

# Nottingham 2015 Labour Manifesto



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Our 5 key pledges if elected to run the Council in May will be to;

- 1. Ensure every child in Nottingham is taught in a school judged good or outstanding by OFSTED,
- 2. Build 2500 new homes that Nottingham people can afford to rent or buy,
- 3. Cut the number of victims of crime by a fifth and continue to reduce anti-social behaviour,
- 4. Tackle fuel poverty by setting up a not-for-profit energy company to sell energy at the lowest possible price to Nottingham people,
- 5. Guarantee a job, training place or further education place for every 18-24 year old.

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Nottingham Labour wants the best for Nottingham. That means quality jobs, good schools, excellent public transport and top-class leisure facilities as well as affordable housing, manageable living costs and clean, safe communities.

Over the last decade, Nottingham has got better, with crime down by a third, better schools and higher education standards, cleaner streets than any other city, thousands of new affordable homes and millions of pounds invested in our parks, public buildings, transport network and leisure centres.

This manifesto sets out our plans to continue building on that progress.

Since the last local elections the Conservative-led government has drastically cut local spending. Their ideologically driven and

politically motivated cuts have hit poor communities and big cities hardest, while protecting wealthy, mainly Conservative-run councils in the South and South East. And this is set to continue if the Conservatives are elected again. That's why we need a Labour government, as well as a Labour council, to bring funding, investment and fairness to our city.

However despite the challenges, our ambition for Nottingham remains unchanged. But in these difficult times we need to change the way we deliver our goals. Now more than ever, partnerships with others in the public, voluntary and private sectors will be key to our city's success. And we will work even more closely

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with local people so that we can all take on more responsibility: look out for each other, respect the city's environment and take the opportunities that are presented to us.

This is our plan for our city for the next 4 years. Nottingham is a great place to live, work and study and that together we can make it ever better.





# Introduction

Nottingham Labour's manifesto is guided by our ambition for the city and our clear values:

- To create a city where everyone has the opportunity to succeed,
- To reduce poverty and social exclusion,
- Developing a green, sustainable European city that people choose to live, work and relax in,
- A creative, entrepreneurial, business-friendly city where everyone has the chance to prosper,
- A city where people take responsibility for themselves, their neighbours and for contributing to their community.

In 2011 our top 5 pledges were:

1. Cut unemployment by a quarter,
2. Continue to cut crime and halve anti-social behaviour,
3. More school leavers getting a job, training or further education than any other city,
4. Your neighbourhood as clean as the city centre,
5. Help you keep your energy bills down.

Over the last 4 years, we have delivered on this with:

- Unemployment reduced by more than a quarter- from 6% in 2011 to 4.3% today,
- Crime down by 14% since 2011, and anti-social behaviour cut by 50%,
- More than 90% of school leavers getting a job, training or further education placement,
- All neighbourhoods now achieving the same standards of cleanliness as the city centre and Nottingham independently judged recently as England's cleanest City,
- Insulation brought to thousands of homes and solar panels to many more, as well as a system to switch energy providers- helping to keep energy bills down.

This manifesto contains 123 promises including our ambition to revitalise district shopping centres, build affordable new homes, open a regional sports facility and boost business and employment opportunities across the city.

We aim to transform the south of the city, with a refurbished Broadmarsh shopping centre, public squares and open spaces and a new further education college, as well as investing in making Nottingham Castle a world-class visitor attraction. We want to develop Nottingham's tram system and build on our reputation as the city with the best public transport network outside of London.

Unlike many politicians, who make promises to win elections and then break them whilst in office, Nottingham Labour takes our promises to the electorate very seriously. In 2011, we stood on 136 pledges. Four years on, in spite of government cuts, we've delivered 128 of them and continue to work on the rest.

Nottingham Labour believes the City Council, together with other public services, local businesses and our communities, understands what Nottingham needs to

thrive and how to meet our city's needs.

That's why we need a government that understands the importance of greater devolution and is committed to delivering that during the next parliament. All the evidence shows that with greater powers, freedoms and responsibilities, cities like Nottingham can thrive; creating jobs, delivering services more efficiently and making a bigger contribution to the national economy. We need a government that recognises that services are best delivered closest to the people who use them and that trusts local people and politicians to work in the interest of their communities.

The next elections will be decisive. The choice is whether, under Nottingham Labour, our city builds on past successes, addresses the challenges of the future and achieves our ambitions. Or whether Nottingham, under the dead hand of Whitehall and the Conservatives, goes back to the spending levels, services and mentality of the 1930's.

