

2016 UKIP Assembly Election Manifesto





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The 5th May presents the people of Northern Ireland with an incredible opportunity. Political party manifestos are usually filled with arbitrary, over-ambitious targets and pledges that will never be kept. UKIP is different.

In this manifesto, which should inform your choice at this election, you will find serious policies that reflect what our party is all about: believing in our country, your country, Northern Ireland.

On the major issues of the day - migration, the economy, our health service and living standards – the establishment parties have repeatedly and knowingly raised the expectations of the public, only to let us down, time and time again.

In many ways, this is where UKIP came from: a feeling that successive governments were no longer representing the will of the people in the UK. Now, there is something to vote for, if you believe in Northern Ireland.

If you believe in Northern Ireland you believe we should seize the opportunity for real change in our politics; rebalance power and put it back into the hands of the people of this country, then there really is only one choice.

If you believe in a strong Northern Ireland, within a strong Independent United Kingdom, Vote UKIP on 5th May.

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I am very proud of the UKIP Candidates Team asking for your No. 1 vote at the Stormont Assembly election. A better bunch of dedicated, hardworking and determined people you couldn't ask for. UKIP are a team, work as a team and all of our candidates could easily be you. Honest family orientated, varied interests and different backgrounds.

What's more - your interests are the same as theirs. A good reason to back them and give them the deserved opportunity to make your voice heard in Stormont. I commend each and every UKIP candidate to you.

I don't expect any of them will let you down. That's the UKIP way – BELIEVING IN NORTHERN IRELAND. Devolution was hard fought for. There remains a long journey to take. UKIP are about Northern Ireland contributing into what it can be. A confident, vibrant, economically and socially cohesive self-determined nation within the UK. A people comfortable with their quality of life and ever present opportunities. A people proud to be British. UKIP are part of the community and pledge ourselves to serve all the people living and working in Northern Ireland.

We present our Assembly election Manifesto for Northern Ireland 2016. These are the main issues we will fight for in Stormont. These are the issues UKIP promise will be to the fore in ensuring proper policies are delivered in Government.

No nation with devolved powers can function without a sound local economic base. That means employment increased, better paid jobs, and incentives for the investors. It is impossible to grow our own economy whilst hosting and paying for the jobless of other countries. UKIP are the people's choice when it comes to standing up to foolish E.U Rules and regulations on migration.

The impact the European Union has on our Health Service, Education, Law & Order, Farming, Fisheries, Housing, Culture, Transport, Pensioners, Social Care, Young Families, Children and Countryside has been devastating. Under the E.U. Northern Ireland is not in control of our land border, our laws, our rights and opinions on self-determination. Set out for your consideration are the issues UKIP believe to be neglected, compromised and in too many instances weakened to be rendered useless.

Are you one of the hundred thousand or more, waiting on a hospital appointment not just for weeks, but for many months if not a year or two? It can't be right to subject people already in pain to more trauma and anxieties waiting on a hospital appointment. UKIP will stop the queues.

UKIP admire and stand up for today's young people battling as parents in many cases holding down two jobs, fighting as single parents paying a mortgage or annual rent, paying high child minding costs, pushing to get onto the housing ladder, finding a job whilst at the same time striving to put down a stake here in Northern Ireland. UKIP will not let down our young people.

UKIP recoil from the disastrous Education service and system all parties in Government have foisted upon us. Education and good education at that is a right not a lottery for school places. UKIP support parental choices, teacher's integrity and grammar schools. UKIP will push hard for local primary schools, affordable nursery – preschools, vocational, technical and specialist's schools. We will not allow special needs children to be disregarded. Every young person is unique with their needs coming first.

We mentioned 'putting down a stake' UKIP believe in communities which is why our demands for affordable housing be they rented or ownership will be pursed forcefully. Homes must be custom designed and sited to suit communities, the young family, the pensioners, the single person or parent. Homes for all have to be within reach of schools, churches, leisure complexes, GP surgeries, transport.

