

Comparing the 2024 election manifestos

The UNA Southeast Region (LASER) Campaigns Officer, Valeria Minisini has identified the following issues which relate to LASER's earlier campaigns. This analysis picks out references to those issues made in the manifestos of the three leading national political parties.

Restoring UK overseas aid to 0.7% gross national income		
CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIB DEM
We will return to spending 0.7% of GNI when fiscal circumstances allow. We will assess every penny of this money with a strict national interest test.	Labour is committed to restoring development spending at the level of 0.7 per cent of gross national income as soon as fiscal circumstances allow.	Restore the UK's reputation as an international development superpower, by returning spending to 0.7% of national income and re-establishing an independent international development department.
Committing substantial support to the UN Loss and Damage Fund		
CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIB DEM
We will ring-fence our commitment to International Climate Finance. We will work with Small Island Development States, including our Commonwealth friends in the Caribbean and the Pacific, to access finance for climate change adaptation and resilience.	We will renew expertise and focus, especially in priority areas such as supporting economic transformation, tackling unsustainable debt, empowering women and girls, supporting conflict prevention, and unlocking climate finance.	Continuing the UK's support for the UN Loss and Damage Fund for countries particularly vulnerable to the impact of climate change, to ensure a just transition for all.
Urgently phasing out fossil fuels		
CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIB DEM
We will legislate to ensure annual licensing rounds for oil and gas production from our own North Sea to provide energy to homes and businesses across the country and protect high-skilled and well-paid jobs in the industry. We will maintain the investment allowances that provide incentives to invest in our North Sea	Labour will not revoke existing licences and we will ...manage our existing fields for the entirety of their lifespan. We will not issue new licences to explore new fields. In addition, we will not grant new coal licences and will ban fracking for good.	Maintain ban on fracking and introducing a ban on new coal mines. Implement the UK's G7 pledge to end fossil fuel subsidies, while ensuring a just transition that values the skills and experience of people and takes special care of the regions and communities most affected. Pressing all OECD countries to agree to end subsidies for foreign fossil fuel projects.
Stopping arms sales to Saudi Arabia		
CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIB DEM
We will continue to seek closer ties with partners in the Gulf and Middle East based on an appreciation of regional perspectives and shared interests.	Labour will support industry to benefit from export opportunities, in line with a robust arms export regime committed to upholding international law.	Introduce a 'presumption of denial' for arms exports to governments listed as human rights concerns in the Foreign Office's annual human rights report.

Signing the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TNPW)

CONSERVATIVE

No reference

LABOUR

No reference

LIB DEM

No reference

Cancelling Trident

CONSERVATIVE

We will be steadfast in our support for our Trident nuclear deterrent and have invested in its modernisation, including a nuclear skills package worth up to £763 million by 2030.

LABOUR

Our commitment to the UK's nuclear deterrent is absolute. It is a vital safeguard for the UK and our NATO allies.

LIB DEM

Maintaining the UK's nuclear deterrent with four submarines providing continuous at-sea deterrence, while pursuing multilateral global disarmament.

Actively pursuing peace in Israel/Palestine

CONSERVATIVE

We stand behind Israel's right to defend itself and to live with security. We support access to aid for those affected by the conflict. We will push for a two-state solution in the Middle East - we will recognise a Palestinian State at a time that is most conducive to the peace process.
We will pursue our Bill to ban public bodies from imposing boycotts or divestment campaigns against foreign countries.

LABOUR

Labour will push for an immediate ceasefire, the release of all hostages, the upholding of international law, and a rapid increase of aid into Gaza. We are committed to recognising a Palestinian state as a contribution to a renewed peace process which results in a two-state solution with a safe and secure Israel alongside a viable and sovereign Palestinian state.

LIB DEM

Advocate for an immediate bilateral ceasefire in the Israel-Gaza conflict, get the hostages out, provide space to reach a two-state solution based on 1967 borders. Advocating for an immediate bilateral ceasefire in the Israel-Gaza conflict, recognising that there is no military solution to remove Hamas from Gaza. Officially recognising the independent state of Palestine with immediate effect.

Supporting the rules-based international order

CONSERVATIVE

We will strengthen our relationships with like-minded partners around the world. As a permanent member of the UN Security Council, the UK has a responsibility to stand up for international peace and security. We will keep investing in our collective security through groups like the G7, Five Eyes and NATO.

LABOUR

We will once again be a good partner for international development, and a defender of the international rule of law. We will use the UK's unique position in NATO, the UN, G7, G20 and the Commonwealth to address the threats we face, and to uphold human rights and international law. Britain will unequivocally remain a member of the European Convention on Human Rights.

LIB DEM

Work to counter the global rise in authoritarianism by championing the liberal, rules-based international order and supporting international institutions such as the United Nations, the Commonwealth, NATO and the International Criminal Court.