

2020 General Election: Main Party Policies of Relevance to the Social and Community Sector

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PARTY	Community and Voluntary Sector	Social Welfare System	Poverty Action (including employment related policies)	Housing	Children and Youth	Mental Health	Health	Family, Justice and Safety
LABOUR https://www.labour.org.nz/policy	<p>Improve pay equity information by ethnicity age and gender.</p> <p>Bring in the Fair Pay Agreement system which sets minimum standards for pay and certain conditions across whole industries.</p>	<p>Continue overhauling welfare system with focus on supporting people into sustainable work.</p> <p>Index main benefits to wage growth.</p> <p>Culture change within government departments to ensure all people treated with respect.</p> <p>Continue to increase funding and support for Whānau Ora.</p>	<p>Reduce child poverty by half in ten years through lifting household incomes and reducing cost of living for Kiwi families by supporting people into meaningful and sustainable work and addressing housing shortage.</p> <p>Scale-up of Flexi-wage scheme which is a wage subsidy to help employers hire those on a benefit at risk of long term unemployment. Includes Flexi-</p>	<p>Continue to partner with iwi and Māori providers.</p> <p>Progressive Home Ownership scheme that will support lower income families struggling to pull together a deposit, or pay a mortgage, into home ownership.</p> <p>Warmer Kiwi Homes programme by funding improvements to around 9,000 additional low income households.</p>	<p>Expand Lunches in Schools Programme to 200,000</p> <p>Over 6000 new learning support co-ordinators in schools for children and young people with higher needs.</p> <p>Extending Nurses in Schools to decile five secondary schools.</p> <p>Healthy Active Learning programme and Creatives in Schools programme to</p>	<p>Re-establishment Mental Health Commission.</p> <p>Train up to 12,000 community-based workers over the next three years, so more people seeking mental health and addiction support have someone to turn to.</p> <p>Piloting mental health and wellbeing support in primary and intermediate schools through Mana Ake.</p>	<p>Establish Māori Health Authority. Re-establish Mental Health Commission.</p> <p>Free frontline mental health and wellbeing support to 18-25 year olds.</p>	<p>Increase support for Oranga Tamariki (OT) caregivers</p> <p>Boosting support for agencies that support women and children and everyone affected by violence.</p> <p>Require OT to consider placing children with wider family rather than in state care. Continue to reform court processes to improve victim experience.</p>

		<p>Reinstate the training incentive allowance for higher skilled courses and people on a benefit and working part-time would be able to earn more.</p> <p>Increase abatement thresholds so people could earn more in part-time work - up to \$160 a week, before their benefit is reduced.</p> <p>Help unemployed people start a business through an expanded Flexi-wage self-employment programme, which will provide the equivalent of the minimum wage for up to 30 hours a week.</p>	<p>wage self-employment programme for unemployed people to start a business.</p>	<p>Funding 8000 new public and transitional homes</p>	<p>inspire active, healthy and creative children.</p>			<p>Build relationships between OT and whānau, hapū and iwi</p> <p>Support other agencies to implement whānau ora model and other ways to expand the model into communities</p>
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<p>NATIONAL https://www.national.org.nz/policy</p>		<p>No cuts to welfare.</p> <p>Social welfare system will focus on getting people back to work.</p> <p>Skill Start Scheme – pay tertiary training providers \$4,000 for every unemployed person retrained and back into fulltime work within a year.</p> <p>Under 25 Job Coach to help those on Jobseeker under 25 years to develop personalised intensive path to work plan.</p> <p>Additional parental leave or longer postnatal stay for pregnant women.</p>	<p>Skills and Jobs Hubs to delivery wrap around services for unemployed.</p> <p>Establish a meaningful reduction target on the number of children suffering material hardship.</p>	<p>Relax heating and ventilation standards for rental housing.</p>	<p>First 1000 Days policy: Empowering parents –An entitlement worth up to \$3000 for all expecting mothers that can be used to commission services to support their child’s first 1,000 days of development.</p> <p>Child passport –An enhanced version of the current Well Child/Tamariki Ora book with electronic record-keeping, this will record needs identified through screening and track progress to key physical, emotional, developmental and education milestones.</p> <p>All new mothers will be entitled to a three day stay in their postnatal facility.</p>	<p>Expand partnerships between police and mental health workers.</p> <p>Zero suicides multi sector suicide prevention strategy.</p> <p>Install Minister for Mental Health.</p> <p>Provide integrated network of mental health services through a ‘national stepped care approach’ for commissioning and delivery services.</p> <p>Mental health support package for small and medium businesses.</p> <p>Contestable fund to establish free psychological first aid training.</p>	<p>Fully fund a primary care social worker-type navigator for every General Practice to increase frontline health services.</p> <p>Require DHBs to annually construct and report against a Māori health strategy to help address inequities. Support further development of primary care practitioners with special interests to allow for better care in low socioeconomic areas.</p> <p>Require the annual Māori Health strategy to identify inequality measures, recommend interventions and monitor effectiveness against inequality targets. Invest an additional \$30</p>	<p>Sexual violence offences must be dealt with within 12 months.</p> <p>Make non-disclosure of child abuse an offence.</p> <p>National would expand the Integrated Safety Response initiative.</p> <p>Reinstate Louise Nicholas as sexual violence survivor advocate.</p> <p>Adopt social investment approach to criminal justice.</p> <p>Implement programmes focussed on prevention of loneliness, social isolations and elder abuse in ethnic communities.</p>