This manifesto shows that only Nottingham Labour has the track record, ambition and commitment to successfully take Nottingham forward despite the challenges. And we'll achieve more, more quickly and more fairly with a Labour government.

So on May 7th please vote Labour nationally and locally so together we can continue to make Nottingham the great city we all want it to be.





# Nottingham People



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Nottingham is one of the most diverse, integrated and welcoming cities in the UK and one of the best places to live. Our city has lots to offer young people, families and older people with beautiful parks, exciting events, award-winning public transport, miles of car-free cycle tracks and the highest number of independent retail stores outside London.

We know that Nottingham's young people have energy, entrepreneurialism and enthusiasm to give. That's why we want to keep more young people in Nottingham and give their ideas the chance to flourish. Over the next 4 years we will help young people find their place in Nottingham by ensuring a choice of good quality housing, access to workspace and increased work opportunities.

We want to help families get on in life by providing 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.

We also want to make life better for the 35,000 older

persons' in the city. That's why we will protect older person's discounts on valued services- services like our bus passes- helping older people get around and maintain their social lives. We want older people, where they need it, to have choice and confidence in the care they receive and the way it is delivered, maintaining dignity, independence and control.

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

Over the next 4 years, we want to make Nottingham more people-friendly than ever. A city that enables healthy lifestyles, positive outcomes and happy lives- and encourages people to contribute to the wellbeing of their community.





## Nottingham People

At the last election we promised and have delivered:

- More extensive benefits and uses for CityCard as a passport to council services, travel and discounts,
- Support for Early Intervention services for families, securing £45m of Big Lottery funding to work with families over the next decade,
- Respite services to allow carers a well-earned break,
- A programme of events popular with Nottingham people, including Splendour, the Riverside Festival and the Christmas Markets,
- Over 80 bungalows built across the city for sale or rent to elderly residents.

Nottingham Labour will protect from cuts:

1. Social workers keeping our most vulnerable children safe,
2. A network of children's centres across the city,
3. Our leisure centres, to enable city residents to enjoy sport and health benefits,
4. An annual programme of popular city-wide events, including Splendour, the Beach and Goose Fair as well as events in local communities,
5. Services for the frail, elderly and most vulnerable, allowing them to get the best from their lives.

## Families

Nottingham Labour will:

1. Tackle fuel poverty by setting up a not-for-profit energy company to sell energy at the lowest possible price to Nottingham people,
2. 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,
3. Create 'play zones' for children by making it possible to temporarily close residential streets for play,
4. Ensure at least 85% of children in the City Council's care live within 20 miles of Nottingham and increase the number of Nottingham City foster carers by 20%,
5. Ensure that in the evening and at weekends as well as during school holidays there is a range of positive activities for children and young people to enjoy in every part of the city.

## Young People and Students

Nottingham Labour will:

1. Work to secure the same travel discounts for all young people as those offered to students,
2. Promote affordable furnished accommodation and provide 50 units of cheap workspace for young people to rent,
3. Create a city-wide quality internship programme to give more students and young people opportunities in the workplace,
4. Create a City Council graduate scheme for Nottingham graduates to recognise and keep talent in our city,
5. Campaign with students for government to outlaw annualised student tenancy agreements and finders' fees.





## Older People



Nottingham Labour will:

1. Implement the 12 point 'Older Persons' Charter' agreed with carers and campaign groups,
2. Promote community resilience by backing the 'Looking After Each Other' campaign and groups that tackle loneliness and promote self-help,
3. Extend the telecare and telehealth services so 6000 more people can be supported to live independently,
4. Continue to deliver concessionary bus and tram passes for senior citizens and further develop concessions for older people,
5. Grit well-used pavements as well as roads in winter to help protect people from slips and falls.

For Nottingham People we will also:

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. Create 70 new 'family-friendly' jobs for Nottingham parents that will fit around childcare,
3. Prioritise home security for supported housing and those living in 'extracare' schemes,
4. Achieve a permanent home through adoption or special guardianship for 40% more children in care,
5. Consult young people on important decisions and involve them in the Council's decision making process,
6. Offer permanent jobs or apprenticeships within the City Council to at least 10% of care leavers and encourage further employment opportunities for them across the city,
7. Create new services for babies and toddlers to work with the parents of 4500 children.



