

RSB Policy Briefing

General Election 2017 Education and Science Policies

The education priorities and science priorities identified in the 2017 general election manifestos. As education is a devolved issue, there is additional information specific to Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Plaid Cymru – Action Plan

- We believe that, in principle, education should be free for all

Early years

- Plaid Cymru will provide free full-time nursery places for all three year olds.

Teachers

- We will raise education standards, by pledging to pay teachers a more competitive salary and improving teachers' training to allow them to reach higher qualifications and perform better.

Schools and colleges

- Create a new network of specialist National Colleges of Vocational Education, for 14+ and post-compulsory education.
- We will oppose any attempts to re-introduce grammar schools.

Young people

- We will create an incentive for those students who remain or return to live and work in Wales after graduating, helping to retain our brightest young people and strengthen our economy.
- Guarantee employment, education or training for any person under-25 looking for work
- Increase the availability of Welsh language education from nursery, to further and higher education right through to adult learning.
- We want to grant 16 and 17 year olds the right to vote and reform the voting system so that it is more representative.

Universities

- We will demand that our universities (in Wales) are properly funded and represented at a UK level.