**Our Generation Our Vote Manifesto Policy Summaries**

We recommend that you print these summaries for your learners ahead of delivering the session so they are able to use them as part of the activity outlined in the session.

***Disclaimer:***

*These are youth-friendly summaries of some promises that some of the major political parties are making before the 2024 general election. These summaries are based on the political parties’ manifestos. A manifesto is a publication written by a political party before a general election which sets out what the party is promising to do about different issues. Manifestos can be thousands of words long, so this document provides a summary of some of the policy areas relating to issues that young people thought were most important, based on a survey carried out by ‘Our Generation. Our Vote.’ We have aimed to make this document accessible to various age groups and included* [*a glossary here*](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pN0bKrPuiIRuuUbSl6bybJmkgkqg2fFKLo_zJ5gxqCg/edit) *to explain some of the more difficult terms. We have shared these summaries with the political parties who are named in them. Other parties may also be standing in your area. You can find links to the* [*full party manifestos on Democracy Classroom*](https://www.democracyclassroom.com/resource-page/manifestos-for-general-election-july-2024) *and in the ‘how to vote’ PowerPoint presentations.*

**Plaid Cymru – The Party of Wales**

**The Leader of the party says:**

“Plaid Cymru MPs have always been Wales’s voice in Westminster, not Westminster’s voice in Wales. Being tied to Westminster means all risk and no reward for our nation. Wales is languishing at the bottom of too many league tables, our economy is stagnating, our transport network is creaking, and the lack of control over our natural resources means that we are energy-rich but fuel-poor.” – **Rhun ap Iorwerth. Leader of Plaid Cymru**

**Youth-Friendly Manifesto Policy Summary:**

**Climate and Environment**

* Get Wales to net-zero by 2035. and put money into creating jobs that help the environment. Like making energy from sun, wind and water.
* Expand the Welsh energy company, Ynni Cymry, to take more control of our own natural resources and lower energy bills.
* Make sure the Welsh Government and UK Government spend money to help stop flooding.

**Cost of Living**

* Help 330,000 Welsh families to deal with the cost-of-living crisis by increasing Child Benefit by £20 per week.
* Continue to give primary school children in Wales free school meals and extend free schools meals to be given to all children in Welsh secondary schools.
* We will remove limits to Universal Credit benefit that cause child poverty.

**Education**

* Lower the costs related to school, so no child misses out because of money, including transport, uniforms, and extra-curricular activities.
* We want Welsh-speaking early years and childcare services across Wales.
* Make sure schools have enough money. Fund Additional Learning Needs and mental health in schools properly.

**Health**

* Move control of the Mental Health Act to Wales - this law affects how mental health issues are managed and people’s rights.
* Support fair funding from Westminster, to recruit 500 General Practitioner doctors (GPs) into Wales.
* Open a new dental school in Bangor, as part of the new medical school to train more dentists to answer Wales’s needs.

**Immigration and Refugees**

* Wales should have the powers and resources to become a Nation of Sanctuary for refugees fleeing conflict.
* People should have safe ways to enter the UK. When they ask to live here, they should be dealt with quickly and humanely.
* Do not agree with sending people to Rwanda if they come to the UK to claim asylum.

**Safety**

* Invest in the support available for learners, this will create a safer learning environment for all, stamping out bullying, racism and homophobia.
* Support Wales to have full control of our criminal justice system. This means control over the police, prisons and managing crimes.
* Listen to people who have been a victim of crime, so we can provide better services for what people need.

*\*Unfortunately due to the need to provide materials quickly in advance of the election, some materials are being provided in English only. If you need Welsh translations of these materials please get in touch at team@ourgenerationourvote.org.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.*

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