## Living in Nottingham





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We want Nottingham to be an even better place to live, with good quality housing, the best public transport, clean streets, well-maintained open spaces and excellent leisure facilities.

Over the last 4 years, we've improved Nottingham's neighbourhoods, funding major investments in our parks, play areas, leisure facilities, schools and council housing. We've invested in roads and pavements, community and voluntary groups, environmental schemes and community projects.

We believe an affordable, decent home is a critical cornerstone in enabling people to achieve what they want in life. Nottingham Labour will make housing a priority, working with local people, developers and Nottingham City Homes to ensure a high standard of accommodation is available to everyone, whether renting or buying.

But we need local people to play their part too. For example, we could save over £3million a year if people didn't litter and £230,000 if all dog owners cleaned up after their pet. That's why we need Nottingham people to take pride in and responsibility for their neighbourhoods.

Nottingham Labour recognises that an efficient transport system is vital to our city; encouraging investment, providing access to jobs, education and services. Soon passengers will be able to travel from Beeston and Clifton to the city centre and beyond on our new tramlines as part of a tram network that's the envy of other cities.

Our tram network, together with major improvements to Nottingham Station, is just the beginning of our transport ambitions. Our popular bus company is regularly recognised as the best in the country. We want to see more people cycling, walking or using public transport to commute to work, helping us to become an even greener city. To achieve this, we will invest in new cycle lanes on major routes, continue to invest in our bus network, deliver an 'Oyster' style transport pass and seek investment for further expansions of our tram network.

But it isn't just connectivity within Nottingham that we want to improve. Nottingham's central location is what makes us so attractive to people looking to set up business and relocate away from London and the South East. That's why we fully support proposals to bring HS2 through the East Midlands and are committed to working with HS2 Limited to connect the HS2 Hub to the centre of Nottingham. Improving public transport both within our city and between others will underpin Nottingham's economic development over the next 4 years and beyond.

At the last election we promised and have delivered:

- Solar panels and insulation fitted to 33,000 homes, helping to keep energy bills down,
- All neighbourhoods as clean as the city centre and Nottingham recognised as England's cleanest city,
- £400m invested in the construction of lines 2 and 3 of the tram, railway station reinvestment and 'Link' buses, part funded by the Workplace Parking Levy,
- A 50m swimming pool, new cycle and athletics track and state of the art facilities through a £13m investment at Harvey Hadden, as well as over £9m of investment in the refurbishment of Victoria Leisure Centre,
- Almost all our council houses brought up to the 'Decent Homes' standard.

Nottingham Labour will protect from cuts:

1. Funding for essential roads and pavements repairs, as well as lobbying government for more money for this,
2. Public transport accessibility to the city centre,
3. The rogue landlord and environmental health teams - making sure that people are safe and secure in their rented properties,
4. Free bulky waste collections to combat fly-tipping,
5. Street lighting- keeping lights on overnight in all our neighbourhoods.



## Cleaner, Greener Nottingham

Nottingham Labour will:

1. Maximise Government and energy company grants to continue our programme of insulating homes in those areas that are hardest hit by rising fuel prices, whether they are owner occupiers or tenants,
2. Reduce domestic energy use by 10% by seeking funding for further insulation and more efficient boilers,
3. Double the number of council houses with solar panels installed from 3000 to 6000 and the number of council commercial buildings from 30 to 60,
4. Work with citizens to keep Nottingham England's cleanest big city,
5. Increase 'deep cleans' for areas outside the city centre from 60 to 120 each year, quarterly for district shopping centres.

## Housing in Nottingham

Nottingham Labour will:

1. Build 2500 new homes that Nottingham people can afford to rent or buy,
2. Create a comprehensive city-wide licensing scheme for all private rented accommodation to drive up standards and protect tenants across the city,
3. Take on the management of poorly maintained housing association and private rented properties,
4. Build 100 council bungalows across the city so older people can move into appropriate quality accommodation whilst staying in their own community,
5. Encourage the building of quality family homes to support young couples and families to stay living in the city.



## Transport in Nottingham

Nottingham Labour will:

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. Reinstate 'Skylink' as a fast, direct and frequent bus link between the city centre and East Midlands Airport,
5. Implement 20 mph limits in residential areas where residents want them.

Nottingham Labour will:

### Leisure

1. Start the development of a new Central Library for the city,
2. Rejuvenate Nottingham Castle and develop the Castle Quarter as a major national heritage attraction,
3. Make Nottingham the fastest growing city for disability sports participation in England,
4. Work with local people to deliver more Green Flag Award winning parks and open spaces than any other council in the country,
5. Support and promote more music and sports events in Wollaton Park and other city venues.

