

## Key pledges

No fees - keep tuition free

Fairer taxes to invest in public services

Cut fuel bills, insulate every home



# SCOTTISH GREENS MANIFESTO 2011 IN SUMMARY

## Red line issues

If involved in post-election talks, Greens will not support any administration that seeks to:

- build any new nuclear or coal-fired power stations in Scotland, or to extend the life of existing nuclear plants

- reintroduce tuition fees or bring in a new graduate tax

- make cuts to Scottish services that worsen inequality

## Summary manifesto commitments

- Reverse the cuts to local authority services at a total cost of £2.6bn
- Keep the NHS in public hands and ensure that local health services are protected against centralisation
- Allocate £904m to meet funding gaps for further and higher education and keep tuition free
- Invest £940m to reverse cuts to affordable housing
- Further restrict the Right to Buy to protect access to social housing
- Allocate £650m to fund public transport infrastructure projects and a further £300m to bring fares down
- Fund the first five years of a national home insulation scheme at a total cost of £500m
- Introduce tougher annual climate change targets of 4.5% a year
- Set aside £125m for an expanded Climate Challenge Fund for local community projects of all scales
- Bring in a new £80m a year fund to support small farmers and crofters
- Create a £1m micro-finance scheme for young people starting their own small businesses
- Go 100%+ renewable by 2020 and export the surplus
- Oppose the privatisation of Royal Mail and protect postal services
- Scrap the proposed second Forth Bridge and Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route
- Develop a non-profit body capable of bidding for the Scotrail franchise in 2014
- Support a presumption against very short sentences
- Put mediation and restorative justice at the heart of the system
- Continue to support a minimum price per unit of alcohol
- Introduce a Land Value Tax to replace Council Tax & business rates, cutting bills for 85%+ of Scottish households
- Use the Scottish Variable Rate of income tax at 0.5p from 2013 to raise new revenue
- Introduce equal marriage
- Oppose the privatisation of Scotland's prison estate
- Introduce a new Common Good Act to protect and expand community assets
- Give fans' trusts first refusal when their clubs come up for sale using the land reform model
- Oppose the return of any form of aviation subsidy other than for lifeline services to the islands
- Review the Allotments Act to meet the needs of modern communities
- Oppose large-scale incineration and biomass plants
- Back independent pubs and brewers
- Introduce a Green Procurement Bill to ensure public money supports sustainability and local business
- Expand the remit of Scottish Water to make it a publicly-owned renewable energy company
- Fully implement the Aarhus Convention to ensure access to environmental justice
- Commit to an increase in Scotland's international development budget
- Oppose plans for a single national police force
- Put the case for votes at 16
- Oppose the renewal of Trident nuclear weapons