We have our say about Law & Order – Farming – Fisheries - UKIP's Celtic Coalition - Industry – Business – and the past its sell-by date mandatory coalition – UKIP lead the way on getting out of the E.U. follow us all the way to the polling stations. We want Stormont to get out of mandatory coalitions.

Send the scaremongers your message - VOTE UKIP



The 'Hootenanny Club'

The Hootenanny Club have agreed to govern on the basis of the 'Fresh Start' agenda. That means more of the same dressed up to look different. How many starts do they need? UKIP will hold their feet to the fire by exposing their fudges and failures. How can anyone believe that smooth capitalists and militant socialists are capable of agreement on specific measures benefiting the public? We don't believe them.

Others talk glibly of forming an opposition. They demand official cars, special status, more money and a costly secretariat. UKIP will be a true opposition without the trappings of a phoney grandeur. UKIP will be the voice of the people expressing their opinions and concerns – UKIP can be trusted.

Programme for Government

UKIP demand that a costed itemised programme for government is published as the basis on which a Mandatory Coalition Government will be formed by those parties failing to stand-up for a voluntary coalition. There can be no more crisis moments, no more failures, no more hoodwinking the public.



Our National Health Service

UKIP will ensure the full return and emphasis on TOTAL PATIENT CARE.



This should take precedence over the various administrative initiatives or research and analysis of social care campaigns which have little or no impact on total patient care and cost the tax payer hundreds of thousands of pounds per year. Patients deserve treatment – put patients first.

UKIP demand no more waiting lists for appointments to ease pain

• UKIP will ensure the NHS is free, at the point of need, for all Northern Ireland residents. UKIP will demand a better deal for Carers.

- UKIP will ensure that GPs' surgeries are open at least one evening per week, where there is demand for it.
- UKIP opposes plans to charge patients for visiting their GP.
- We will ensure that visitors to the UK, and migrants will have paid National Insurance for five years and have NHS-approved private health insurance as a condition of entry to the UK.
- UKIP opposes the sale of NHS data to third parties.
- We will ensure foreign health service professionals coming to work in the NHS are properly qualified and can speak English to a standard acceptable to the profession.
- UKIP will amend working time rules to give trainee doctors, surgeons and medics the proper environment to train and practise.
- There will be a duty on all health service staff to report low standards of care.
- UKIP will press for free car parking at hospitals for patients visitors
- UKIP will look to provide for those with 'Special Needs' physical, mental or behavioural.

Education and Skills

Subject to academic performance, UKIP will remove tuition fees for students taking approved degrees in Science, Medicine, Technology, Engineering and Maths on the condition that they work in their discipline and pay tax in the UK for five years after completion of their degrees.

- UKIP challenge Sinn Fein's destruction of our Education system.
- UKIP will scrap the target of 50% of school leavers going to university.
- Students from the EU will pay the same fee rates as international students.
- UKIP support Parent choice and the Teachers integrity.
- UKIP is committed to creating an education system that works for every child, irrespective of their background or academic ability.
- UKIP will actively protect existing Grammar Schools from any change in their status.
- UKIP will expose plans for mega size school campus sites.
- UKIP want to see a range of secondary, grammar, vocational technical and specialist schools, all with a new sense of mission built around the need to train a skilled workforce to generate new businesses and attract inward investment.
- UKIP will introduce an option for students to take an Apprenticeship Qualification locally instead of four non-core GCSE's which can be continued at A-Level. Students can take up apprenticeships in jobs with certified professionals qualified to grade the progress of the student.
- Schools will be investigated by the NI Education and Training Inspectorate on the presentation of a petition signed by 25% of the parents or Governors.
- UKIP will press for extra and better pre-school facilities for working parents.

Local Housing

UKIP will prioritise 'brownfield sites' and extend over the green belt to create housing. We will also give the final say about whether large-scale developments should be built for local people, by local people and make sure local people are given priority for social housing. We will also tackle homelessness.

• UKIP will press for a minimum of 500 homes to be built in the public sector as 'affordable homes' in each constituency over the next 5 years.