To make living in Nottingham even better we will also:

1. Campaign to get you home from London by train in under 90 minutes,
2. Plan further extensions to Nottingham's tram network, taking advantage of underused rail lines,
3. Support the development of HS2 and campaign for a good, fast connection to the city centre,
4. Improve the standards of taxis and better regulate access to the city centre,
5. Work with Housing Associations to improve the quality of their housing and repairs service,
6. Deliver housing options to meet the needs of students and young people who want to stay in Nottingham,
7. Develop the 'Responsible Tenant Reward Scheme' to further encourage good behaviour and good tenancy,
8. Help people switch energy suppliers with annual local advice events and publicity in every area.





It's a fact that having the right skills and being in work is key to living a fulfilled life. We are committed to encourage a thriving local economy, with a job available for everyone of working age. The economic wellbeing of our city depends on keeping people in work wherever possible, able to spend their earnings to boost the local economy, rather than claiming out of work benefits.

Over the past 4 years, we've worked hard to create jobs for local people and we've had some real success. We've developed our 'Growth Plan', a strategy for delivering the kind of economy we want in our city. Unemployment has fallen and we've invested around £1 billion to support the growth of the construction industry. Through funding projects like the tram and the station we've provided jobs for local people. Our Employer Hub has placed almost 1700 people in work, and the Nottingham Jobs Fund has so far found work for a further 800.

Over the next 4 years, we will work with Intu to refurbish the Broadmarsh Centre and create an attractive and inviting entrance into the city, from Nottingham Station and the South of the City. We want to create a new conference centre that can cater for national events, bringing people and businesses to our city and we'll continue to look for funding opportunities to regenerate areas like Sneinton Market. We also want to make the most of smart technology to create increasingly accessible and cost effective council services.

The Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition policies have made it difficult for the economy to grow, as their austerity budgets have pulled money out of the local economy. Despite this, we want to see every person in Nottingham with the skills and ambition to find work, and we want to create jobs for them to fill. But we also expect our working age citizens to seek work and be involved in training and self-improvement. In this way, we will do all we can to make sure Nottingham's economy prospers.





At the last election we promised and have delivered:

- A 28% reduction in unemployment,
- Over 1000 new jobs created for local people and a further 750 protected by continuing Nottingham's growth in the science and energy sector,
- £1bn of investment in supporting the growth of the construction industry, creating over 500 jobs and 600 training places and helping hundreds more people into work,
- The 'Growth 100' programme to support the 100 small firms in the city that offer the best prospects for growth and job creation,
- A living wage for all Nottingham City Council employees.



Nottingham Labour will protect from cuts:

1. 100 apprenticeship posts within the City Council,
2. The business support schemes that underpin the City's Growth Plan and City Deal,
3. The Nottingham Jobs Fund and the job placements it supports,
4. Funding to support Nottingham's development as a Science City,
5. Our commitment to develop the city's Creative Quarter.

## Developing Nottingham

Nottingham Labour will:

1. 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 Centre,
2. Aim to develop a world class conference centre as part of the Ice Stadium complex and develop the Guildhall site to complement Nottingham Trent University conferencing facilities and the Royal Concert Hall,
3. Continue to use European and developer funding to progress the regeneration of Sneinton Market and the Creative Quarter,
4. Start the redevelopment of the Island site,
5. Plan, encourage and develop the Waterside between Trent Bridge and Colwick Park for housing and other complementary uses.



## Working Nottingham

Nottingham Labour will:

1. Establish Nottingham as one of the UK's top 10 locations for foreign direct investment,
2. Set up a new creative industries business hub and a centre of excellence for environmental technology to generate 1000 new jobs and 100 new businesses,
3. Make Nottingham the best UK city for business start-ups,
4. Create 3000 high quality jobs through developing sites including the Medipark, the Boots campus, Biocity and the Imperial Tobacco site,
5. Invest in a further phase of Southglade Food Park to develop a centre of excellence for food manufacturing in order to provide 150 local jobs.



