

2022 Northern Ireland Assembly Election – Comparison of manifestos and key priorities

	Democratic Unionist Party (DUP)	Sinn Fein	Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP)	Ulster Unionist Party (UUP)	Alliance
	DUP Manifesto – Moving Forward Together: Our 5 Point Plan for Northern Ireland	https://vote.sinnfein.ie/the-issues/ https://vote.sinnfein.ie/assembly-manifesto-2022/	www.sdip.ie/climate_justice www.sdip.ie/social_justice www.sdip.ie/education	UUP Manifesto – Build a Better Northern Ireland	https://www.allianceparty.org/our_vision
Build quality and safety		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Build 100,000 social and affordable homes over the next 15 years in urban and rural communities across the north. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased regulation in private rented sector to ensure that families can live in safe, secure housing that meets 21st century standards. - Ensuring access to good quality, secure, and affordable homes for all. - Build at least 3,000 new social homes per year, targeted at the areas with greatest need. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overhaul the planning system, including an introducing a statutory requirement for pre-application discussions for major and regionally significant applications. - Completion of nearly 3,00 un-finished and un-adopted roads in the next Assembly. - Make housing a stand-alone issue, including an ambitious social housing strategy to deliver thousands of new social housing units per year. - Mandate the Executive to have all public sector bodies search their property portfolios for the development of social and affordable housing. - Aim to build at least 9,500 private homes per year for the next 15 years. - Enhance Co-Ownership Housing's investment plans and press for a new category of Intermediate Rent of high quality, well managed, affordable homes for rent for tenants who cannot or do not wish to access home ownership. - Set-up a £5m Accessibility Fund to adapt and approve access to buildings for disabled people. - Prioritise the refurbishment of sub-regional stadia across NI in the new 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deliver key infrastructure projects

				Assembly and ensure the release of the promised £36.2m in funding.	
Education, skills and training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting 20,000 jobs in the next 5 years. - Delivering a modern career service in schools. - Expansion of the DUP's apprenticeship programme. - Building more new schools in the next 5 years. - Modernisation of the curriculum for the 21st century workplace. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use the protocol to unleash the potential for well paid jobs in a stronger economy. - Invest in rural communities, create good jobs and ensure a good quality of life for everyone so the next generation has a future here. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support and enhance relationships with businesses. This is vital to make sure young people who want to stay in Ireland for employment are able to do so. - End tuition fees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish a NI Job Skills Fund to ensure the proper organisation and funding of job skills training, apprenticeships and life-long learning. - Ringfence funding of at least £35m a year for the Job Skills Fund. - Establishment of a single education system. - Tackle educational under-achievement through a digital system capturing every child's life journey. - Overcome the Covid-19 pandemic learning gap through a detailed, multi-year funded plan. - Conduct a review of secondary school buildings, facilities, staffing and investment. - A new strategy to support lifelong learning. 	-Deliver a reformed, integrated education sector
Net zero and the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delivering energy efficiency schemes to support better-insulated homes. - Supporting calls for a Windfall Tax on energy firms. - Make going green affordable to homes in NI. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changing permitted development rules to ease the burden in creating new electric vehicle charging points. - Promising a "tough new look at planning policy to create a new approach to development that respects and nurtures local habitats". 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committed to climate change mitigation and supporting the UK's target of net zero by 2050. - Ringfence NI's share of the UK Government's £3.84bn Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund. - Lead the New Green Industrial Revolution and establish NI as a hub for 'Green Tech'. - Rapidly increase the EV charging network, including making changes to planning regulations to mandate EV charging in new developments and regeneration projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A Green New Deal for Northern Ireland and progressive climate legislation. -Create high-paid, high-quality green new jobs to secure sustainable growth and tackle the climate crisis. -Help the agricultural sector towards farm diversification and reaching net-zero carbon emissions.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase water and sewage infrastructure investment and change NI Water's structure to the mutual, not-for-profit model. - Review energy security and prices and consider merging the NI regulator with UK Ofgem and Ofwat regulators. - Develop new clean and affordable energy sources, including hydrogen as a fuel. - Grow a circular economy linking farming, food, energy, and health, delivering green growth. 	
Procurement				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish an Independent Infrastructure Commission including an annual Infrastructure Assessment. - Review Invest NI and the Strategic Investment Board. - Review Public Appointments and ensure guidance on future board appointments. - Reform the Northern Ireland Housing Executive. 	
Other key pledges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Removal on the NI Protocol. Replacing with a new arrangement set against the DUP's 7 tests to determine whether NI's position is respected as part of the UK. - Investing an extra £1 billion to cut NHS waiting lists using a partnership with the independent sector. - Introduce a social care cap - Implement Bengoa reforms for a better health service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prioritising Health Commitment to making health the Executive's number one spending priority for the next three years, ensuring people can see a GP when they need one and campaigning for support and services for those with, or waiting on, an ASD diagnosis and their families - Cost of living scrapping of VAT on energy bills to cut household costs. - Plan for Irish Unity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launching the New Ireland Commission, to identify how to create a future for Ireland that is reflective of society's aims, for climate change, equality and inclusion, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seeking common sense alternatives to the NI Protocol. - Have independently audited annual reports on expected healthcare demands to make recommendations on training numbers in the health service. - Improve stabilisation of the healthcare workforce, such as a new ban on the use of off-contract agency workers once immediate health and social care pressures subside, stabilise the Trust non-clinical banks and introduce exit surveys for all staff leaving the health and social care system to properly monitor reasons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Shared Future Scrap mandatory coalition, reform the petition of concern and end sectarian designation -Create a Progressive Society Rejoin the EU Free childcare, support for arts and culture, better animal welfare

		Establish a Citizen's Assembly on Irish Unity.		<p>for staff departure to assist with staff recruitment and retention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Better support for improving mental health, including teaching the importance of good mental health in the school curriculum. - Support City Deals/Growth Deals through partnerships between the UK Government, local councils and Stormont to potentially deliver £1.3 billion in investment using funding principally from Westminster and Stormont. - Reduction in Corporation Tax. - Establish 'Freeport NI' as well as a 'Trusted Trader' scheme to enable businesses outside of secure port zones to zero tariff rates. - Achieve true gender equality including equal opportunities, pay and protection from discrimination. - Calling for the establishment of a Fuel Poverty Task Force. - Roll out of the GB Warm Homes Discount which is a sum of money credited to an electricity (and in some circumstances gas) account of the eligible recipient. 	
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