

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	Time for Real Change: Assembly Election 2022	SDLP Manifesto 2022: <i>People First</i>	UUP Manifesto – Build a Better Northern Ireland	Together We Can: Alliance Party Assembly Manifesto 2022
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. -Revitalise the Housing Executive so it can start building houses again -Following the independent review, ensure Invest NI prioritises regional balance and support for local business development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Prioritise social housing developments in the planning system Place a legal requirement for councils to complete social housing planning applications within three months and provide funding for additional staff as required. -Explore the use of incentives to free-up development land for affordable and social housing. 	<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"> -Prioritise the retrofitting of housing for renewable energy sources and insulation. -Ensure any reforms to social housing provision do not jeopardise fairness, quality or diminish equality of access. -Ensure good relations are a specific aim of regeneration and community planning. - Develop a comprehensive strategy to rejuvenate our high streets and town centres.

				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. -Focus on creating good jobs; promoting regional balance; improving productivity and increasing decarbonisation in a New Economic Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proper funding of the skills strategy, increasing Northern Ireland's low uptake of apprenticeships and demanding the UK Government make good on promises to replace lost European funding -Expand apprenticeships and FE courses. Fund more apprenticeships, including employer-led apprenticeship programmes and link directly with an improved careers service in schools to ensure 16-18-year-olds are fully aware of all opportunities available 	<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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Deliver the new Skills Strategy for Northern Ireland to address upskilling and retraining opportunities in the green economy. - Support a strong 14-19 Strategy to bridge the interface between school and college, apprenticeships, and training. -Invest in research and development to ensure Northern Ireland is a global leader in areas such as the green economy
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"> -Increase decarbonisation in a New Economic Strategy -Bring forward legislation in the Assembly to ban petroleum licensing, drilling, and extraction- including fracking firms -Ensuring Climate Action Plans are developed in partnership with farmers, workers and sectors and are economic, social, and rural proofed -Putting in place the structures provided for in climate legislation including; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ensure the NI Executive declares a climate emergency - Ensure a just transition support workers to develop new skills that will allow us to lead emerging and transformed Industries -Build a Green Economy a Green New Deal, to support our move to net zero and to create a new generation of well paid, socially productive, jobs. -Introduce a Biodiversity and Nature Restoration Bill 	<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"> -Deliver a Green New Deal to create at least 50,000 sustainable jobs by 2030. -Create a new Department for Energy and Climate Change. -Deliver an improved Northern Ireland Climate Change Act. -Establish an Economic Strategy which will support clean and inclusive growth. -Implement an immediate statutory ban on all current and future fossil fuel exploration,

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Just Transition Commission – to ensure fair and just transition - Just Transition Fund for Agriculture to support farmers in adopting more sustainable practices - Climate Change Commission <p>-Work on an all-island basis to meet climate, environmental and biodiversity objectives</p>		<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. 	including fracking
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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduce a Social Value Act to drive social change through procurement. -Create an independent infrastructure commission with a 30-year vision to prioritise, report on and drive delivery of infrastructure projects
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. <p>£230 to every household in the north at a</p>	<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. <p>-Pass emergency legislation to free up £300 million of funding to tackle the cost-of-living emergency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Propose an NI Agriculture Bill 	<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 	<p>Communities, Arts & Sport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Introduce social prescribing and create well-being centres that have access to sports and leisure at the heart of communities. -Ensure any reforms to social housing provision do not jeopardise fairness, quality or diminish equality of access. <p>Shared Future, Equality & Human Rights</p>

		<p>cost of £177m</p> <p>£33m for extending by a month the current business rates relief package</p> <p>£6m to freeze Translink fares on public transport</p> <p>- Plan for Irish Unity Establish a Citizen's Assembly on Irish Unity.</p> <p>-Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Social inclusion strategies on Anti Poverty; LGBTQI+; Disability; and Gender Equality</p>		<p>for staff departure to assist with staff recruitment and retention.</p> <p>- Better support for improving mental health, including teaching the importance of good mental health in the school curriculum.</p> <p>- 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.</p> <p>- Reduction in Corporation Tax.</p> <p>- Establish 'Freeport NI' as well as a 'Trusted Trader' scheme to enable businesses outside of secure port zones to zero tariff rates.</p> <p>- Achieve true gender equality including equal opportunities, pay and protection from discrimination.</p> <p>- Calling for the establishment of a Fuel Poverty Task Force.</p> <p>- 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.</p>	<p>-Create a comprehensive and cross-cutting shared future strategy to drive forward cohesion, sharing and integration.</p> <p>-Introduce a Single Equality Act for Northern Ireland covering age discrimination protections in goods, facilities and services.</p> <p>-Support a Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland that reflects international human rights standards and meets the needs of all citizens, and which can be used as a pre-scrutiny tool for legislation and policy decisions across government.</p>
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