## Smart Nottingham

Nottingham Labour will:

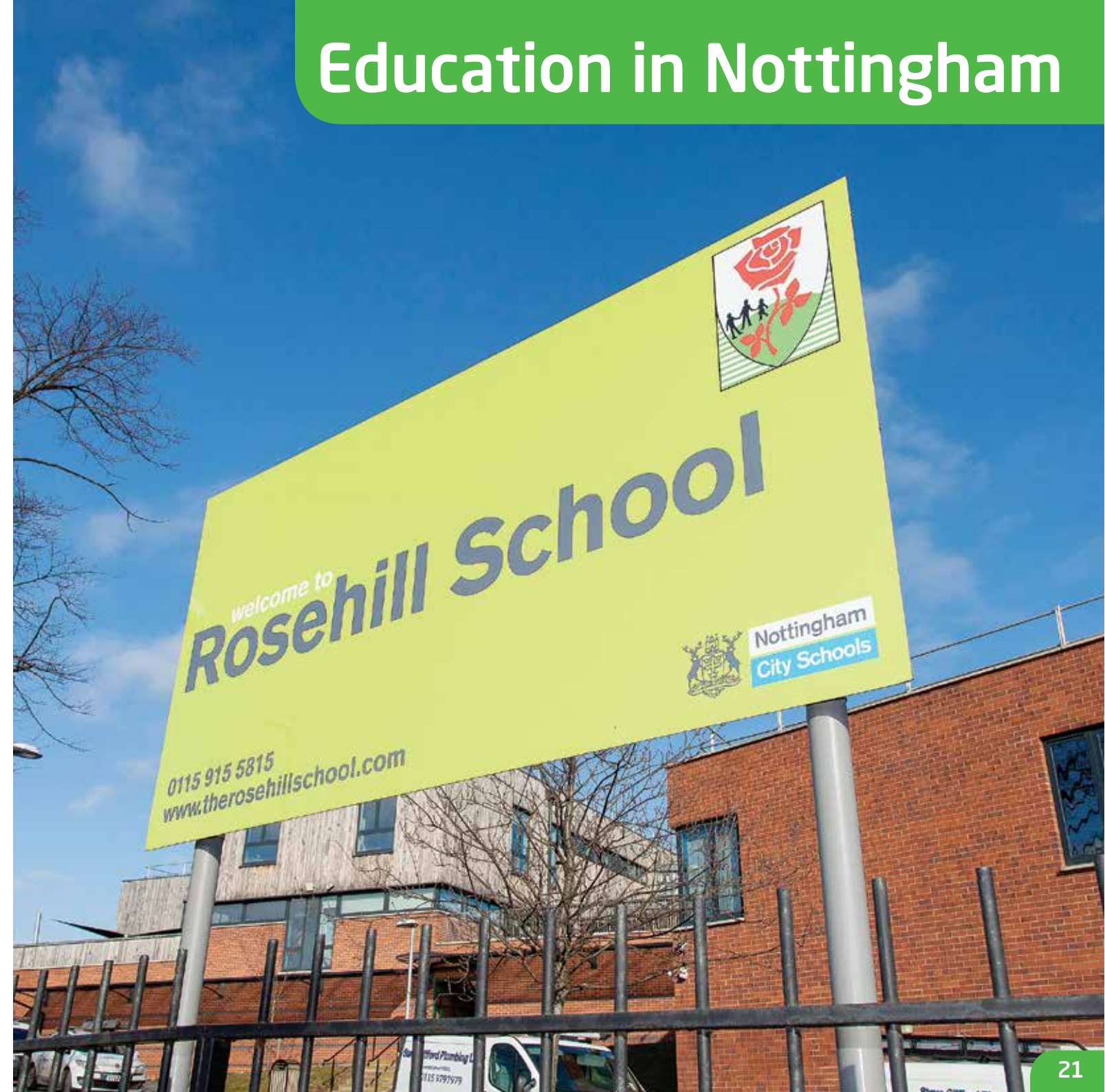
1. Develop a Smart City Collaborative to enhance the use of new and existing technologies to make Nottingham a more modern, inclusive and efficient city,
2. Use open data to better provide information and services to citizens,
3. Use smart metering and remote control technology to help keep energy bills down,
4. Encourage low carbon vehicles by creating an infrastructure of charging stations across the city,
5. Bring high-speed broadband to all areas of the city.

To grow Nottingham we will also:

1. Promote digital inclusion by providing free internet and computer access points at 50 sites across the city for digital skills training and online learning,
2. Promote the benefits of domestic energy efficiency using zero carbon homes projects in Nottingham's most deprived communities,
3. Establish an 'Open Nottingham Award' to encourage local companies to use open data innovatively to create new products and services,
4. Continue to pursue the development of the Blenheim site as an energy park in order to provide at least 270 local jobs in the energy sector,
5. Develop with the help of the private sector the Glaisdale Drive Industrial Estate to provide at least 60 local jobs.



