An intergenerational fairness audit: 2024 general election manifestos

Good for younger & future generations
Intergenerationally neutral
Positive moves towards intergenerational fairness but more work to do
Intergenerationally unfair





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Housing	 Deliver 1.6 million homes over the next Parliament Abolish Stamp Duty for homes up to £425,000 for first-time buyers and a Mortgage Guarantee Scheme Cap ground rents at £250 Introduce Renters Reform Bill to abolish Section 21 'no-fault' evictions 	 Build 1.5 million homes over the next parliament (a minimum of 300,000 a year) Support first-time buyers with increase to stamp duty threshold and mortgage guarantee scheme 40% of newly built housing must be affordable Review Right to Buy discounts and increase protections on newly-built social housing End the use of unfair leasehold practices Abolish Section 21 and reform private rented market to ensure fairness and affordability 		 Increase building new homes to 380,000 a year Deliver 150,000 social homes a year and introduce a new Rent to Own model Give local authorities the ability to end Right to Buy Abolish residential leaseholds and cap ground rents to a nominal fee Ban 'no-fault' evictions and introduce three-year tenancies as default Ensure all homes are zero-carbon 		 150,000 new social homes End Right to Buy End no-fault evictions, introduce a Fairer, Greener Homes Guarantee, right for tenants to demand energy efficiency improvements Empower local authorities to introduce rent controls All new homes to meet Passivhaus or equivalent standards, Protect the Green Belt 		 Restore landlords' rights to deduct finance costs and mortgage interest Abolish the Renters' (Reform) Bill but improve enforcement processes 	
	Retain the Green Belt	Release the "Grey Belt"				Protect the Green Belt		Fast track development of brownfield sites	
	 Implement 'three strikes and you're out' expectation for antisocial behaviour in social housing policy Ensure discounts on Right to Buy rise with inflation 	Reinstate fair regulation, ensure standards for rented housing, promote tenant rights and protections		Strengthen tenant protections, standards and local authority inspection powers					

Pensions	Triple Lock Plus: the state pension and tax free allowance rises with the highest of inflation, earnings or 2.5%	Maintain Triple Lock	 Maintain Triple Lock "Ensure that women born in the 1950s are finally treated fairly and properly compensated" 	 Ensure pensions are uprated in line with inflation Equate the rate of pension tax relief with the basic rate of income tax 	Review of pension provisions
Social care	Cap social care costs from October 2025 Funding settlement to support social care at next Spending Review Take forward reforms in 'People at the Heart of Care' White Paper	Create a National Care Service	Introduce free personal care based on model introduced in Scotland in 2002.	Introduce free personal care Investment of £20 billion a year	Simplify social care through a single funding stream instead of split between NHS and Local Authorities
		Establish a Fair Pay Agreement in adult social care	Create a social care workforce plan and introduce a higher Carer's Minimum Wage Support unpaid carers such as introducing paid carer's leave	£3 billion to local authorities to support children's social care Increase pay and career structure for carers	
Environment	Net Zero by 2050 Triple offshore wind capacity Invest £1.1billion in Green Growth Industries Accelerator Maintain energy price cap Implement a new import carbon mechanism by 2027	 Clean power by 2030 Creation of Great British Energy capitalised by £8.3 billion Creation of National Wealth Fund to support growth and green energy missions Will not create any new licenses for the North Sea but will not revoke current ones Invest £6.6 billion in Warm House Plan to upgrade 5 million homes 650,000 new high quality jobs relating to climate Implement a carbon border adjuster 	 Invest in renewables so 90% of UK electricity is generated by renewables in 2030 Net zero by 2045 Create a 'rooftop solar revolution' Return international development spending to 0.7% with key focus on climate change Make homes cheaper to heat with ten-year emergency upgrade programme and ensure all new homes are carbon neutral 	 Wind to provide 70% of UK's electricity by 2030 Net Zero by 2040 at the latest No new oil and gas licenses Invest £40 billion in the next parliament on the green transition Carbon tax on fossil fuels both domestic and imported Communities to own their energy sources Invest £4 billion in skills and training to prepare workers for the transition 	Scrap Net Zero and related subsidies

