

The People's Charter is six simple demands which if enacted would bring about a fair society for all.

The Scottish Organising Committee brings together trade unions, campaigning organisations and activists from a wide range of political positions to promote the People's Charter in Scotland as a common platform for change.

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# for a Fairer Scotland

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## 1. A fair economy for a fairer Britain.

- Take the leading banking, insurance and mortgage industries fully into democratic public ownership run for the benefit of all.
- Regain control of the Bank of England and keep interest rates low.
- Tightly regulate the City markets to facilitate lending and to stop speculation and takeovers against the public interest.
- Ban hedge funds, raids on pension funds, asset-stripping and corporate tax loopholes.
- Restructure the tax system so big business and the wealthy pay more and ordinary people pay less.

## 2. More and better jobs.

- Existing jobs must be protected.
- Public and private investment must create new jobs paying decent money.
- In particular in manufacturing, construction and green technology.
- More jobs mean more spending power to stimulate the economy, increased tax revenue and fewer people on benefit.
- Build full employment.
- Reduce hours, not pay, to create more jobs.
- Raise the minimum wage to half national median earnings and end the lower rate for young workers.

## 3. Decent homes for all.

- Stop the repossessions and keep people in their homes.
- Offer 'no interest' loans.
- Control rents.
- We need three million new homes.
- Give local government the power and money to build and renovate affordable quality homes and buy empty ones, ending the housing shortage, and creating jobs.

## 4. Protect and improve our public services – no cuts.

- Save public money: Bring energy, transport, water and telecommunications back, and keep the post in public ownership.
- End corporate profiteering in health, education, social and other public services.
- Stop the EU privatisation Directives.

## 5. Fairness and Justice.

- Free heating and transport for every pensioner.
- Link state pensions and benefits to average earnings.
- Protect pension schemes and restore the lost value of private pensions.
- End child poverty by increasing child benefits and tax credits and providing free nurseries and crèches.
- Enforce equal pay for women.
- End racism and discrimination in all its forms.
- No scape-goating of migrant workers.
- Invest in young people and give them a real stake in the future.
- Provide youth, community, arts and cultural centres, sports facilities, and clubs for all.
- Guarantee training, apprenticeships and education with grants for everyone and no fees.
- Restore union rights to allow them the freedom to fight the crisis and to protect workers.

## 6. Build a secure and sustainable future for all.

- End the cost of war in blood and money.
- Bring our troops home.
- Don't waste billions on a new generation of nuclear weapons.
- And beyond the current economic disaster, climate change threatens us all.
- Our future must be based on massive investment for a greener, safer world now.
- Debt is crushing millions of people forcing them to move and producing war, famine and misery.
- Get rid of the debt economy in Britain and cancel the debts of the poor of the planet.
- A better future for all the people of the world.

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