

# **The Conservative and Unionist Party Manifesto 2017**

## **Forward, Together**

Our Plan for a Stronger Britain and a Prosperous Future

**Easy Read**





## **This is Theresa May She is our Prime Minister**

This is what she said

"The next five years are the most challenging that Britain has faced in my lifetime.

Brexit will define us: our place in the world, our economic security and our future prosperity.

So now more than ever, Britain needs a strong and stable government to get the best Brexit deal for our country and its people.

Now more than ever, Britain needs strong and stable leadership to make the most of the opportunities Brexit brings for hardworking families.

Now more than ever, Britain needs a clear plan.

This manifesto, Forward, Together: Our Plan for a Stronger Britain and a Prosperous Future will meet the great challenges of our time, beyond Brexit.

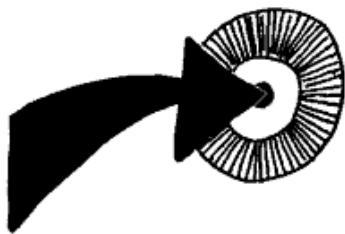
With this plan and with a strong hand through Brexit, we will build a stronger, fairer, more prosperous Britain, for all of us."

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## **5 Big Challenges**

1. The need for a strong economy
2. Brexit and the changing world
3. Enduring social divisions
4. An ageing society
5. Fast changing technology.

# 1. A Strong Economy That Works For Everyone

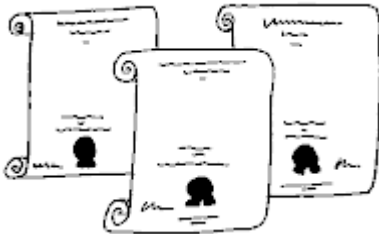
Theresa May's Conservatives will deliver

- **A strong economy**

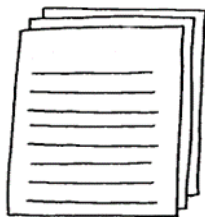


This will be built on good public finances.

Lower taxes.



Better regulation



And free trade deals with countries around the world.

- **A new deal for working people**



To give them a decent living wage



And new rights and protections in the workplace.

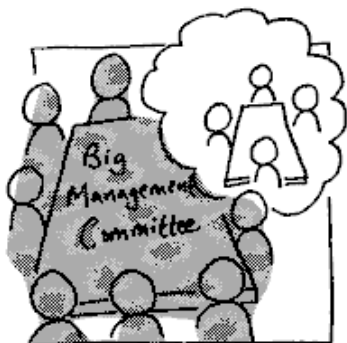
- **Governance of public companies**



This will be built on new rules for when a company takes over another company.

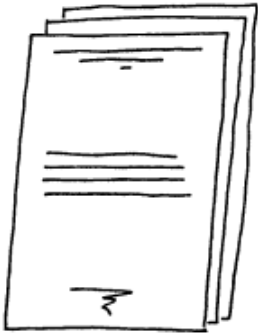


Looking into executive pay



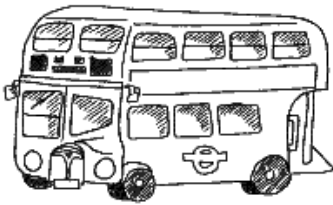
And getting workers to be part of company boards.

- **Growth across the country**

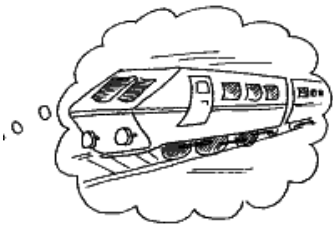


This will be through our modern industrial strategy

## Investment in **infrastructure**



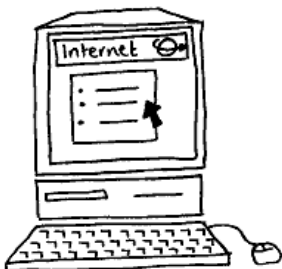
Road



Rail



Airports



And broadband



Investment in skills



And research and development.

