**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.*

**The Liberal Democrat Party**

**The Leader of the party says:**

“For more than 150 years, Liberals and Liberal Democrats have led the fight for a fair, free and open society: championing free trade, introducing the state pension and free school meals, laying the foundations of the welfare state and the NHS, legalising same-sex marriage, and taking urgent action to tackle the climate emergency.” – **Ed Davey, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Party**

**Youth-Friendly Manifesto Policy Summary:**

**Climate and Environment**

* Reach net zero emissions by 2045 by doing things like making sure most electricity in the UK is made by the wind, sun and sea by 2030, including helping more people to have solar panels in their homes.
* Stop water companies from making our rivers and seas dirty and unsafe by making water companies into public benefit companies.
* Set up groups of people from around the country and local areas to help make decisions on how to fight climate change.

**Cost of Living**

* Create a National Food Strategy to reduce rising cost of food and improve health and nutrition.
* Make homes warmer and cheaper to heat with a ten-year emergency upgrade programme.
* Tackle child poverty, for example, by changing rules that mean people can only get some benefits for their first two children.

**Education**

* Give free school meals to all children who are poor.
* Fix big problems with school and college buildings that need repairs.
* Give 16- and 17-year-olds the right to vote.

**Health**

* Employ more 8000 more General Practice doctors (GPs) so that everyone can see a doctor within 7 days or 24 hours if urgent.
* Everyone can see an NHS dentist if they need urgent care for their teeth.
* Help more people to get mental health care support quicker and make sure there is someone in every school who is specifically qualified to support children’s mental health.

**Immigration and Refugees**

* Start a ‘Race Equality Strategy’, which is a plan so that people of all races are treated fairly.
* Asylum seekers will be allowed to work if they have been waiting for a decision on their application for more than three months.
* Stop laws that mean that some people who try to come to the UK could be sent to Rwanda.

**Safety**

* Have police officers working in the community and focused on preventing and solving crimes.
* Local services to support young people when they need it to help them stay away from violence, and more pastoral support in schools to reduce bullying.
* Make sure women and girls get better support if someone is violent to them.

*\*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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