

# Nottingham 2015 Labour Manifesto



**FOR FAMILIES**

# Introduction

Nottingham is a great place to raise a family. With beautiful parks, exciting events, improving schools, award-winning public transport, miles of car-free cycle tracks and the highest number of independent retail stores outside London, Nottingham has everything families need to thrive.

Our vision for Nottingham is for an even more family-friendly city. A place where all families can afford to rent or buy a good quality home, all children receive a good education, communities have a chance to come together and people are encouraged to live healthy lives.

We will continue to provide a good range of leisure activities, free and cheap events and excellent public services, as well as creating a development plan for the new Central Library and retaining a network of children's centres and positive activities for young people.

In the next 4 years, we will bring low cost energy to Nottingham homes through the creation of our own, not-for-profit energy company. In recent years, the cost of utility bills has spiraled as the profit-hungry 'Big 6' energy companies have exploited their monopoly of the energy market. Nottingham's new energy company will provide energy to people across Nottingham and beyond at the lowest possible price, run not for profit but for people.

We're proud of our city and the families who make it and in the next 4 years we want Nottingham to become an even more family-friendly place.



# Nottingham Labour has delivered for families:

# Our achievements

1. An extensive programme of free and cheap events popular with Nottingham families, including Splendour, the Riverside Festival and the Christmas Markets,
2. Crime down by 14% and anti-social behaviour halved,
3. More extensive benefits and uses for CityCard as a passport to council services, travel and discounts,
4. Support for Early Intervention services, securing £45m of Big Lottery funding to work with families over the next decade,
5. Support for new supermarkets where they meet local needs,
6. The New Art Exchange and Nottingham Contemporary,
7. Purple Flag status for the fourth year running, recognising Nottingham as a safe, clean and welcoming city,
8. Free bulky waste collections and simple recycling for all households,
9. Recognition for Nottingham as the UK's cleanest city,
10. Debt and money advice services across the city, helping over 17,000 residents each year.

But we are not complacent, there is still more to do. In the next 4 years we will....



## Your Home

1. Build 2500 new homes that Nottingham people can afford to rent or buy,
2. Tackle fuel poverty by setting up a not-for-profit energy company to sell energy at the lowest possible price to Nottingham people,
3. Create a comprehensive city-wide licensing scheme for all private rented accommodation to drive up standards and protect tenants across the city,
4. Look to take on the management of poorly maintained housing association and private rented properties,
5. Encourage the building of quality family homes to support young couples and families to stay living in the city.



## Your Community

1. Cut the number of victims of crime by a fifth and continue to reduce anti-social behaviour,
2. Create 'play zones' for children by making it possible to temporarily close residential streets for play,
3. Implement 20 mph limits in residential areas where residents want them,
4. Bring public services in your area closer together by creating 3 more joint service centres in the districts,
5. Promote digital inclusion by providing free internet and computer access points at 50 sites across the city for digital skills training and online learning.



## Your Schools

1. Ensure every child in Nottingham is taught in a school judged good or outstanding by OFSTED,
2. Increase the number of young people getting 5 or more A\*-C's at GCSE including English and Maths to above the national average,
3. Ensure that every child in the city receives a good quality work placement, work readiness training, and independent careers advice before they leave school,
4. Guarantee a choice of places for every child at a local primary school,
5. Extend free school meals to all primary school children within the next 10 years and secure Breakfast Clubs in every school in the city, building on existing provision.



## Your Leisure

1. Make sure every area of the city is served with high quality playgrounds by investing in at least 15 of our play areas,
2. Start the development of a new Central Library for the city,
3. Work with local people to deliver more Green Flag Award winning parks and open spaces than any other council in the country,
4. Support and promote more music and sports events in Wollaton Park and other city venues,
5. Ensure that in the evening and at weekends as well as during school holidays there are a range of positive activities for children and young people to enjoy in every part of the city.

1. Put Nottingham residents first by ring-fencing training places, apprenticeships, Nottingham Jobs Fund places, entry level jobs and the council house waiting list for Nottingham residents,
2. Create a world class entrance to the south of the city centre by maximising the benefits of the tram and station interchange and Intu's plans to refurbish the Broadmarsh,
3. Introduce better ways of reporting problems on your street - on apps, via text, on the phone or in person,
4. Work with citizens to keep Nottingham England's cleanest big city,
5. Create 70 new 'family-friendly' jobs for Nottingham parents that will fit around childcare.

## Your City



## Getting Around Your City



1. Deliver a simple, integrated 'Oyster' style ticket for our public transport network,
2. Get 10% more people walking, cycling or taking public transport to work,
3. Deliver a network of continuous, safer commuter cycling routes,
4. Campaign to get you home from London by train in under 90 minutes,
5. Improve the standards of taxis and better regulate access to the city centre.



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