

Petition

the **Scottish Parliament**
for a **Fairer Scotland**

through **The People's Charter**

The Scottish Organising Committee for the People's Charter have lodged a petition with the Petitions Committee of the Scottish Parliament calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to bring forward measures in all areas it has competency to fulfil the aspirations of the People's Charter.

This is a massive opportunity to put forward the case for an alternative to the age of austerity whereby the many are asked to pay for the excesses of the ultra-rich and big corporations. Now is the chance for the people of Scotland to tell the politicians that they reject the Tory led government's cuts which are followed through by the Scottish Government and local councils.

Please encourage your family and friends to join you in signing the petition at:

www.scottish.parliament.uk/GettingInvolved/Petitions/peoplescharter

If you don't have access to the internet you can fill in the form on the back of the leaflet and send it in to add your name. Copies of this leaflet can be downloaded from www.peoplescharterscotland.org



**The
People's
Charter**



The People's Charter

1. A fair economy for a fairer Britain.

- Take the leading banking, insurance and mortgage industries fully into democratic public ownership run for the benefit of all.
- Regain control of the Bank of England and keep interest rates low.
- Tightly regulate the City markets to facilitate lending and to stop speculation and takeovers against the public interest.
- Ban hedge funds, raids on pension funds, asset-stripping and corporate tax loopholes.
- Restructure the tax system so big business and the wealthy pay more and ordinary people pay less.

2. More and better jobs.

- Existing jobs must be protected.
- Public and private investment must create new jobs paying decent money.
- In particular in manufacturing, construction and green technology.
- More jobs mean more spending power to stimulate the economy, increased tax revenue and fewer people on benefit.
- Build full employment.
- Reduce hours, not pay, to create more jobs.
- Raise the minimum wage to half national median earnings and end the lower rate for young workers.

3. Decent homes for all.

- Stop the repossessions and keep people in their homes.
- Offer 'no interest' loans.
- Control rents.
- We need three million new homes.
- Give local government the power and money to build and renovate affordable quality homes and buy empty ones, ending the housing shortage, and creating jobs.

4. Protect and improve our public services – no cuts.

- Save public money: Bring energy, transport, water and telecommunications back, and keep the post in public ownership.
- End corporate profiteering in health, education, social and other public services.
- Stop the EU privatisation Directives.

5. Fairness and Justice.

- Free heating and transport for every pensioner.
- Link state pensions and benefits to average earnings.
- Protect pension schemes and restore the lost value of private pensions.
- End child poverty by increasing child benefits and tax credits and providing free nurseries and crèches.
- Enforce equal pay for women.
- End racism and discrimination in all its forms.
- No scape-goating of migrant workers.
- Invest in young people and give them a real stake in the future.
- Provide youth, community, arts and cultural centres, sports facilities, and clubs for all.
- Guarantee training, apprenticeships and education with grants for everyone and no fees.
- Restore union rights to allow them the freedom to fight the crisis and to protect workers.

6. Build a secure and sustainable future for all.

- End the cost of war in blood and money.
- Bring our troops home.
- Don't waste billions on a new generation of nuclear weapons.
- And beyond the current economic disaster, climate change threatens us all.
- Our future must be based on massive investment for a greener, safer world now.
- Debt is crushing millions of people forcing them to move and producing war, famine and misery.
- Get rid of the debt economy in Britain and cancel the debts of the poor of the planet.
- A better future for all the people of the world.


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Scottish Organising Committee
for the People's Charter
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The People's Charter is six simple demands which if enacted would bring about a fair society for all.

The Scottish Organising Committee brings together trade unions, campaigning organisations and activists from a wide range of political positions to promote the People's Charter in Scotland as a common platform for change.

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Sign the Charter now and get involved in the campaign for the future

You can sign up online at www.peoplescharterscotland.org
or fill in this form and send it to Scottish Committee at the address above

I support The People's Charter

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____