



Federation of Small Businesses

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Plaid Cymru Manifesto – Small Business Issues

Finance and Tax

- To set up a special venture capital fund to give businesses the funds they need to develop new ideas, to expand and to create sustainable jobs. This fund would raise capital and deliver investment through a co-investment model, with approved private sector partners.
- To reform the banks by separating high street banks from investment banks.
- To increase the rate of Capital Gains Tax to the marginal rate of income tax being paid.

Employment

- To create a 'Maximum Wage' by linking minimum and maximum earnings in an attempt to close the pay gap between the two groups.

Infrastructure

- To prioritise access to broadband with the aim of providing super-fast broadband to companies and homes.
[See FSB Press Release on this](#)
- To develop future broadband based on a minimum public service obligation for all, currently proposed at 2Mbps.
- To campaign for compulsory mobile network sharing, giving people across Wales improved mobile coverage.
- To bring high-speed electrified railways to Wales, developing an infrastructure for electric vehicles and changing the national grid to encourage small-scale energy production across the country.

Keeping Trade Local

- To invest in community-based farming to produce more locally-grown food.

Environment

- To roll out a national programme of home insulation to save energy, and create green electricity through renewable energy projects.

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