• UKIP will seek to provide more suitable homes for older and disabled people.

• UKIP will fight against unfair rent increases.

• UKIP will promote the regeneration of vacant properties for housing needs.

• UKIP will press for early intervention for those needing housing adaption due to ill health and caring needs.

• UKIP will continue to bring forward measures to eradicate fuel poverty.

Welfare and Childcare

• UKIP oppose any unjustified tax which operates unfairly, penalising those who are unable to recover from an illness and takes insufficient account of the needs of families and the disabled.

• Child benefit is only to be paid to children permanently resident in the UK and future child benefit to be limited to the first two children only.

• UKIP will ensure there is an initial presumption of 50/50 shared parenting in child custody matters and grandparents will be given visitation rights.

- UKIP supports a simplified, streamlined welfare system and a benefit cap.
- UKIP will outlaw local tax-dodging and benefit fraud.

• UKIP are pledged to find 'affordable' child-minding – after school and pro-school facilities.



Employment and Economy

UKIP demand a viable and sustainable manufacturing and marketing strategy capable of protecting and creating jobs, profits and growth. UKIP will bring forward a manufacturing policy in co-operation with business and trade unions.

• UKIP would have prevented the order from Translink endorsed by the Executive going to Holland for the new Rapid Transit Bus System, when it should have boosted local employment by being placed with Wright Bus. This was allowed to happen due to our continued membership of the European Union.

- UKIP believe in jobs for British workers first
- Businesses will be able to prioritise young British workers
- We will take action to help end late payments by big companies
- UKIP will grow Northern Ireland's small business confidence
- We will conduct a skills review to better inform our education system and qualifications
- Councils will be encouraged to provide more free parking for the high street shoppers
 Planning regulations and licences will be simplified for commercial property vacant for over a year
- UKIP are against zero hours employment

Building Positive Prosperity

• UKIP are committed to ensuring Northern Ireland's equitable share in the UK's prosperity growing its economy and offering opportunities to improve the quality of life, attain the highest standards of education, look after pensioners and build a better local economy. UKIP respect the Northern Ireland work ethic and recognise the difficulties in recovering from 40 years of terrorism. Prosperity in Northern Ireland is a UKIP priority. UKIP will include in Northern Ireland's prosperity the welfare of innocent terrorist victims.

Agriculture and Fishing

• Events and legislation coming down the tracks to farmers from Brussels in the foreseeable future are unremittingly bad news.

• Expect a continuation of the trend of a smaller proportion of the overall budget being devoted to agriculture. The size of the overall budget may well decrease as well, as Member States in the Eurozone witness a reduction of their GDPs: so, a smaller slice of a smaller cake is inevitable.

 Expect any weakening of the Euro to be the new norm as ECB Quantitative Easing (printing Euros) starts to bite. Fluctuations do not benefit our Farmers. 'Pay in sterling.'

• Expect considerably more legislation restricting pesticide choice and use, whilst third country competitors may use these materials and market the resultant produce here.

• Prepare to lose urea as a fertiliser constituent as part of this process whereby farmers are, in all seriousness, expected to improve the world's weather. UKIP will stand up for Northern Ireland Farmers and Fishermen. No farmer will be worse off when the country votes to leave the EU. Fishermen will be better treated.

UKIP is committed to removing the bungling, unelected bureaucratic stranglehold Brussels has on Northern Ireland's farmers. UKIP pledge to eliminate the administrative restrictions associated with the EU. Northern Ireland has the world's best Agri-Food industry let's keep it that way. Our food and drink industry is by any measure evidence of a local major success story. UKIP is committed to returning the sea to the local fishing industry. UKIP pledge to ensure that British waters are reserved for British-owned, registered and crewed vessels. UKIP remain solidly supportive of lifelong opportunities for those working in the fishing industry and their l local communities. UKIP recognise that both Farming and Fishing are tough careers which should provide better rewards for today's and future generations. UKIP will fight to protect farming and fishing and maintain these industries to the fore of economic investment.