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	 Cut the cost of tackling climate change by issuing new licenses in the North Sea and ruling out any new green levies Build gas power stations Guarantee a vote on setting new climate targets 	Build, upgrade, complete new nuclear power stations			
Taxation	Reduce Employee National Insurance by 2p to 6% by April 2027 Abolish National Insurance for self- employed	 No tax increases for working people: National Insurance, Income Tax, VAT Stop the non-dom loophole on inheritance tax 	Reform Capital Gains Tax to generate £5 billion a year Cut income tax when public finances allow by raising tax-free personal allowance	Introduce a wealth tax of individuals with assets above £10 million at 1%, above £10 billion at 2% annually Reform Capital Gains Tax to align tax on income with tax on gains Reform inheritance tax Align tax on investment Income with tax on employment income Remove Upper Earning Limit on National Insurance Equate rate of pension tax relief with basic rate of Income Tax	 Abolish inheritance tax for estates under £2 million Lift Income Tax start point to £20,000 Cut Residential Stamp Duty to 0% under 750k, 2% from £750,000-£1,500,000, 4% over £1.5 million

				Reevaluate Council Tax Band	
Health	Increase NHS spending above inflation every year Recruit 92,000 more nurses and 28,000 more doctors Build or modernise 250 GP surgeries Build 50 more Community Diagnostic Centres, 40 news hospitals by 2030	 Cut NHS waiting times with 40,000 more appointments every week Dentistry Rescue Plan to provide 700,000 more urgent dental appointments 	Increase number of GPs by 8,000 and give everyone the right to see a GP within 7 days	An additional £8 billion in annual expenditure on the NHS and an additional £20 billion capital spending over five years	NHS and social care staff to pay zero basic rate for three years Harness private sector, give tax relief of 20% to private healthcare providers
Mental health	 Boost capacity for severe mental illness by 140,000 places Expansion of talking therapies by 50% Mental health support teams in every school by 2030 	 8,500 additional mental health staff in NHS Mental health professionals in every school Young futures hub to give open access to mental health services to young 	 Improve the young's access to mental health services by establishing mental health hubs for young people Qualified mental health professional in every school 	Ensure everyone can access evidence-based mental health therapies within 28 days Qualified mental health professional in every school	Get more 16-34 year- olds into work and an inquiry into social media use
	Reduce number of mental health claimants on disabilities benefits				
Childcare	From September 2025 30 hours of free childcare a week to working families, saving eligible families on average £6,900 Deliver a Family Hub in every local authority	 3,000 new primary school based nurseries Free breakfast clubs in every primary school 	 Appoint a Cabinet Minister for Children and Young People Double statutory maternity and Shared Parental Pay to £350 a week Make parental pay and leave day-one rights to 	Invest £1.4 billion a year in Sure Start centres Extend free childcare to 35 hours a week from 9 months	Front load child benefit system for children aged 1-4 to give parents choice to spend more time with their children

			all, extend to self- employed parents		
Schools	Create 60,000 more school places and a further 15 new free schools for children with special educational needs	 Recruit 6,500 new teachers End the VAT exemption and business rates relief for private schools Modernise the curriculum 	 Increase school and college funding above the rate of inflation every year Extend free school meals to all children in poverty Invest in new buildings and clearing backlog of repairs Introduce a "Tutoring Guarantee" for every disadvantaged student who needs it Triple Early Years Pupil Premium to £1,000 	Increase school funding by £8 billion, £2 billion towards a pay uplift for teachers Ensure every school building is safe investing £2.5 billion a year to tackle the RAAC concrete scandal Move academies into local authorities control Charge VAT on private school fees Invest £ 5 billion in SEND Provision	Patriotic curriculum in primary and secondary schools Tax relief of 20% on all independent education
Further and higher education	Close university courses in England with the worst outcomes Introduce Advance British Standard - Maths and English to be mandatory up until 18 years Lifelong learning entitlement: adults can apply for loans to cover new qualifications End ability for international students to bring dependents	Transform further education colleges into specialist Technical Excellence Colleges Replace Apprenticeship Levy with more flexible Growth and Skills Levy	Reintroduce maintenance grants for disadvantaged students Create a lifelong skills grant giving all adults £5,000 to spend on education and training throughout their lives	Scrap tuition fees Restore maintenance grants and post-16 Education Maintenance Allowance Long-term plans to cancel student debt £12 billion investment in skills and lifelong learning Increase sixth-form funding by £3 billion	Scrap interest on student loans, extend loan repayment to 45 years, restrict undergraduate numbers well below current levels Cut funding to universities that undermine free speech Universities must provide 2 year courses
	Create 100,000 high-quality apprenticeships for young people	A review of the higher education funding settlement			
Work and welfare	Maintain the NLW at two-thirds of median income	 Reform employment law banning zero-hour contracts, ending fire 	Replace lower apprenticeship rate with	Repeal current anti- union legislation and replace with a positive	No mention beyond curbing immigration to protect workers' wages

