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# WHAT THE MANIFESTOS SAY 2017

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This document sets out the key commitments on culture, tourism and sport policy in the 2017 Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat, UKIP and Green national manifestos.

■ CONSERVATIVE PARTY MANIFESTO  
<https://www.conservatives.com/manifesto>

■ LABOUR PARTY MANIFESTO  
[www.labour.org.uk/manifesto2017](http://www.labour.org.uk/manifesto2017)

■ LIBERAL DEMOCRAT PARTY MANIFESTO  
[www.libdems.org.uk/manifesto](http://www.libdems.org.uk/manifesto)

■ UKIP MANIFESTO  
[www.ukip.org/manifesto2017](http://www.ukip.org/manifesto2017)

■ GREEN PARTY MANIFESTO  
<https://www.greenparty.org.uk/green-guarantee>

## Creative industries

### ■ CONSERVATIVES

- Deliver prosperous towns and cities, underpinned by strong local institutions, the relocation of government functions, and shared cultural assets across the country. (p12)
- Introduce a new cultural development fund to use cultural investment to turn around communities. (p24)
- Hold a Great Exhibition of the North in 2018, to celebrate amazing achievements in innovation, the arts and engineering. (p24)
- Channel 4 will remain publicly owned and will be relocated out of London, and we will work with the nation's most eminent museums and galleries to ensure their works and expertise are shared across the country. (p35)
- Continue to promote those [cultural] institutions and ensure they have the resources they need to amplify Britain's voice on the world stage and as a global force for good. (p39)

### ■ LABOUR

- Put our world-class creative sector at the heart of our negotiations and future industrial strategy. (p95)
- Introduce a £1 billion Cultural Capital Fund to upgrade our existing cultural and creative infrastructure to be ready for the digital age and invest in creative clusters across the country, based on a similar model to enterprise zones. Administered by the Arts Council, the fund will be available over a five-year period. (p95)
- Launch a creative careers advice campaign in schools to demonstrate the range of careers and opportunities available, and the skills required in the creative industries, from the tech sector to theatre production. (p95)
- Work with trade unions and employers to agree sector-specific advice and guidelines on pay and employment standards that will make the [performance] sector more accessible to all. (p96)

### ■ LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

- Create creative enterprise zones to grow and regenerate the cultural output of areas across the UK. (p66)

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- Support growth in the creative industries, including video gaming, by continuing to support the Creative Industries Council and tailored industry-specific tax support, promoting creative skills, supporting modern and flexible patent, copyright and licensing rules, and addressing the barriers to finance faced by small creative businesses. (p41)

### ■ UKIP

- Review advertising, broadcast and editorial codes, seeking commitments that editorial coverage and advertising campaigns will treat men and women with dignity and promote healthy body images. (p22)

## Museums

### ■ CONSERVATIVES

- Maintain free entry to the permanent collections of our major national museums and galleries. (p24)
- Continue to promote the UK's cultural institutions and ensure they have the resources they need to amplify Britain's voice on the world stage and as a global force for good. (p39)

### ■ LABOUR

- Maintain free entry to museums and invest in our museums and heritage sector. The Cultural Capital Fund will have a particular focus on projects that could increase museums' and galleries' income and viability. (p95)
- End cuts to local authority budgets to support the provision of libraries, museums and galleries. (p95)

### ■ LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

- Maintain free access to national museums and galleries. (p65)

## Arts and music

### ■ CONSERVATIVES

- Continue our strong support for the arts, and ensure more of that support is based outside London. (p24)

### ■ LABOUR

- Take steps to widen the reach of the Government Art Collection. (p95)
- Introduce an arts pupil premium to every primary school in England – a £160 million annual per year boost for schools to invest in projects that will support cultural activities for schools over the longer term. (p95)
- Review the EBacc performance measure to make sure arts are not sidelined from secondary education. (p95)
- Review extending the £1,000 pub relief business rates scheme to small music venues. (p96)
- Introduce an 'agent of change' principle in planning law, to ensure that new housing developments can coexist with existing music venues. (p96)

### ■ LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

- Protect sports and arts funding via the National Lottery. (p66)
- Examine the available funding and planning rules for live music venues and the grassroots music sector, protecting venues from further closures. (p66)

