



Party Manifesto's – National Assembly for Wales election 2016

Here is an overview of the key manifesto pledges of the main political parties in Wales:

| Welsh Conservatives  | Welsh Green Party  |
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| <p>The Welsh Conservatives included 4 of the 5 Fuel Poverty Coalition manifesto priorities within their manifesto:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce a 'Healthy Homes, Healthy People' energy efficiency Wales programme for fuel- poor households. • Support independent advice services for people in fuel poverty. • Implement the NICE guidelines on avoidable winter deaths. • Work with energy retailers to develop crisis funds for emergency heating when health is at risk. • Place fuel poverty at the heart of action to tackle social deprivation – <i>working with Fuel Poverty Coalition Cymru</i> members. <p>They also called to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with local authorities, third sector organisations and existing energy efficiency schemes to develop local Affordable Warmth Schemes and • Commit to achieving the Welsh Housing Quality Standard by 2020, recognising its potential for economic and social regeneration. <p>Here is a link to their manifesto: http://www.welshconservatives.com/sites/www.welshconservatives.com/files/welsh_manifesto_final_english.pdf</p> | <p>The Welsh Green Party included 2 Fuel Poverty Coalition priorities within their manifesto:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with an on demand and area based energy efficiency programme for energy efficiency for Wales. • Widen access to these programmes to people with health in at risk of the cold, involving health bodies to refer to ensure patients don't go home from hospital to a cold home. <p>Energy Efficiency and Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will introduce a 10 year programme of investment in Wales' housing stock to make it more energy efficient. • At least 12,000 homes to be 'provided' each year of which at least a third must be social housing. • Require new homes to be energy efficient to Passivhaus standard with almost no heating costs. <p>Here is a link to their manifesto: https://wales.greenparty.org.uk/assets/files/wales_files/Wales%20Green%20Party%20Manifesto.pdf</p> |

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| <p>Welsh Labour Party</p>  | <p>Welsh Liberal Democrats</p>  <p>Welsh Liberal Democrats Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru</p> |
| <p>The Welsh Labour Manifesto has not included any of the Fuel Poverty Coalition priorities or mention fuel poverty. However, it did call to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the roll-out of free smart energy meters to all homes to reduce bills. • End to 'Right to Buy' for social housing in Wales. • Deliver an extra 20,000 affordable homes. • Commit to stretching emissions and landfill targets that will see a Welsh Labour Government becoming carbon neutral by 2020. • Support the development of tidal lagoons and community energy schemes. <p>Here is their manifesto: http://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/themes/56f26ee2ebad64d813000001/attachments/original/1460733418/Welsh-Labour-Manifesto2016.pdf?1460733418</p> | <p>The Liberal Democrats included in their manifesto 2 Fuel Poverty Coalition priorities, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilise NEST funding to develop an emergency crisis fund for heating breakdown. • Develop social prescribing and 'insulation on prescription' to link up the NHS with the fuel poverty agenda and other schemes. <p>They also called to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinstate the Fuel Poverty Advisory Group with appropriate powers to recommend policies. • Support the development of community-based energy efficiency advice and mentoring schemes, especially in areas of significant fuel poverty. <p>They also suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling fuel poverty by incentivising private sector landlords to insulate homes. • Encouraging a portion of any community benefit scheme to be set aside to tackle fuel poverty and high energy bills in the community. • Extending Resource Efficient Wales to offer a more comprehensive scheme to improve resource efficiency, address fuel poverty and tackle climate change. <p>Energy efficiency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cutting council tax for energy efficient homes by £100 for homes that have their energy efficiency rating improved by two bands or more. • Giving local authorities responsibility for overseeing the delivery of home energy retrofits to low income and fuel-poor households, as is the case in Scotland. • Legislating for a minimum standard for the private rented sector, including over energy efficiency. • Incentivise private sector landlords to insulate homes. • Increasing the profile and prominence of Energy Performance Certificates in home sales and rentals. <p>Here is a link to their manifesto: http://www.welshlibdems.wales/manifesto</p> |

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| <p>Plaid Cymru</p>  | <p>UKIP Wales</p>  |
| <p>Plaid Cymru did not directly support any of the Fuel Poverty Coalition key priorities, however they did have a number of policies relevant to the work of NEA Cymru:</p> <p>Energy Efficiency and Housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a sustained £3bn, 20 year programme of energy efficiency of homes in Wales. • Strengthen planning to develop 'near zero energy buildings'. • Introduce 'green roofs' to building regulations to create more environmentally and efficient homes. • Raise environmental standard for new and existing old housing stock. • Raise legal requirements for condition of renting PRS properties. <p>Renewable Energy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop 'Ynni Cymru' to push forward renewable energy schemes in Wales. <p>Here is a link to the manifesto: http://www.plaid2016.wales/manifesto</p> | <p>UKIP Wales did not mention fuel poverty or energy efficiency priorities within their manifesto. However, they did make a number of pledges which could affect the work of the coalition in Wales, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Axing the £73 million Welsh government budget for climate change projects (this would include all energy efficiency and fuel poverty programmes in Wales) • Support fracking in Wales. <p>Housing and Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify long-term dormant land held by central and local government so it can be released for affordable developments - incentivise brownfield development. • Bring empty homes back into use • Generally resist new building regulations in Wales which will increase cost and complexity for developers and reduce housebuilding. • Give local people control over planning, by allowing them the final say on major planning decisions, such as out-of-town large-scale supermarket developments, wind turbines, incinerators, solar farms and major housing developments, through the use of binding local referendum. • Save money through a more efficient housing benefit system. For example, over three years a total of £6.6 million of overpaid housing benefits in Wales was written off. <p>Here is a link to their manifesto: http://ukip.wales/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Welsh%20Manifesto%202016-EN.compressed.pdf#pdfjs.action=download</p> |