Universal benefits	Tighten up benefits system to reduce number of claimants by 424,000 people Move outdated legacy benefits into Universal Credit	and rehire, introduce basic rights on parental leave and sick pay Remove age bands so all adults are entitled to minimum wage Commitment to review Universal Credit	at least the National Minimum Wage Modernise employment rights for the "gig- economy" such as 20% high NMW for zero hour contracts and right to request fixed term contract after 12 months Reduce the wait for the first payment of Universal Credit from 5 weeks to 5 days Credit from 5 seed scheme End parents under 25 years not getting the full rate of Universal Credit	Charter of Workers' Rights • £15 minimum wage to all workers regardless of age. • Introduce a maximum 10:1 pay ratios between CEO and workers for all private and publicsector organisations. • Equal rights for "gigeconomy" workers and zero hour contracts • Increase Universal Credit by £40 a week • End five-week wait for benefits • Abolish two-child benefit cap to lift 250,000 children out of poverty • Increase all disability benefits by 5% • Scrap the bedroom tax	All job seekers must find employment within four months or within two job offers
Transport	Move Child Benefit to household system Invest £36 billion in local roads, rails and buses Extend £2 bus fare cap in England for entirety of next parliament	Bring railways into public ownership Fix one million pot holes a year and tackle sky-high car insurance Support transition to electric vehicles Devolve transport to local communities	Support transition to electric vehicles requiring every vehicle sold from 2030 is zero-emissions Freeze rail fares and simplify ticketing on public transport Extend electrification of rail network and deliver Northern Powerhouse rail	Banning domestic flight journeys that take less than three hours by train Bring railways into public ownership Mandatory free travel for SEN 16-18 year-olds Reduce climate impact of road transport Electrify railways	Stop the "War on Drivers": ban ULEZ and Low Traffic Neighbourhoods Bring all British utilities into 50% public ownership
	Reverse London Mayor's ULEZ expansion				

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	Apply local referendums to Low Traffic Neighbourhoods				
Brexit	Sign further Brexit trade deals, speed up infrastructure and build 100,000 homes	There will be no return to the single market, the customs union, or freedom of movement	 Return to Erasmus Plus programme Rejoin Single Market 	 Re-join the EU Return to free movement and right to work for UK and European citizens Rejoin the Erasmus Programme 	Legislation to scrap EU regulations with immediate effect Abandon the Windsor Framework
Constitutional reform	No changes to voting age or voter ID	Lower voting age to 16 Adress inconsistencies in voter ID rules House of Lords reform: remove right of hereditary peers and mandatory retirement age of 80	 Introduce proportional representation Scrap voters ID scheme and give 16- and 17- year-olds the right to vote Reform House of Lords with a proper democratic mandate 	 Voting rights for 16-year-olds Replace House of Lords with a second elected chamber Introduce proportional representation Strengthen transparency rules for political lobbying 	Leave ECHR Reform House of Lords and Civil Service Proportional representation
Miscellaneous	Mandatory National Service for all school leavers at 18, with the choice between a competitive placement in the military or civic service roles				