

Progress Party

Brexit

We at the Progress Party are firm believers that before decisions are made, people should know all the facts. Therefore, as our first course of action, we plan to hold another referendum for Brexit.

Now that Brexit has been on the plate for nearly four years, many of the assumptions made about what it would entail have been either confirmed or denied. This leads me to believe that another vote is in order. As well as this, whether we leave the European Union or not is a decision that will affect everyone for the foreseen future. With this being said, the people affected by it the most are those who are still too young to vote. This leads me into my next point that the voting age should be lowered to sixteen in some cases.

Voting Age

Voting age is a disputed topic in most places throughout the country. It is my opinion, along with many others my age, that the voting age should be lowered to sixteen.

However, in order for this proposition to go any further, there needs to be more political education available for teenagers. I believe that it should be mandatory to prove that you know what you are voting for (via schools) before you are allowed to vote.

Schools Curriculum

The school curriculum is geared up for you to pass your GCSE's. These exams are important but would it not be better to test children on more important life skills. This would mean that instead of your mandatory lessons being just English and Maths, you would also have to do things such as first aid and current events. Things like humanities should be made optional, as they will only get you somewhere if you want to go into a profession related to that subject. Basic skills are left down to the parents to teach but parents were once in this position too. This can result in entire families not knowing how to perform things like CPR, which is more important in everyday life than the formation of a waterfall. If the curriculum is changed then it will mean that many people will have to be re-trained to accompany it. This will mean that lots of extra funding will have to be put into the school.

Funding

Schools receive very little government funding compared to the income that the country has. We want to increase the £102 billion that goes to schools (as of 2018) to £110 billion. This will help to increase the number of schools that can operate successfully, raise teachers' salaries therefore increasing work rate and open more sixth forms around the country in areas such as Knowsley which has no sixth form provision. The money needed by increasing the taxes on alcohol and cigarettes, as well as broadening the items effected by the sugar tax.

Obesity

Child obesity is a very important matter for discussion. In 2016, 16% of children between 2-15 were obese in the UK and it is now a mild epidemic in the US. Our belief at the Progress Party is that we can decrease the numbers of people suffering from paediatric obesity by making it so that you must complete a minimum of one hour of physical education a week. As well as this, more extracurricular activities like football sessions after school could be set up.

Health Care & Poverty

In the UK, there are an estimated 14.3 million people living in poverty. Of these people, many of them struggle to obtain food. Therefore, we believe that the NHS should set up more homeless shelters with soup kitchens for those less fortunate than ourselves. For this to be set up, there needs to be more funding for the NHS. This extra money can be gathered by increasing the taxes paid by those who earn more money.

Doctors

This country has a lack of qualified medical staff who work in hospitals. This means that unless more people get a proper education, the hospitals will become more and more crowded which could lead to neglect of the injured. Another way to increase the amount of medical staff we have in our country is to accept more immigrant doctors.

We know there is a lot of controversy in this topic, but it is one of the only ways to ensure that everyone gets the medical help that they deserve.

Hospitals

As of September 2019, there are 1257 hospitals in the UK. However, this monumental number is still not big enough to compensate for the growing population.

More hospitals need to be built and existing hospitals need to be renovated and newly equipped for more specific needs. I believe that one hospital per city should be specialised to one specific kind of ailment. Whether that be Heart conditions or ENM.

Conclusion

In conclusion, our political party believes that the three most important issues in our country are Brexit, the school system and our healthcare system.

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