



PARTY MANIFESTOS SUMMARY – SCOTLAND 2026

	Reform UK	Scottish Conservatives	Scottish Green Party	Scottish Labour	Scottish Liberal Democrats	Scottish National Party
<p>Introduce a human rights bill to enshrine international norms, such as the right to an adequate standard of living, into domestic law.</p>			<p>Introduce a Human Rights Bill (p.69)</p>			<p>Introduce a Human Rights Bill (p.32)</p>

<p>Improve access to justice for human rights breaches.</p>		<p>Hold a review into legal aid provision (p.91)</p>	<p>Introduce a Legal Aid Reform Bill (p.136)</p>	<p>Fund access to legal services and fund 40 legal aid traineeships annually (p.61)</p>	<p>Fund provision of advocacy services, legal aid, mediation and arbitration (p.89)</p>	<p>Introduce a Legal Aid Reform Bill</p> <p>Introduce anti-SLAPP legislation to uphold human rights (p.71)</p>
<p>Maximise rights safeguards for people seeking asylum and those with refugee status.</p>	<p>Restore the requirement for a local connection in Scotland to apply for housing and end Glasgow's status as a dispersal city (p.18)</p>	<p>Reverse policies which make it easier for asylum seekers to access housing (p.44).</p>	<p>Call on the UK Government to end No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF); encourage councils to use existing powers to mitigate NRPF; call for devolution of responsibility for housing and support of people seeking asylum; back the right to work for people seeking asylum; end the routine use of hotels to house people seeking asylum (p.82/83)</p>	<p>Expand the availability of English as a Second Language classes for refugees and people seeking asylum; support the 'passporting of skills for refugees to help skilled and highly qualified individuals find work' (p.86)</p>	<p>Address the asylum backlog; work towards closing asylum hotels by addressing the backlog; lift the ban on some asylum seekers working; help people to learn English (p.89)</p>	<p>Commitment to:</p> <p>'stand firmly in solidarity with refugee communities and the organisations that support them' (p.35)</p>

<p>Leverage Scotland’s social security powers to provide every individual with an adequate standard of living.</p>	<p>Change Scotland’s social security system to “ensure rigorous face-to-face assessment of claimants to prevent over-payment and false applications.” (p. 13)</p>	<p>‘Toughen’ eligibility requirements and review processes for people receiving social security payments (p.16)</p>	<p>Implement the recommendations of the Minimum Income Guarantee Expert Group and roll out a basic income for care leavers</p> <p>Increase the Scottish Child payment to £40 (p.48)</p>	<p>Deliver a financial inclusion and wellbeing strategy (p.9)</p> <p>Maintain the Scottish Child Payment and increase it to £40 a week for children under one (p.7)</p>	<p>Uplift the carers Support Payment</p> <p>Support the UK Liberal Democrats calls to ensure Universal Credit covers life’s essentials for everyone, remove the benefit cap, scrap the bedroom tax. (p.90)</p>	<p>Extend the Scottish Child Payment to £40 per week for all babies under one. (p.29)</p>
<p>Fully decriminalise abortion and ensure universal, publicly funded access to safe abortion services across Scotland.</p>			<p>Decriminalise abortion; expand abortion services in Scotland so patients are not required to travel to England; retain the 12-week limit on telemedical abortion care (p.95-96)</p>	<p>Protect women’s reproductive rights, ensuring that they are able to access the full range of reproductive services, no matter where they live (p.16/17)</p>	<p>Treat abortion as a healthcare issue, and give MSPs the opportunity to vote on decriminalisation (p.32)</p>	<p>Take forward a consultation on the recommendations of the Abortion Law review, including on decriminalisation within the specified term limits. (p.51)</p>

<p>Respect and protect the rights of LGBTI+ people by banning conversion practices.</p>			<p>Introduce a comprehensive ban on conversion therapy covering all settings, inclusive of trans, non-binary, and asexual identities. (p.78)</p>	<p>Work to deliver a conversion practices ban on a four nation basis (p.51)</p>	<p>Ban all forms of conversion therapies and practices, working in partnership with the UK Government (p.87)</p>	<p>Introduce a ban on conversion practices within the first year of parliament if the UK Government does not bring forward UK wide legislation (p.33)</p>
<p>Ban the use of facial recognition technology by law enforcement and act to prohibit predictive policing systems.</p>						
<p>Advocate for the abolition of the Prevent duty and implement safeguards to mitigate its human rights impact in Scotland.</p>						
<p>Develop a comprehensive strategy to support human rights defenders internationally.</p>						

Review and enhance due diligence processes to ensure that Scottish public funding is not involved in supporting violations of international law.			Ensure no Scottish Government support for war crimes and take every opportunity to uphold international law (p.130)	Carry out robust human rights due diligence checks on funding for defence and ensure public money is not connected to products used in human rights abuses around the world. (p.87)		
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