



The NDP Manifesto 2026

NDP MANIFESTO

The UK has been facing serious economic decline since World War Two. This decline was largely due to the lack of investment. It was accelerated by Thatcher in the 1980s. The policy of offshoring industry has been a catastrophe. Compounding this has been the massive privatisation of our infrastructure and many of our strategic industries. This has led to high prices and poor service. Interest rates continue to rise. We now face a new crisis of US financial companies like Blackrock buying up UK finance, production and now even property. The UK has become a sick cash-cow for the USA.

AN ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIC STRATEGY

Finance and Industry

The UK needs to adopt long term planning. It needs to restructure our finance, infrastructure, science, manufacturing and education to meet the needs of our country, not the needs of the US finance sector and the City of London.

Since privatisation we pay some of the highest prices in the World for electricity, gas, water and transport. Electricity in the UK is the second highest in the World where only prices in the EU are higher. Full public ownership of electricity and lower costs to industry and households is a matter of national survival and a key instrument in lowering inflation. The scandals surrounding water provision and costs continue. The answer is obvious.

Strategic sectors like finance, energy, infrastructure and our major industries need to be brought back into publicly ownership.

Planning

We need a National Investment Bank to guide our country's long term investment plans to develop science, technology, engineering, mathematics, media, manufacturing and much else. We still have some strengths we can build and expand upon. We are not starting from scratch.

While strategic industries and infrastructure need to be in public hands there is plenty of room for private companies to develop and initiate. Indeed, the environment for private companies within a long term, national strategic economic development would be much more secure than today's often economic anarchy. Private and co-operative companies, are often better suited for the production and sales of consumer goods and services.

In all medium and large companies, it is essential that the work-force has a real say in management. This would prevent most needless conflict and draw on the many talents and ideas of the workers.

Artificial Intelligence

With the development of artificial intelligence, our present system is seeing all the benefits go to multi-billionaire share-holders. To ensure that the work-force, both skilled and professional also benefit, the savings need to be in large part shared with them in the form of higher wages and shorter hours.

Public services

Our public services are in huge decline due to privatisation and lack of investment. Privatisation has been a massive failure. Lack of investment and cuts in funding have led a declining NHS, roads, education, housing and council services. Just compare the quality of houses built even a hundred years ago with today's rabbit hutches with no gardens and amenities, built by the housing cartel. Public services belong in the public sector.

International

We need to change our trading strategy to include all the World, not just the EU and the USA. There are huge and developing markets in South East Asia, Africa, India, South and Central America and the BRICS organisation. We should develop our relations with these alongside our long term trading partners in North America and Western/Central Europe.

It is essential the UK does not involve itself in foreign wars and strives for peace. The growing talk of tactical nuclear war is insane. The UK would be the number one target if this were to occur. Just one modern missile could destroy most of the UK.

Immigration

We reject the big lie about an ageing population needing mass immigration. We have at least one million young people unemployed and another million in the dead end "gig" economy. They need training, apprenticeships and degrees to prepare them for our proposed expanding UK economy. The present neglect of our young people is criminal. With our approach we do not need mass immigration and the many problems it has brought. We believe in balanced migration.

Equality

We fully support equality before the law for all citizens of our country. But equality becomes a joke when we have millions of people in the poverty trap. The main cause of inequality remains that of which class you are born into. While much can be done to alleviate poverty and inequality, the key answer to end inequality is to end the absurd system of passive ownership of land, finance and industry by a tiny, billionaire, minority class at the expense of the working majority. The NDP believes that biological sex is paramount: We welcomed the UK Supreme Court ruling that "sex" in the Equality Act 2010 means biological sex, and this "scientific outcome" correctly upholds women's legal rights to single-sex spaces and protections.

Democracy

Democracy is not a luxury. Openness and democratic control are the key instruments of a healthy and prosperous society. Britain is no longer a democratic country! Yes we have the vote. But our MP's, through the lobby (bribery) system, represent the interests of foreign countries, notably Israel and the USA and the finance and corporate sectors. There has to be an end to outside interests bribing our MPs. There needs to be a clear structure for business interests to openly state their case to governments. MPs, meanwhile, should represent the interests of their constituents. Foreign governments and their agents should not be able to sponsor (bribe) our MPs as at present.

Trade Unions must fully re-enter the World of Politics. The Labour Party now it is largely a path for Oxford educated careerist to represent the interest of Oligarchs and the Corporate World. The trade union movement can change this.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

We have to use science to understand both the social and technological development of our society and that of the World. Because of our unique history and position as an entrepôt between the Americas and the European continent, we were the first capitalist and industrial country. We were home to fantastic technological and scientific advances and also, sadly, much suffering. Our workers demanded and got the vote and trade unions to protect them. Eventually Europe and North America also adopted capitalism and formal democracy as the main form of production and then it spread to the rest of the World. The World Wars were caused by countries vying for more colonies and markets.

But capitalism is now a spent and declining force. It is now in the stage of parasitic finance capitalism. The future is either further decline, social break-up and poverty or a major change of direction. That direction, socialism, means that the parties of the working people and their families, take control over the government and the state, take control, deconstruct and then reconstruct the state in order to serve the interests of the working classes! Re-organising the state so it works in the interests of working people not financial billionaires. While tax changes can help, they cannot stop decline. We need that fundamental political, financial and technological change to reverse decline: to develop long term planning for the future and our children. To achieve that we need to protect our democratic rights and take the media from the control of the state and billionaire class and for the media to work as real news organisations as co-operatives. Socialism in the UK can be won expanding freedom and democracy for working people, not limiting it. That is what we stand for.

We will work with all others with a similar outlook. We don't claim a monopoly of wisdom and are always willing to increase our understanding of our society. If you want to help, please see our policy points* and join us.

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