- **Cheaper energy costs**



This will happen after a new and fair look into the cost of energy.

- **Wealthy towns and cities**



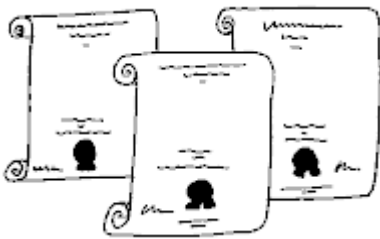
Making sure we have government offices and national museums all over the UK



## 2. A Strong and United Nation in a Changing World

Theresa May's Conservatives will deliver

- **The best deal for Britain**



We will get the best deal we can as we leave the European Union.

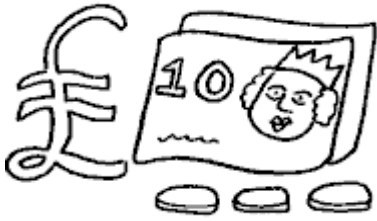
This will be done with a smooth and orderly Brexit.

- **A strong and stable Union**



There will not be a Scottish referendum at this time.

- **A United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund**



Money we get back from leaving the **EU (European Union)** will be spent on all **4 nations**.

The **4 nations** are England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

- **Global leadership on development**



This will be done by spending **0.7 per cent** of our national income



And with new rules on how to spend it.

- **Strong defence**



By meeting our **NATO** target of at least **2 per cent** of **GDP**



And increase spending by at least **half a per cent** more than inflation every year.

**NATO** means **North Atlantic Treaty Organisation**.

This is a military agreement of 28 countries.

**GDP** means **Gross Domestic Product**.

It measures the total value of all goods made and services provided during a set length of time.

- **Security from crime and terrorism**



We will have a new national police force to deal with serious crime.

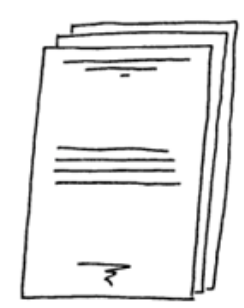


A stronger response to **white collar crime**.

This is a non-violent crime

It is a way to get money

For example: Fraud



A world-leading counter-terrorism strategy.

### 3. The World's Great Meritocracy

**Meritocracy** means you will have a fair chance to get as far as you can with your skills and hard work.

It is not about how much money you have or your social status.

Theresa May's Conservatives will deliver

- **More good school places**



End the ban on selective schools



Ask universities and free schools to help run state schools.



Change unfair rules so new Catholic schools can open

- **World class technical education**



New institutes of technology

They will have the same freedoms that make our universities great.

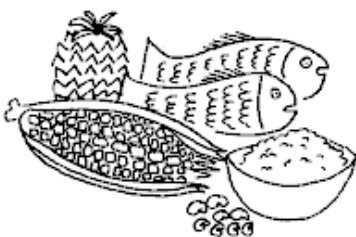
- **A government not afraid to confront unfairness**



Look at the pay gap between men and women



The unfairness because of where you are from, your religion or gender



Provide a free school breakfast for every child in Primary school

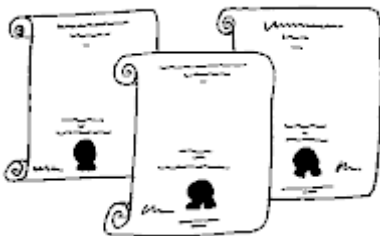


The stigma of mental health



And disability discrimination.

- **Protections for victims of domestic abuse in law**



A new landmark Domestic Violence and Abuse Bill.

- **Fairer markets for consumers**



Cut the cost of living

Put a price cap in place to stop energy customers from getting large rises in bills.

- **Control migration**



They will lower the level of **migration** from **273,000** people a year to tens of thousands.

**Migration** means people coming from outside of Britain to live, work and study here.



## 4. A Restored Contract between the Old and Young

Theresa May's Conservatives will deliver

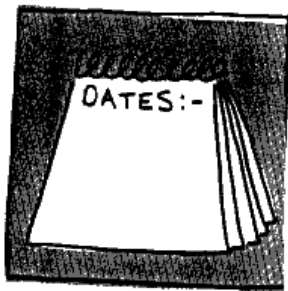
- **Good public finances**



This will be done by better money management.

