



**Glasgow Disability Alliance**  
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# Manifesto for Rights Now #GE19

**This election is about much more than Brexit.**

In 2017 the UN declared a **human catastrophe** in disabled people's rights across the UK.

**10 years of austerity** have pushed the UK's disabled people deeper into crisis.

**Cuts** to social security, public services, and legal aid **hold back progress** to boost disabled people's employment, participation and equal access to all areas of life.

While Brexit dominates our parliament and the news cycle, **ordinary disabled people are fighting to survive.**

**We call on MP candidates to stand with us for Rights Now - and support these 5 pledges:**

## 1. End Austerity and Universal Credit

Austerity has trapped disabled people in poverty and crisis.

Social Security is a human right, and a vital investment in society.

**End the degrading Universal Credit system, and punitive culture of austerity.**



## 2. Increase Funding for Social Care

The UN, the House of Lords and an Independent Citizen's Assembly have all declared:

**Urgent investment is needed to halt the erosion of rights to social care across the UK.**

Social care is an investment in a thriving society and economy.

**Invest, and work with Disabled People to build a social care system that is fit for purpose.**



### 3. Embed into UK law the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The 2017 UN investigation found 'grave and systemic violations' of disabled people's rights in the UK, through the triple-blow of cuts to welfare, cuts to public services, and restricting access to justice.

**We call for urgent action to reverse this regression:**

- Implement the UNCRPD recommendations
- Embed the UNCRPD in domestic law
- Restore Legal Aid
- Protect the Human Rights Act



### 4. Involve Disabled People in designing an accessible, sustainable environment

Barriers in our environment underpin the poverty and exclusion disabled people face: to **travel, work, learn**; to access vital services – or even our own **homes and communities**.

- **Actions to address the Climate Emergency must involve disabled people**, or risk widening inequality, and missing vital opportunities to create more accessible infrastructure.
- Disabled people's expertise is vital to **ensure those most vulnerable to the climate crisis are at the heart of resilience planning**.



### 5. Protect disabled People's Rights throughout Brexit

Brexit poses a critical threat to our health and social care services and supplies. Many of our rights are founded on EU directives on employment, travel, information and services.

- **Protect rights of EU workers in UK**
- **Uphold accessibility standards and ensure no regression in the event of Brexit**
- **Involve disabled people in No Deal emergency plans**
- **Resource Disabled People Led Organisations to support and protect our hard won rights.**



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