Transport

Our Transport system is inadequate and costs us all too much money.

UKIP will push for a proper local transport system which meets the passenger's needs. Community transport and disability requirements remain our priorities. UKIP will stop wastefulness by public transport carriers.

• UKIP will maintain concessionary bus passes.

UKIP will introduce a new HGV Road User Levy

This levy currently applies to HGV vehicles registered both in the UK and other EU countries, to comply with various EU directives.

After leaving the EU the levy would cease to apply to UK vehicles, but the Vehicle Excise Duty on UK vehicles would be adjusted by the equivalent amount to make this aspect of the change revenue neutral for both UK hauliers and the government.

The current levy tariff will then be doubled to a maximum of £2000 per annum and only apply to foreign registered HGVs. This change will help UK hauliers to compete with European hauliers entering the UK, loaded with cheaper fuel bought on the Continent.

• UKIP will ensure that speed cameras are used as a deterrent and not a revenue raiser for local authorities.

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THE COUNTRYSIDE

We in the UK are far better placed to decide what is and what is not good for the countryside and its businesses. Though we are in 2016 a more urban orientated society, we continue to have an intimate connection with and understanding of the countryside.

We believe that it is vital to ensure that every opportunity is extended to the rural economy, whether it is agricultural, horticulture tourism and their supporting service industries, country sports. We cannot allow an urban electorate which often sees the countryside as a rather large museum set aside for their pleasure, to dominate and dictate the future of the countryside whilst ignoring the views and wishes of those who live and work in it. UKIP will bring forward proposals to protect the countryside and to protect and enhance nature. Let us all enjoy and respect our best natural asset.

Energy

To compete in business and push down costs Northern Ireland requires direct access to an energy s ource for our factories and homes. We must take full advantage of the natural local fuel source lying underneath our feet.

While our major global competitors – the USA, China, India – are switching to low-cost fossil fuels, we are forced to close perfectly good coal-fired power stations to meet unattainable targets for renewable capacity. If we carry on like this, the lights are likely to go out. Why? Because the 2008 Climate Change Act, an Act rooted in EU folly, drives up costs, undermines competitiveness and hits jobs and growth.

Dubbed 'the most expensive piece of legislation in British history,' the government's own figures put the cost of the Act at £18 billion a year over 40 years, or £720 billion between 2010 and 2050.

• UKIP will repeal it. The Climate Change Act is doing untold damage to the UK economy.

- UKIP supports a diverse energy market including coal, nuclear, shale gas, geo-thermal, tidal, solar, conventional gas and oil
- We will scrap the Large Combustion Plant Directive and encourage the re-development of British power stations, as well as industrial units providing on-site power generation

• UKIP supports the development of shale gas with proper safeguards for the local communities' environment. Community Improvement Levy money from the development of shale gas fields will be earmarked for lower council taxes or community projects within the local authority being developed • There will be no new subsidies for wind farms.

• UKIP will abolish green taxes and pre-payment method charges in order to reduce fuel bills



Controlling and Managing our Borders

- UKIP support and recognise the benefits of limited, controlled immigration.
- UKIP will leave the EU, and take back control of our borders.
 - Work permits will be permitted to fill skills gaps in the UK jobs market.

We will introduce an Australian-style points system to control immigration. This system will treat all migrants equally, wherever they come from in the world.
Time-limited work permits will be granted to fill skills gaps in the UK jobs market.

• Migrants will be stopped from sending benefits home.

• Migrants must have approved health insurance. They will only be eligible for benefits, or able to apply for permanent residence, after they have paid tax and National Insurance for five years.

• UKIP will reinstate the primary purpose rule for bringing foreign spouses and children to

the UK.

• UKIP will not offer an amnesty for illegal immigrants or those gaining British passports through fraud.

• UKIP will return to the principles of the UN Convention of Refugees which serves to protect the most vulnerable.

• UKIP will regularly review the immigration impact on Northern Ireland communities relevant to numbers, school places, health appointments, benefits and crime.



