED white lights for sustainability goals like "net zero" has caused early failures and visual mismatches due to prioritizing cost over quality. To solve this, we propose a uniform transition to amber LED lights, adjusting brightness to preserve aesthetic

integrity.

Addressing the issue of MOT waiting lists, we propose delegating MOT certification authority to verified garages and vehicle dealerships, a practice already established in other regions of Great Britain.

We plan to implement a comprehensive program of drain cleaning and channel flushing throughout Northern Ireland, aimed at minimizing surface water accumulation and associated flood risks.

We propose a reformulation of vehicle taxation to allocate more to road maintenance. We'll adjust taxes based on emissions, weight, and size for fairness and to incentivize cleaner transport. While acknowledging the importance of addressing emissions from

highly polluting vehicles, such as older diesel models. We aim to implement targeted taxation policies to incentivize cleaner transportation options.

Empowering local authorities to oversee street signage, speed limits, and road markings promotes community involvement in enhancing road safety. Regular surveys will address any road condition issues, ensuring proactive infrastructure management.

Recognizing the need for organizational reform, we pledge to restructure the Department of Infrastructure to improve efficiency and responsiveness. Prioritizing quality in contract procurement and ensuring equitable service delivery aims to rebuild public trust in the department's capabilities.