

## A New Political Agenda

The present political set up has failed to deliver the new type of integrated society envisaged by the Good Friday Agreement.

There is no opposition at Stormont and the Parties in the Executive are not held to account by anyone. **We will :**

- ***end the system of designation in the Assembly***
- ***end the D'Hondt method of forming the executive***
- ***promote a new political agenda based on social and economic need and not tribal interest***
- ***establish a left and socialist opposition in the Assembly***

## Fight The Stormont Cuts

There is no need for cuts in public spending. They are a political choice not an economic necessity.

If we cannot afford universal health care, university education and public services, we cannot afford to wage war in Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya. **We will :**

- ***continue to oppose any attempts to introduce water charges***
- ***work to shift the burden of taxation from those who can least afford to pay to those who avoid paying at all***
- ***support the trade union led campaign of opposition to Westminster and Stormont Cuts***

## Tackle Sectarianism and Racism

The Stormont Parties have failed to tackle the issue of sectarianism. They are committed to a policy of separate but equal. That's why we are a more segregated society now than before the ceasefires. **We will :**

- ***actively promote integrated education***
- ***give more support to those who have indicated that they wish to live in integrated housing developments***
- ***raise awareness of and take steps to tackle other manifestations of sectarianism such as racism and homophobia.***

## Full Employment

The Workers Party calls for the Programme for Government to state full employment as a core aim: **We will :**

- ***restate our call for the creation of an All-Party Jobs Task Force to direct all Ministers***
- ***tax incentives for employers who recruit and retain new employees***
- ***a community based Local Employment Intermediary Service available across Northern Ireland***
- ***tackling youth and graduate unemployment as a priority***
- ***put peoples' jobs before new roads***

## Planned Environment

The Workers' Party believes that the pursuit of endless profit under the capitalist system is responsible for the global environmental crises.

In local terms, **Northern Ireland has the least protected environment on these islands.** We believe that the way forward is through a regulated approach to planning, transport and the natural environment. The Stormont Coalition parties have by and large treated the environment as an afterthought. **This has to change.**