## Commemoration

### ■ LABOUR

- Continue to mark the ongoing centenary of the First World War, and the sacrifice of all those who died during it. (p95)
- Remain committed to honouring the role of all who have served our country, including the Sikh, Hindu, Muslim and Jewish soldiers who fought for Britain. (p95)

### ■ UKIP

- The Veterans' Administration will...provide a single point of contact for...benefits and memorials. (p46)

## Tourism

### ■ CONSERVATIVES

- Encourage the world to visit, study and do business in the UK through the GREAT Britain campaign and Visit Britain. (p15)
- Take steps to enhance the provision of public services in rural areas. We will safeguard the post office network, to protect existing rural services and work with the Post Office to extend the availability of business and banking services to families and small businesses in rural areas. (p26)
- Extend our successful Coastal Communities Fund to 2022, helping our seaside towns thrive. (p26)
- Maintaining the existing strong protections on designated land like the Green Belt, National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. (p71)

### ■ LABOUR

- Ensure that tourism becomes a national priority again. Reinstate the cross-Whitehall ministerial group on tourism, and ensure that government ministers across departments understand how their roles fit into the national tourism agenda. (p89)

### ■ LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

- Set up a £2 billion Rural Services Fund of capital investment to enable communities to establish a local base from which to co-locate services such as council offices, post offices, children's centres, libraries and visiting healthcare professionals. (p65)
- Protect and restore England's lakes, rivers and wetlands, including through reform of water management and higher water-efficiency standards, and establish a 'blue belt' of protected marine areas. (p50)
- Significantly increase the amount of accessible green space, including completion of the coastal path, and create a new designation of national nature parks to protect up to one million acres of accessible green space valued by local communities. (p50)

### ■ UKIP

- Revive our coastal communities and fishing villages. (p5)
- Create a new Coastal Towns Taskforce to oversee a raft of measures to regenerate [coastal areas]. (p15)
- New coastal towns taskforce will raise funding for new arts and heritage facilities in coastal towns. (p15)
- Make it a top priority to reverse the decline of our seaside towns. (p15)

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- Support the expansion of smaller regional airports. (p51)
- Keep a record of all foreign vehicles entering the UK by introducing a windscreen mounted identification tag. This will help identify overseas drivers who break UK traffic laws and facilitate enforcement action. (p51)

### ■ GREEN PARTY

- Equality of access to nature and green spaces, to enhance leisure, health and wellbeing. (p7)
- Strong protection for the Green Belt, National Parks, SSSIs and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. (p7)
- A wider, more effective network of marine protected areas around our coasts, including fully protected no take zones. (p7)

## Libraries

### ■ LABOUR

- Ensure libraries are preserved for future generations and updated with wi-fi and computers to meet modern needs. (p88)
- Reintroduce library standards so that government can assess and guide councils in delivering the best possible service. (p88)

### ■ UKIP

- Keep libraries open...before councillors even think about spending money on the next local vanity project. (p61)

## Sports

### ■ CONSERVATIVES

- Continue to support school sport, delivering on our commitment to double support for sports in primary schools. (p72)
- Support a UK city in making a bid to host the 2022 Commonwealth Games. (p24)

### ■ LABOUR

- Give football supporters the opportunity to have a greater say in how their clubs are run. (p99)
- Legislate for accredited supporters trusts to be able to appoint and remove at least two club directors and to purchase shares when clubs change hands. (p99)
- Review fan participation in sports governance more widely. Sporting events must be open and accessible to all. (p99)
- Push sports authorities to make rapid improvements on access provision for fans with disabilities. (p99)
- Ensure the Premier League delivers on its promise to invest 5 per cent of its television rights income into the grassroots game to help the next generation of players and coaches, and to improve facilities and pitches. (p99)
- Enforce anti-bot legislation and implement the recommendations of the Waterson Review to ensure fair opportunities for fans to buy tickets. (p99)

## ■ LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

- Move towards introducing 'safe standing' at football clubs, requiring the Sports Grounds Safety Authority to prepare guidance for implementing this change. (p65)
- Protect sports and arts funding via the National Lottery. (p66)



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