

A brief guide to our main policies: what we stand for...

Equality

- Equal pay for work of equal value
- Financial support to increase the number of Women's Aid Refuges and services involved with prevention of domestic violence.
- Provision of easy access shopping facilities with reasonable prices in inner city and rural areas
- Employment rights from day one covering all workers
- A Trade Union Freedom Bill to strengthen collective rights at work

Domestic Violence

- A statutory definition of domestic violence, which is missing

from the recently strengthened Domestic Violence Bill

- Full access to justice and civil legal aid for victims of domestic violence
- No insistence on mediation before legal aid is granted

Environment

- Emphasis on recycling and alternative forms of waste disposal with stringent inspection
- A cheap and reliable public transport system to reduce the use of cars and lorries
- Greater controls on the use of pesticides, toxic to the environment and human health
- Government policy which ensures that public interest is

not second order to the interests of the drugs and pesticides industry

- No irradiated or genetically modified food

Civil Liberties

- The right to a fair trial and to have knowledge of the charges
- No restrictions to civil liberties in the guise of security measures
- Defence of the BBC against political interference in the media

Education

- Food and nutrition education to start at primary school
- Completely secular education where children of all races, classes and creeds freely mix

- Continuing education for all adults from basic skills to degree level courses

Anti-Poverty

- Recognition that poor health is often a consequence of poverty, poor housing and unemployment
- The right to a decent home at a reasonable cost for all
- Decent levels of income including a minimum wage in line with average incomes
- State pensions at 60 for all and at a level that enables pensioners to live in dignity

Women's Health

- Comprehensive family planning

services with maximum choice for all, especially young women

- Improved maternity benefits and childcare
- Neighbourhood clinics for minor accidents and illnesses
- Comprehensive facilities for abortion in all localities

International

- Strong links between women's organisations worldwide to develop the agenda for equality, development and peace
- Control by the United Nations of arms trading to eventually ban sales
- An effective international land-

mines treaty

- An end to ethnic cleansing, rape and torture
- Support to Cuba in its struggle with the US government and solidarity with Cuban women
- An end to the aggressive policies of Israel against the Palestinian people and elimination of illegal settlements on the West Bank
- Withdrawal of British troops from Iraq and Afghanistan
- An end to the trafficking of women and children
- Support for Fair Trade campaigns and against the negative effects of multi-national companies and globalisation

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The National Assembly of Women

The National Assembly of Women was founded in 1952 to work for full social, economic, legal, political and cultural independence and equality for women irrespective of age, race, religion, philosophical belief, sexual orientation or nationality.

These aims, of course, can only be fully achieved in a world at peace and to this end we campaign for an end to nuclear weapons and an end to militarism.

Via our international links with organisations such as the Women's International Democratic Federation we support women in other countries in their struggles for liberation and independence.

We have individual members in all parts of the UK and affiliations from many groups such as trade unions, trades councils, women's groups, and local authority organisations.