## Education in Nottingham





## Education in Nottingham

Education has been a priority for Nottingham Labour ever since the City Council took control of education services in 1998. With just 26% of the city's young people receiving 5 GCSE's grade A\*-C at that time, it was clear that we needed to focus on improving learning for the city's youngsters.

The past 4 years have seen the role of Local Authorities in education eroded by the Conservative-Liberal Democrat's corrosive education policies. Whilst our relationships with schools may have changed, our ambition for Nottingham's children has not. Nottingham Labour continues to be ambitious for our city's youngsters, and we continue to work closely with schools to improve attendance, behaviour and attainment.

We know that a good education is vital for our young people to become well-rounded, successful and happy members of society, and we're committed to making our schools places for learning and development- for every child in Nottingham, not just the lucky few. That's why over the next 4 years, we are committed to using our influence to work with schools to ensure every child in Nottingham is taught in a school judged good or outstanding by OFSTED.

Parenting plays a critical role in educational development. For example, in some of our communities schools sink considerable resources into reading recovery because children aren't reading enough at home. We will be the parents' champion fighting for top notch classroom teaching, but we need parents to be the child's champion by fostering a learning environment at home.

We will also continue to fund our early intervention work, working with some of the most difficult families to make sure that all Nottingham's children can get a good start in life. And we're also committed to rolling out breakfast clubs and free school meals to more children across the city, ensuring all our children can get a good start in life.

At the last election we promised and have delivered:

- More pupils receiving 5 A\*s-Cs than ever before,
- State of the art youth centres in Bulwell and Clifton, and a youth facility open 7 days a week in the city centre,
- An 18% improvement in attendance at primary schools,
- Over £200million invested in 15 secondary and specialist schools across the city,
- Teenage pregnancy down by almost a half.

Nottingham Labour will protect from cuts:

1. The School Improvement Service,
2. A school nurse service responsive to the needs of our children,
3. Support for school uniform costs for those families that need it,
4. Funding to rebuild our further education colleges,
5. Support for university spin-out companies.





## All Schools

Nottingham Labour will:

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. Reduce absence from school by a quarter,
4. Ensure that every child in the city receives a good quality work placement, work readiness training, and independent careers advice before they leave school,
5. Create more special school places for children with additional needs.

## Early Years and Primary

Nottingham Labour will:

1. Guarantee a choice of places for every child at a local primary school,
2. Extend free school meals to all primary school children within the next 10 years,
3. Increase the number of 2 year olds in nursery by 40%,
4. Secure and provide breakfast clubs in every primary school in the city, building on the 'Cares for Kids' and other existing provision,
5. Promote the 'Dolly Parton Imagination Library' scheme so that every child under 5 in Nottingham receives a monthly free book.

Nottingham Labour will:

1. Guarantee a job, training place or place in further education for every 18-24 year old,
2. Deliver a new state of the art college at the heart of the city centre and develop a skills campus in the north of the city,
3. Use our influence to deliver a coordinated further education offer within the city that is judged good or outstanding by OFSTED,
4. Increase the number of graduates who choose to stay in Nottingham by 20%,
5. Work with Nottingham's two universities on key issues including regeneration, growth and job creation.

## Further and Higher Education

For education we will also:

1. Encourage schools to equip our young people for the wider world by delivering proper sex and relationship education,
2. Ensure Nottingham's schools offer a range of after school activities for young people,
3. Set up a 'Governors' Academy' so that school governors are well trained, equipped and supported,
4. Promote Nottingham as a destination of choice for outstanding teachers from across the country,
5. Work with special schools to develop training and work placements,
6. Introduce and promote a 'behaviour contract' to be signed by schools, parents, carers and pupils,
7. Promote guidelines to enable schools to communicate more effectively with parents and carers,
8. Ensure our colleges and universities continue to provide access to young people from deprived backgrounds.







Nottingham Labour is ambitious for the city's development. However, Nottingham people will not feel the full benefit of this if they are not well enough to take advantage of new opportunities. As part of the Government's reorganisation of the NHS, the Council has been given responsibility for the public health of the people of Nottingham for the first time. Caring for our older residents, as well as 6,500 vulnerable adults, is now a key council responsibility.

