



CAMPAIGN FOR A FAIR SOCIETY

Scottish Manifesto for a Fair Society



The Campaign for a Fair Society is a popular movement which challenges unfair cuts that target disabled and older

people. The Campaign proposes positive principles for a better system.

The Westminster and Holyrood governments must reverse the unfair cuts that target disabled and older people: more than 25% of the cuts fall on the 3% of the population that need support the most.

But we cannot just go back to how things were in the past. The current welfare system needs radical reform.



The Campaign will work with political parties that endorse our seven-point Manifesto:

1. A commitment to human rights

By fully embracing the European Convention on Human Rights and building the UN Convention on Rights of Disabled People into Scots law, the full citizenship of older and disabled people will be safeguarded.

2. A commitment to make the entitlement to support an objective right defined in law

This commitment will remove the dependence of older and disabled people on 'gifts' from professionals.

3. A commitment to provide families and individuals with early support

This commitment will prevent crises, reduce the need for expensive interventions and end the indignity of eligibility thresholds.

4. A commitment to put people back in control of their own life

This commitment will enhance personal autonomy and dignity by restoring people's right to control their life and any support they need.

5. A commitment to good housing

This commitment will give people the right to live in their own accessible home and have a choice of all types of tenure.

6. A commitment to a guaranteed minimum income free from means-testing

This commitment will create the necessary incentives for people to work and make contributions to civic life.

7. A commitment to end the current super-tax on older and disabled people levied through local authority charges

This commitment will end the indignity of older people having to spend or give away all their savings in order to get the basic support they need.



About the Campaign for a Fair Society in Scotland

The Campaign was formed in 2011 by organisations across the UK.

The Scottish Campaign for a Fair Society believes that everyone is equal, no matter their differences or disabilities. A fair society sees each of its members as a full citizen – a unique person with a life of their own. A fair society is organised to support everyone to live a full life, with meaning and respect.

Our campaign embraces all disabled people (including all those with disability labels) and all older people.

It supports their right to independent living, which means having the same freedom, choice, dignity and control as other citizens at home, at work, and in the community. The right to independent living does not mean living by yourself or fending for yourself if you don't want to. It means having a right to practical assistance and support to participate in society and live an ordinary life.

The Campaign is supported by a range of organisations including:

ALTRUM

Alzheimer Scotland

CCPS - Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland

Down's Syndrome Scotland

ENABLE Scotland

In Control Scotland

Learning Disability Alliance Scotland

Long Term Conditions Alliance Scotland (LTCAS)

People First (Scotland)

Sense Scotland

Values Into Action Scotland (VIAS)

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