					<p>Implement enhanced screening with pre-birth and post-birth GP visits and revamped B4 School check at age 3.</p> <p>Skills based mental health and resilience training programme for primary, intermediate and secondary schools.</p> <p>Social Invest approach including use of Social Impact Bonds. Establish a wraparound service for parents under 20 including home visiting programmes and to increase the number who achieve NCEA.</p>	<p>100,000 free Covid-19 counselling sessions.</p> <p>National mental health online campaign.</p> <p>Mental wellbeing and suicide prevention in rural communities.</p>	<p>million per year in childhood oral health programme.</p> <p>Trial Matrix -20 week programme providing wrap-around support to meth addicts in their communities.</p>	
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GREENS https://www.greens.org.nz/	Specific policy on Community and Voluntary Sector see https://www.greens.org.nz/	Expand ACC income support to all disabilities or health conditions	Provide more free period products in schools.	Require Kāinga Ora to achieve equitable outcomes for Māori in urban	Introduce a Universal Child Payment, increase minimum wage	Require regular de-escalation training for police.	Increase funding to Māori and Pāsefika community health providers	Create an independent victims commissioner to give formal voice

<p>ns.org.nz/communit...ity_and_voluntary_sector_policy eg – multi-year funding for ongoing programmes; Māori can define which tangata whenua, community and voluntary sector organisations are entitled to receive kaupapa Māori funding; develop a Code of Practice for funding and contracting relationships; increase in COGs funding; reduce tax compliance costs for not for profit organisations; development of cooperative, support development of worker owned and community owned models of business ownership; higher Cabinet standing of Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector.</p>	<p>regardless of cause.</p> <p>Increase benefits for people with health conditions and disabilities.</p> <p>Increase digital accessibility.</p> <p>Establish workforce ready programme for sole parents.</p> <p>Increase funding for disability advocacy services. Increase funding for community law centres.</p>	<p>A Guaranteed Minimum Income of \$325 per week for students and people out of work.</p> <p>Additional support for single parents through a \$110 per week top-up.</p> <p>Two new top income tax brackets for those earning over \$100,000 and \$150,000 a more progressive tax system which redistributes wealth.</p> <p>Abolish youth minimum age wage.</p>	<p>development projects.</p> <p>Facilitate development of papakāinga on Māori land.</p> <p>Strengthen council powers to improve housing affordability in new developments eg proportion of affordable housing to a community housing provider.</p> <p>Establish a cap on rents at 25% of income for low income social housing tenants.</p> <p>Create a non-profit rental sector by offering Crown guarantees for Community Housing Providers, including iwi, to build new properties which can be rented out long-term.</p> <p>Full warrant of fitness for rentals; requiring all rental properties to be</p>	<p>and extend paid parental leave.</p> <p>Increase Best Start payments to \$100 per week per child and making it universal for every child.</p> <p>Replace Working for Families tax credits with a single Family Support Credit of \$190 per week for the first child and \$120 per week for subsequent children.</p>	<p>Provide free counselling to everyone under 25.</p>	<p>Restrict junk food advertising aimed at children.</p> <p>There should be a nurse in every low-decile school. Schools should be resourced as community hubs to provide health services.</p> <p>Increase resourcing for Well Child providers (e.g. Plunket and Tamariki Ora) so that they can provide support proportionate to the needs of whānau.</p> <p>Free dental care for children students, beneficiaries and superannuants.</p> <p>Schools be resourced as community hubs to provide health services.</p> <p>Nurse in every low decile school.</p>	<p>to victims and ensure support services are resourced to provide specialised support for victims of intimate partner violence and sexual violence.</p> <p>Fund violence prevention education and early intervention programmes.</p> <p>Provide longer term contacts to community providers of family violence servicers</p> <p>Fund family violence experts in court.</p> <p>Ensure emergency housing is available for men at risk of harming others.</p> <p>Make applications for protection and parenting orders free.</p> <p>Increase funding for social and support services</p>
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	<p>Create an office for rainbow communities.</p> <p>Increase funding for disability advocacy services.</p> <p>Introduce pay transparency legislation and increase support for preparing pay equity claims.</p> <p>Set employment and equity standards for government contracts.</p>			<p>independently assessed for compliance with the Healthy Homes Standards.</p> <p>Registration of property managers and landlords.</p>				for people who have caused and experienced harm.
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NZ FIRST https://www.nzfirst.nz/		Universal family benefit which would allow families to use the money to put down a deposit on a first home.				\$10 million over three years to mental health programme 'Gumboot Friday' towards cost of providing free counselling and all administration costs to help children receive counselling	Lower tobacco excise so pack of cigarettes no more than \$20	Support reform to sexual violence legislation
ACT	Remove regulations limiting	Employment Insurance (EI) scheme to replace	Get people back to work – cut taxes	Repeal resource Management Act and replace it with		Stand-alone Mental Health and Addiction agency	Permanent increase funding to public health by	Reduce sentences for prisoners who complete or teach