INTERNAL SECURITY

Protection of the Northern Ireland public is paramount. UKIP have alerted the public that the threat of a militant Islamic attack here is rated by the PSNI as serious! UKIP are uneasy with Garda Siochana's public comment that "they are more concerned about young radical Muslins than they are about dissident Republicans". A porous border does not prevent either young radicals or dissidents crossing into Northern Ireland.

UKIP warns that the free movement of people is leading to the free movement of Jihad. Northern Ireland has the only UK land border. It is porous and ineffective in preventing the traffic of ISIS supporters crossing from the Irish Republic into our territory and further penetrating other parts of the United Kingdom.

UKIP LEAD THE WAY IN EXITING THE E.U.

We want our country back, we want out of the European Union and we want people power to spell out the nation's self believe in its sovereignty and rights to self-determination. Northern Ireland will be better off outside the European Union. For years the accounts have been falsified and theoretical yarns spun about funding. Yet no one ever admits to 'E.U. hand-outs' which are in reality handing back our own money.

The factual and the truthful position is there never was such a thing as E.U. funding – it was always our own money re-cycled and given back!

The UK puts more into the E.U. than it gets back. £55 million a day as our membership fee could be put to better use.

What the hand-outs brigade fail to say is that some get back more than others and some are treated unfairly in the re-cycling of E.U. funds, both are true! UKIP say distributing our own money to our own people is the only fair way.



It's about Democracy

Move towards a Grobal future with the opportunity of a better tomorrow for you, your tamily and your country. Help release Britain from EU control so that you and those you love can mathfully say. "We are a free people making our own decisions." This coming referendum is wait to the democracy of our country.

Democracy is not primarily about left or right but about who, ultimately, has the power to decide on the laws of your country.

Just look at how the EU bulled the democratically-elected government of Greece, to see how little the EU respects national democracy.

EFOD co-President and UKIP leader Nigel Farage says: "I believe the best people to govern Britain

are the British people themselves."

Do you want it?

If you believe that British laws should be decided by our democratically-elected and accountable Parliament, then say No to control by the European Union.

On this unique occasion, you get to decide. It's a once-in-ageneration opportunity.

Do you want the UK to be controlled by the EU? YES PLEASE V NO THANKS



Celtic Coalition of Unionists

UKIP are the only party serving in all UK Regions. We are the largest UK party in the European Parliament. We are renowned for our solid support for the Union and maintaining our rightful place in the United Kingdom. UKIP representatives will come together in a Celtic Coalition for the betterment of connections between Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. UKIP MLAs will work with UKIP MSPs and UKIP AMs on common ground for the Union. All UKIP elected representatives will continue to cement the Union in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Referendum – a UKIP success

An irrefutable fact! This referendum would not have happened without UKIP and its people's army of millions of supporters. Not since 1975 has the nation had the opportunity to decide itself how we are governed.

UKIP have lead the way and welcome those following in our hard trodden footsteps on the 23rd June the right thing to do is to vote 'LEAVE'.

It's time to stand up for the United Kingdom and to control the 'free movement of people'. We welcome those who share with us our focus on the Grassroots out (G.O.) campaign co-ordinated in Northern Ireland. Say 'NO' to the E.U. and let Cameron know that you 'Believe in the United Kingdom'.

Law & Order

- We support the PSNI, the Emergency and Prison services.
- On exiting the E.U. we will replace the European Arrest Warrant and European Investigation order with appropriate bi-lateral agreements.
- UKIP will not give prisoners the vote.
- Foreigners who commit crimes in UK will be deported.
- UKIP will withdraw from the jurisdiction of the European Court of Human Rights.
- We will repeal the Human Rights Act and replace it with a new British Bill of Rights. The interests of law-abiding citizens and victims will always take precedence over those of criminals.
- UKIP want stiffer sentences for all violent crime.
- UKIP will make sure crimes against women in particular are seen by the courts to be worthy of appropriate sentences.
- UKIP are fed up with 'soft' judgements and will press for the sentence to fit the crime.
- UKIP demand that the Law the enforcement officers and the Courts protect our children.
- UKIP will oppose in the strongest measures any introduction of Sharia Law.