And a balanced budget by the middle of the next decade.

- **Annual increases in the state pension**



This is through a new **Double Lock**  
It will start in **2020**.

**Double Lock** means that pensions will go up in line with the earnings that pay for them.

Or in line with inflation.

This is decided on the highest amount.

- **Respect and safety in old age**



A long-term solution for elderly care to protect peoples savings.



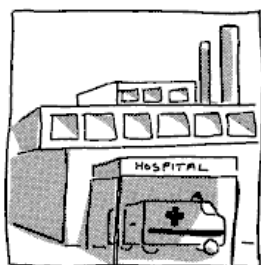
The poorest pensioners will continue to get help with their bills.

- **Great healthcare**

They will give the **NHS (National Health Service)**



More money



Better buildings



And more nurses, midwives, doctors, carers and other health professionals.

- **Homes for all**



This will include a new type of fixed-term council housing.

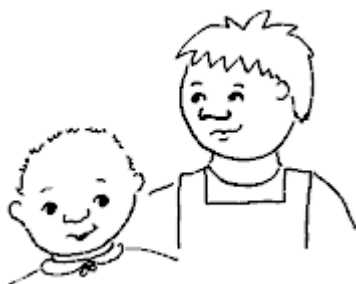
It will be linked to a new Right to Buy plan.



We will provide specialist housing where it is needed.

This could be housing for older people

- **Great childcare**

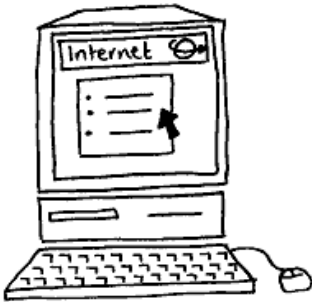


There will be thousands of new nursery places a year.

## 5. Success and Security in a Digital Age

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- **The world's most dynamic digital economy**



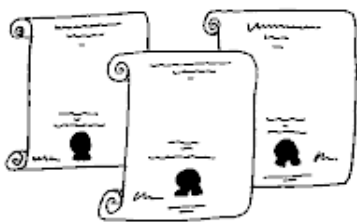
Help digital businesses get the money, skills and people they need to succeed.

- **Safety for people's data online**



There will be a new data protection law.

- **Safety for children online**



New rights to make social media companies delete information about young people as they turn **18**.

- **Digital government and public services**



To use data and digital technology to change school choices, local services and issues like planning and social care.

- **New rules for the digital economy**



This will be supported by a national ruling and an international partnership.

- **Security online**



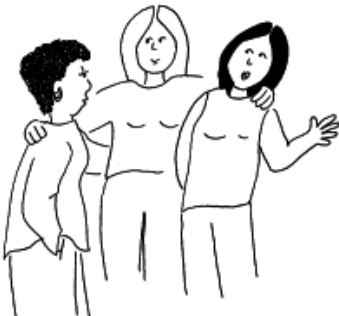
There will be a lot of money spent on cyber security and stronger cyber standards for government and public services.

# Conclusion



This is our plan for a stronger Britain and a successful future.

This is what we see for the future



A nation united



Shared opportunities



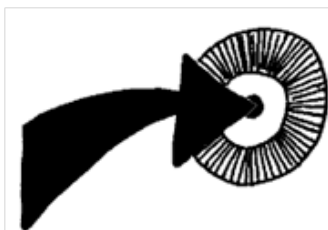
Safe, vibrant and sustainable communities

## A Great **Meritocracy**



This is where everyone, in every part of our country, is given the chance to go wherever their skills will take them.

This is a period of great national change



We will only reach our goals if we have strong and stable leadership.



**Theresa May** and her team will get the best possible deal with the European Union.



They will plan a course to a new global future.



Now is the time to show our strength as a nation and the character of our united people.



We shall succeed, if we go forward, together.

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