



The Campaign for a Fair Society is a popular movement to challenge the unfair cuts that target the most vulnerable and to propose positive principles for a better system.

The Scottish Campaign for a Fair Society believes

everyone is equal, no matter their differences or disabilities. A fair society sees each of its members as a full citizen - a unique person with a life of their own. A fair society is organized to support everyone to live a full life, with meaning and respect

Our campaign embraces all disabled people (including all people with disability labels), and all older people, and supports their right to independent living - which means:

having the same freedom, choice, dignity and control as other citizens at home, at work, and in the community. It does not mean living by yourself or fending for yourself if you don't want to. It means rights to practical assistance and support to participate in society and live an ordinary life

As a matter of urgent priority the Westminster and Holyrood governments must reverse the unfair cuts that target disabled people: more than 25% of the cuts fall on the most vulnerable 3% of the population.

But we cannot just go back to how things were in the past. The current welfare system needs radical reform. We will work with political parties that endorse our seven-fold commitment to older and disabled people:

1. **A Commitment to Human Rights:** by fully embracing the *European Convention on Human Rights* and building the *UN Convention on Rights of Disabled people* into Scots law, the full citizenship of older and disabled people will be safeguarded
2. **A Commitment to make the Right to Support an objective right defined in law:** this will remove the dependency of older and disabled people on “gifts” from professionals
3. **A Commitment to provide families and individuals with Early Support:** this will prevent crises, reduce the need for expensive interventions, and end the indignity of *eligibility thresholds*

4. **A Commitment to Put People Back in Control of their own lives:** this will enhance personal autonomy and dignity by restoring people's right to control their lives and any support they need

5. **A Commitment to Good Housing:** this will give people the right to go on living in their own accessible homes, with a choice of the full range of different types of tenure

6. **A Commitment to a Guaranteed Minimum Income free from means-testing:** this will create the necessary incentives for people to work and make contributions to civic life

7. **A Commitment to end the current Super-Tax on Older and Disabled people levied through local authority charges:** this will end the indignity of older people having to spend or give away all their savings just to get a minimal support

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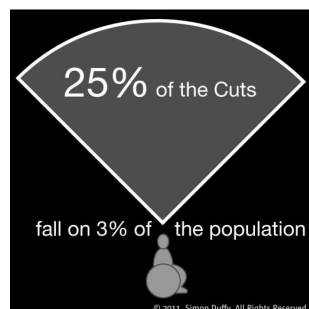
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