Culture

UKIP recognises and values a unifying British culture, which is open and inclusive to anyone who wishes to identify with British values, regardless of their ethnic or religious background.
UKIP will ensure that the law is rigorously enforced in relation to 'cultural' practices which are illegal in the UK such as forced marriages, FGM and so-called 'honour killings'.

• We will review the BBC Licence Fee with a view to its reduction. Prosecution of non-payments of the Licence Fee would be taken out of the criminal sphere and made a civil offence.

• UKIP will amend the smoking ban to give pubs and clubs the choice to open smoking rooms properly ventilated and separated from non-smoking areas. Workers will not be required to enter when these areas are in use.

• UKIP opposes the prevention of local legal expressions of cultural identity by the Parades Commission.

UKIP are pleased that people from other countries, faiths, cultures and ways of thinking different to ours have chosen to work, live and settle here, raise their families and contribute to enhancing the quality of life we enjoy and share together.

Integrating into and assimilating into the British way of doing things is of course key to not only cultivating community relations it is crucial – and it must work both ways – in particular by ensuring that Britishness in neither replaced or second best, challenged or threatened by newcomers – making space for cultural diversity cannot come at any price.

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Reconciliation

UKIP have consistently supported the Innocent Victims of our Nation. We do not buy into the tampering of a definition of a victim. A victim of their own self-inflicted violent action is not an innocent victim. Time may for some be a healer, but for those portrayed because of their grief to be troublemakers and nuisances UKIP will stand beside them.

UKIP have worked tirelessly for reconciliation. We reject sectarianism and racism. Our dependability will be crucial when other parties lean toward amnesties and are subsumed in the politics of phoniness. UKIP will play no part in the rewriting of a narrative on the past which tells a lie. The country deserves better as do innocent victims. UKIP will work with all those seeking truth, justice and reconciliation. We do not share in the blind belief that the terrorists of the past are capable of telling the truth.

Military Covenant

• UKIP support the Military Covenant.

• UKIP will offer those who have served in the Armed Forces a job in the police force, prison service or border service, with priority given to those who have served for at least twelve years.

• UKIP propose a Veterans Department to bring together all veterans services to ensure servicemen and women get the after-service care they deserve.

• Veterans would receive a Veterans' Service Card to ensure they are fast tracked for mental health care and services, if needed.

• All entitlements will be extended to servicemen recruited from overseas.

• UKIP supports a National Service Medal for all those who have served in the armed forces.

• UKIP support the full implementation of the Military Covenant to Northern Ireland.

• UKIP in Northern Ireland will seek to establish a hospital wing for members and veterans of the Armed services that will meet their needs.

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'Northern Ireland is ready for change'

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This is UKIP's Party Political Postal election communication UKIP say:

YES to Local jobs for local people YES to Looking after our elderly and vulnerable **YES** to Giving our young people better opportunities YES to Increased resources for special needs YES to Reducing hospital waiting lists YES to Delivering a better Health Service NO to Hospital car park charges **YES** to A far better Education Service YES to Supporting parental choice and teachers' integrity YES to Grammar and 1st class secondary schools YES to Building extra affordable homes YES to Backing our farming and fishing industries **YES** to Backing all business, commerce and industry YES to Supporting our Armed Forces' families and veterans YES to Supporting the PSNI, Fire and Ambulance Services YES to Protecting our environment and countryside YES to Properly repairing pot holes and broken footpaths NO to Zero working hours and cheap migrant labour NO to Illegal migrants YES to Exiting the European Union YES to Controlling the U.K. border with the Irish Republic NO to Mass uncontrolled immigration **YES** to Tourism attracting visitors YES to Building a Peaceful society for all and for the future

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UKIP: Leading the Nation out of the E.U.

ON MAY 5TH, VOTE FOR REAL CHANGE AND LET'S SEND SOME UKIP MLAS TO STORMONT