



We, The People

UKIP's straight-talking manifesto
for the Welsh Assembly elections, 2011

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Message from Nigel Farage MEP, Leader of UKIP

Power to local people



DEMOCRACY now has no champions but the UK Independence Party. UKIP alone, among the serious political parties, says no one but we, the people of Britain, or those we elect should make our laws or tax us.

UKIP alone trusts the Welsh and British people to exercise a new right to demand a legislative referendum on any law, present or proposed. The result of any referendum will be binding on those we elect. We, the people, shall rule once more. UKIP alone admits that politicians can't please everybody. But we can at least consult everybody. We can at least be bound by the people's will. That is what UKIP's legislative referenda are for. That is what democracy is for. Our proposals to renew and refresh British democracy are nothing less than a revolution. That revolution is intended to put all real political power where it belongs – with you.

Whichever way you use your first vote in the Welsh Assembly elections, please use your second or regional vote to win back Britain's democracy from the unelected Kommissars of Brussels; to bring real, direct democracy to Wales; to replace members of the Welsh Assembly with Welsh Westminster MPs spending one week a month in Wales and to introduce elected Welsh police authorities and health boards that put the people where they belong – in control of our great public services.

Government in Wales and throughout the UK is today ever more remote from the electorate. We want to change that. We want Britain out of the undemocratic EU, while keeping free trade with it, so that we, the people, can govern ourselves again by the ballot-box. We do not hate Europe: we love democracy. We want our United Kingdom, the Welsh nation and our local councils to run their own affairs without interference from distant, unelected bureaucrats with little understanding of the Welsh people's needs and hopes.

An official German Government estimate is that five of every six laws passed in Europe are imposed on us by the EU – by Kommissars and bureaucrats in Brussels whom we, the peoples of Europe, do not elect. Official UKIP policy is that six of every six laws passed in Britain for the British and in Wales for the Welsh shall be passed by us or by those we elect, and by no one else.

We are proud to be British, and also proud of our national identities within the UK. UKIP believes the four great pillars of our United Kingdom work better together than they would apart, and work best of all when ruled by the people. We commend this short, radical, reasonable, democratic, straight-talking manifesto to you, the people.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Farage', written in a cursive style.

Nigel Farage MEP

Democracy first. The people, shall rule

We will –

- Renew the Welsh Assembly, but in a far less costly form
- Remove the Assembly Members, who are overpaid and underemployed
- Replace them with Welsh Westminster MPs meeting a week a month in Wales
- Refresh our democracy with binding legislative referenda
- Redeploy billions of saved EU money to Wales and her people
- Reinvest in defence, energy, flood & coastal defences and transport
- Resign from the EU while keeping free trade with it
- Recoup £48 million a day by leaving the EU
- Release Welsh businesses and our economy from Brussels red tape
- Require election of all health, police and education boards in Wales
- Return control of our great public services to our great people
- Repeal the European Human Rights Act
- Replace the Human Rights Act with a British Bill of Rights
- Revoke the European Arrest Warrant and Investigation Order
- Restore Britain's democracy to Britain's peoples

The economy: down with taxes, up with jobs

We will –

- Introduce a simple Flat Tax to replace unfair, costly income tax

- Phase out National Insurance contributions as a tax on jobs
- Free all businesses large and small from the EU's red tape mountain
- Invest saved EU money to help create skilled jobs in Wales
- Help Welsh businesses to access home and export markets

Immigration: Britain for the British first

We will –

- End Labour's mass immigration, which let in 3 million in 13 years
- Freeze permanent settlement for five years to sort out the system
- Increase Border Agency staffing as necessary to control immigration
- Introduce strict visa controls
- Admit key workers only, for fixed periods only
- Deport illegal immigrants and foreign criminals
- Deliver all official communications in Welsh or English only
- Scrap State promotion of multiculturalism. We are British

Crime and punishment: no more soft touch

We will –

- Introduce elected police authorities to set goals for the police
- Empower the police authorities to hire and fire Chief Constables
- Ensure that there are enough prisons to keep criminals locked up
- Deny all prisoners the right to vote

- Combat career crime with a “three-strikes-and-you’re out” rule
- Make sentences real. Life means life; 6 months will not mean 3 weeks
- Send young offenders to boot-camps to snap them out of criminality
- Repeal the Human Rights Act, so that we can deport foreign extremists

Education: put pupils and parents first

We will –

- Increase Welsh school budgets by more than £600 per pupil to match England
- Require schools to teach all pupils the three Rs to an acceptable standard.
- Minimise central-government interference in teachers’ work
- Back teachers in maintaining classroom discipline
- Protect teachers from malicious accusations
- Allow sixth-form mergers only with the consent of most parents
- Keep open all primary schools with at least 20 pupils
- Give parents the right to choose schools for their children
- Widen opportunities in vocational training and adult education

Health: put professionals and the people in charge

We will –

- Introduce election of health boards throughout Wales
- Keep the NHS free at the point of use
- End “health tourism” in Wales

- Put doctors and matrons in charge, not politicians or bureaucrats
- Give matrons responsibility for keeping hospital wards clean
- Open doctors’ surgeries in the evenings and on Saturdays
- Support home carers for the elderly and long-term sick
- Empower hospitals to train more nurses
- Reduce dependence on nursing staff from abroad

Local government: power to the people

We will –

- Let the people decide local issues by calling binding referenda
- Introduce election of police authorities throughout Wales
- Axe cabinet-style Government
- Scrap EU laws and regulations that cost millions to comply with
- Pass on regulatory savings to ratepayers by cutting council tax
- Limit all council employees’ pay to a maximum of £75,000 a year
- Replace VAT with a local sales tax
- Give councils more financial control through a share of the sales tax

Farming and fishing: bring control back to Wales

We will –

- Liberate Welsh farmers from EU-imposed rules, directives and quotas
- Guarantee no sudden loss of Single Farm Payments on leaving the EU

- Introduce a Supermarket Ombudsman to get fair prices for farmers
- Reassert control over our waters to restore the Welsh fishing industry

Environment: no more wind-farms in the hillside

We will –

- Ban all future onshore wind-farms as environmentally damaging
- Subject all existing onshore wind-farms to local planning procedures
- Require owners of windfarms rejected locally to dismantle them
- Desubsidise wind, wave and solar power as irrelevant to our climate
- Build nuclear power stations to safeguard Wales' electricity supply
- Reinvest in Welsh coal for use in new, cleaner, coal-fired power plants
- Establish a Royal Commission to investigate "global warming"
- Close the Department of Climate Change, saving up to £18 bn a year

BUT, whatever we, the people, want or decide...

UKIP would like to point out that unelected EU bureaucrats set overall policy in –

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| ● Foreign affairs | ● Economic affairs |
| ● Public health | ● Transport |
| ● Justice | ● Energy |
| ● Employment | ● Environment |
| ● Police | ● Farming |
| ● Social affairs | ● Fisheries |
| ● Immigration | ● Law enforcement |

And They won't stop there. That is why we want our national and our local democracy back. If you want it too, vote UKIP with pride.



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