

Britain in the World

Q: Where do you see the UK's place in a changed world and what roles and responsibilities should this position include?

1. A progressive foreign policy for a post-imperial Britain requires resources and skills to be committed to reducing poverty & improving world living standards rather than supporting military action and the instability and misery it causes.
2. Labour must adopt a foreign policy that rejects military interventionism and nuclear aggression, focussing on the defence of these islands, and support for peaceful negotiations and dialogue through the UN and its member states.
3. A Labour government must withdraw troops from Afghanistan and advocate global disarmament, including a Weapons of Mass Destruction free zone in the Middle East and the scrapping of Trident.
4. Labour will incorporate into UK law the international crime of aggression.

Q: What should a 21st century European Union look like and how do we work to ensure it is fit for purpose?

5. A plan for sustainable, full employment in every country, not the creation of a reserve army of cheap labour to boost the profits of multinational corporations.
6. A new regime of fixed European exchange rates, backed by state and European central banks, plus reserve powers to control capital movements, to support growth and full employment across Europe.
7. Europe-wide commitment to eliminate tax avoidance and tax havens, with an agreed minimum level of corporate taxation.
8. A shift to planned Labour migration, a phased-transition to a European minimum wage and social protection standards and a Europe-wide 35 hour week.
9. Democratic control of Europe-wide institutions.

Q: How do we adapt our policies to take into account new global development trends, continue to make the case for the importance of UK aid to developing countries and reassure people we are getting good value for money?

10. Press for the global introduction of a financial transactions (Tobin) tax to finance the elimination of world poverty, counter climate change and help stabilise exchange rates.

Other issues

11. Support the creation of a World Environmental Organisation (alongside the WTO and WHO) to strengthen international environmental governance, and drive forward international cooperation including on climate change, biodiversity, deforestation and collapsing fish stocks.
12. Commit to using all available means to bring an end to the blockade of Gaza
13. Ban the import of goods from illegal settlements in occupied Palestinian territory.
14. Support governments in Latin America, including Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil and Bolivia, that are committed to a more equitable distribution of wealth and power.
15. Oppose the illegal regime established following the coup in Honduras, and the appalling abuse of human rights in Colombia.
16. Oppose the continuing US blockade of Cuba.