https://www.aot.govt.nz/	<p>volunteering in education and rehabilitation programmes in prisons</p>	<p>current social welfare system. Income tax remain unchanged by 0.55% of tax paid would be allocated to a ring-fenced EI fund; if lose employment a taxpayer can claim 55% of weekly earnings. Available to Sole Parent Support recipients with certain conditions.</p> <p>JobSeeker Support recipients will receive 4 weeks cash welfare then Electronic Income Management kicks in– electronic card with tracked spending and restrictions on alcohol, gambling and tobacco expenditure.</p> <p>Reduce benefits and impose stricter conditions for claiming them.</p> <p>End the winter energy payment.</p>	<p>and help employers hire: 5 point cut in GST until June 2021 Permanent income tax cuts with three rates first \$14 pay 10.5%; next \$ 56 pay 17.5%, above \$70 pay 33%. Return minimum wage to pre April level of \$17.70 an hour. 90 day trial extended to 12 month probationary period.</p>	<p>Urban Development Act allowing property owners increased rights to build on own land and free up land for development when land prices too inflated. Compulsory building insurance.</p>		<p>to offer patients choice, not just from DHBs (would be an upgraded Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission acting as a commission agency). .</p>	<p>50% a year; abolish the 12 Public Health Units into one national service. It would management of social care operators' pandemic plans.</p>	<p>literacy and driver licensing classes.</p> <p>Increase fun ding for mental health, drug and addiction and education services in prison.</p>
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MĀORI https://www.maori-party.org/	<p>Establish an independent mokopuna Māori care entity to help ensure they remain connected to their whakapapa.</p> <p>Allocate it \$600 million.</p> <p>The entity will establish a partnership network across Māori organisations to ensure mokopuna Māori remain connected to their whakapapa.</p> <p>Replace the chief executive of Oranga Tamariki.</p> <p>Guarantee pay equity for Maori nurses and teachers</p>	<p>Replace youth benefit with standard benefit.</p> <p>Establish taskforce to inform teaching and support for Māori students with disabilities.</p> <p>Double baseline benefit levels.</p> <p>Make benefits payable to individuals. Remove financial penalties, sanctions and work test obligations.</p>	<p>Government funding must guarantee 25% direct resourcing towards Māori workforce, businesses and services. Raise minimum wage to \$25 an hour and annual CPI increase.</p>	<p>25% of the government housing budget allocated towards Māori and include Māori trade trainees and Māori owned businesses, providers and services.</p> <p>Removal of legal barriers to build on papakāinga, increase building partnerships amongst Māori, hapū and whānau collectives.</p>	<p>Provide free digital devices and internet for all children from year 4 to year 13.</p> <p>Fund free breakfast and lunch programmes in all-low decile primary and intermediate schools.</p> <p>Fund hapū and iwi led youth employment initiatives.</p>		<p>Establish a Māori Health Finding Authority, Implement a Māori Health Card; establish a kaupapa Māori Mental Health service</p>	

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