However, across the country, social care services have not always worked effectively with services provided by the NHS. Integrating health and social care will be a key issue for the next government, and in Nottingham we have taken the lead on this with our 'Better Care Fund' plan, rated one of the best in the country. We will develop this plan further, ensuring better care for our vulnerable residents.

The National Health Service is a key dividing line between the political parties. Labour founded the NHS, invested in it for decades and believes that healthcare should be available for everyone – not just those wealthy enough to afford it. A Labour win in the General Election will mean 20,000 more nurses, 8,000 more GPs, 5,000 more care workers and 3,000 more midwives – all paid for by tobacco companies and by closing tax loopholes. In contrast the Tories and Lib Dems have forced an expensive top-down reorganisation costing £3bn and which has led to rocketing waiting times, the failure of the Cancer Guarantee and 5,500 fewer nurses. As for UKIP, they want to sell off the NHS and charge you to see your GP. Only with Labour is the NHS safe.

Good health and social care services are a vital part of making sure that all citizens can benefit from our city's improvements. But we also need people to exercise personal responsibility for their health; making good lifestyle choices and using the excellent facilities provided for them.

At the last election we promised and have delivered:

- Almost 1000 people helped through the 'Nottingham Circle' with skills sharing and practical support to tackle loneliness,
- Nationally recognised specialist dementia services,
- Personal budgets for every eligible elderly resident, to increase choice and control for the care they receive,
- Access to the 'telecare emergency assistance scheme' for all care service users,
- Services for the frail, elderly and vulnerable protected from cuts, recognised as amongst the top 15% most generous of all councils.



Nottingham Labour will protect from cuts:

1. Vital health visiting services that give our children the best start in life,
2. Effective services that reduce drug and alcohol addiction, encouraging better lives and safer communities,
3. Vital aids and adaptations to people's homes meaning they can live independently.

Nottingham Labour will:

1. Deliver a rolling programme of smoke-free public spaces where local people want them,
2. Improve mental health for new mums and mums-to-be as well as reducing smoking during pregnancy by a third,
3. Reduce teenage pregnancy by a third,
4. Drive up the quality of home care services by only buying services from providers that pay their staff for travel between visits, train staff properly and pay the Living Wage,
5. Tailor care to individual needs through proper integration of the Council's social care services with those delivered by the NHS.

We will also:

1. Implement the city's 'Mental Health Strategy', ensuring better mental wellbeing for Nottingham residents,
2. Support the often forgotten army of unpaid carers by fostering links with each other as well as the public services they rely on,
3. Ensure services that promote good sexual health are available in every community,
4. Ensure we provide healthy school meals by achieving the 'Soil Association Food for Life' catering mark for our School Catering service,
5. Introduce a Sheriff's Award for all school-age children encouraging them to run, walk, cycle and swim,
6. Campaign to make sure Nottingham is at the front of the queue for lung cancer screening and continue to ensure that people from all our communities access cancer screening.

# Respect for Nottingham





## Respect for Nottingham

Knowing that you are safe in your home and your community is so important. Without a safe city, businesses will not invest; people who can will leave and those who remain won't be able to enjoy their lives in our great city.

Nottingham Labour, in partnership with the Police, Community Protection and local people, has made reducing crime and anti-social behaviour a key priority over the last 4 years, with some impressive results. We've maintained 100 Community Protection Officers in our neighbourhoods, helping to keep local people safe and promote the kind of city we want to see. Fewer people have been victims of crime, with a 14% reduction since 2011, and anti-social behaviour is down by 50%.

Nottingham Labour has listened to the concerns of local people, taking steps to ban street drinking across the city to help make communities safer and more family-friendly. We've also been working with the police

At the last election we promised and have delivered:

- Crime cut by 14% and anti-social behaviour halved,
- A city-wide alcohol free zone,
- Purple Flag status for 4 consecutive years, recognising Nottingham as a safe, clean and welcoming city,
- Cracked down on off-licences selling alcohol to people who are drunk or underaged,
- Hate crime down by 29%.

to stop off-licences from selling to those who are drunk or underage, and we've used our licensing powers to limit the number of casinos and sex-shops, whilst encouraging small venues and restaurants.

We want to see even fewer victims of crime in our city, and further reductions in anti-social behaviour over the next 4 years, and we are committed to working with the Police to deliver this.



