

General Election 2019: Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) manifesto science and education policies

Please note that we have summarised the party's main manifesto only. You can find the manifesto in full [here](#).

Climate and energy

Democratic Unionist Party (DUP):

- Support a Northern Ireland executive request for a formal recommendation from the Committee on Climate Change on a “carbon dioxide 2050” target.

Environment and ecology

Democratic Unionist Party:

- Through the 2021 Environmental Strategy for the first 30 years of Northern Ireland's new century, the DUP plan to ensure a raft of actions through the long-term plan.
- Support the creation of “Environmental Protection” based on the Food Standards Agency, which aims to provide the best use of resources and access to the highest degree of expertise.

Agriculture and fisheries

Democratic Unionist Party:

- Currently direct support for farms under the EU Common Agricultural Policy is linked to land holding. The DUP believe that this should change and that future government policy needs to reflect the national need for food security and rewarding productive, sustainable farming systems and proven environmental benefit.
- Animal health schemes, like the BVD eradication scheme, provide an important vehicle to driving efficiency on farms. The DUP believe this should be widened out to include Johne's disease in cattle.
- Commit to introducing further legislation to improve animal care. This includes the introduction of Private Member's legislation banning circuses that contain wild animals.
- Support the development and implementation of a pragmatic Ammonia strategy.

Water and air

Democratic Unionist Party:

- Increase Northern Ireland Water's public education programmes to reduce water use.

Waste

Democratic Unionist Party:

- Commission a new strategic waste infrastructure plan for Northern Ireland, driving up recycling rates and the circular economy approach to recycling.
- Follow the Welsh model and include incinerator bottom ash as counting towards the recycling target.
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- Introduce a single waste disposal authority for Northern Ireland.
- Introduce an extended producer responsibility scheme.

Forestry

Democratic Unionist Party:

- The DUP support a reforestation plan for Northern Ireland with a 'one person one tree' planting scheme in 2021.

Research funding and higher education policy

Democratic Unionist Party:

- Introduce an updated skills strategy focussing on key growth sectors aligned with the new industrial strategy.

Schools education policy

Democratic Unionist Party:

- Ensure education funding reaches the "frontline" so every pupil in a classroom reaps the benefit.
- Support the introduction of a "strategic small schools initiative" in order to ensure that parents in isolated communities are not left without realistic educational choices.
- Reduce administrative burdens in schools through greater collaboration, co-ordination and central data to remove duplication of information requests.
- Overhaul of the work experience system in schools to encourage greater skill and work awareness from a younger age.