Nottingham Labour will protect from cuts:

1. 100 Community Protection Officers working across our city,
2. Funding for Domestic Violence services,
3. Environmental Health officers, to ensure continued regulation of trading standards and restaurants.

Nottingham Labour will:

1. Cut the number of victims of crime by a fifth and continue to reduce anti-social behaviour,
2. Ensure a coordinated approach across our partnerships to reducing domestic violence by 10%,
3. Use Public Space Protection Orders across the city to give the Council powers to tackle irresponsible dog ownership,
4. Use our licensing framework to reduce the number of off-licences and supermarkets selling super-strength beers and lagers by 80% and crack down on licensed premises that persistently sell alcohol to drunks and alcoholics,
5. Ensure zero tolerance of child sexual exploitation through a public awareness campaign to increase early identification of concerns by a fifth.

We will also:

1. Work with at least 3000 vulnerable families over the next 4 years,
2. Ensure the city continues to be served by a single police division and a comprehensive network of neighbourhood policing services,
3. Work with the Police and Crime Commissioner to maintain a network of police stations and access points across the city,
4. Increase reporting of hate crime as well as reducing the number of repeat victims by 20%,
5. Ensure Nottingham City Homes continues to take a tough line and seeks to evict drug dealers and tenants involved in serious or violent crime,
6. Give free security advice to households that have been burgled and take enforcement action against landlords that fail to follow this security advice.



# Serving Nottingham Better



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Nottingham's City Council and local Councillors are here to serve local people and local communities, and we want to do it even better. Nottingham Labour believes that serving Nottingham better is about delivering valued services at the highest possible standard, as well as listening to what local people have to say and responding to them.

Over the past 4 years, the Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition government has massively cut funding to the City Council, disproportionately targeting the poorest and most deprived communities. These unprecedented and unfair cuts have meant Councils like Nottingham have had to radically rethink the way that services are delivered.

That's why we have been looking at new and better ways to deliver services, responding to the needs of our citizens whilst continuing to operate within our constrained budgets. The Council is also committed to developing its commercial projects, looking at where we can win contracts and sell our expertise so that we can generate income and not just cut spending.

Nottingham Labour believes that despite budget pressures, local people should be able to expect the best services from the City Council. That's why we aim to be the most customer friendly council in the country, with more ways to interact with us than ever before.

At the last election we promised and have delivered:

- Debt and money advice services across the city, helping over 17,000 residents each year,
- Council services under one roof at Bulwell Riverside, Mary Potter and the St Ann's Joint Service Centre,
- More extensive benefits and uses for CityCard as a passport to Council services, travel and discounts,
- Almost £36m through the sale of Council-owned land and buildings,
- A balanced budget each year, in spite of government cuts.





Nottingham Labour will protect from cuts:

1. Council services as far as possible by securing value for money and annually balancing the budget,
2. Debt and benefit advice and the Credit Union as an alternative to pay day lending and loan sharks,
3. Opening hours for council offices and libraries.



We will also:

1. Further develop and grow the credit union movement as an ethical form of personal finance and borrowing,
2. Use land and commercial resources effectively to generate additional income of at least £7 million a year in order to protect front line services,
3. Transform our neighbourhood libraries to support residents in developing their future prospects,
4. Answer at least 95% of telephone calls to the Council in person and increase the number of services that can be accessed online,
5. Work with other councils to sustain services while saving money and being more efficient,
6. Increase the number of people using council services online and ensure that more services can be accessed through self-service.

Nottingham Labour will:

1. Transform the debt and benefit advice service so that it also supports people into jobs and training in order to reduce dependency,
2. Introduce better ways of reporting problems on your street - on apps, via text, on the phone or in person,
3. Bring public services in your area closer together by creating 3 more joint service centres in the districts,
4. Establish a local investment bank by 2017, capitalised in part by the city and county pension fund, to invest in the local economy,
5. Introduce a 'Nottingham Business Charter' in 2015 to ensure local procurement spend supports our city's economy.

# Labour's Pledge to you

Labour Councillors care passionately about Nottingham. They live in the city and use local services. Labour Councillors come from the local community and want the local community to be served well by the Council. This is why they make every effort to make themselves available at surgeries, on the phone and by email.

Nottingham Labour believes that wherever you live in the city, if you have a Labour Councillor you should be able to expect the same level of service- someone who will represent you, listen to you, and champion your local area. You can't expect this from other parties. But if elected, Labour Councillors will be the local champions Nottingham needs.

Once elected, all Labour Councillors promise to:







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