



Election Manifestos – What do they mean to you?

Each of the three main political parties issues their Election Manifestos this week. Each party choosing to focus on different messages; the Conservatives focused on ‘big society’, Labour proposed ‘50 steps to a fairer future for all’ while the Lib Dems managed ‘fairness’ in just four steps.

Below is an analysis of some key issues, and what each party promises with regards to them.

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Health Services

Labour:

In a host of proposed changes, more targets are outlined including guaranteed cancer tests within a week of referral and a maximum of 18 weeks waiting period for treatment, or the right to go private. For over 40's, a preventative healthcare scheme is proposed consisting of routine check-ups. More GP surgeries would also be forced to open out of hours.

What this means to you?

With the high rate of illnesses such as diabetes in some Muslim communities, especially Asian communities, the routine check-ups would ensure early signs of such illnesses are diagnosed and treated. More out of hours surgeries will also ensure greater access to primary healthcare.

Conservatives:

Scrapping of waiting-list targets is proposed, and new care schemes planned including a new 24/7 urgent care service and more out of hours access to GPs including weekends. For emergency care, the closures of A&E wards would be stopped and maternity wards would also be protected. In addition, access to NHS dentists would be extended to a

million more people and individual patients would receive their own health and social care budget.

What this means to you?

Out of hours patient care services would increase and access to services such as dentists would increase for some. However, the associated costs to the economy would be high and so cuts can be expected elsewhere.

Liberal Democrats:

The proposals prioritise the prevention of illness and extend the rights of patients to allow them to register with the GP they choose. Cuts would come in the form of drawbacks in the size of the Department of Health, which would be cut by half. Guaranteed respite is proposed for the one million carers who work the longest hours and dementia research would also be prioritised.

What this means to you?

If you live in an area where health services are poor or over stretched, you would be able to register with a GP surgery elsewhere, with potentially better services. For those who care for relatives, they would be guaranteed some relief from the constant care they provide, with government support.

Education

Labour:

In a proposal intended to ensure greater parity between wealthy and poor families, there is to be a choice of good schools in every area. Further, if schools are dissatisfactory or failing, in new school leadership teams can be brought in. Good schools could also take over the running of failing neighbouring schools. Basic guarantees are made for the level of attainment of every primary school child.

What this means to you?

All families, regardless of where they live, should have access to good schools for their children. If schools are failing in your area, management can be imbued to more competent managers. The wealthy will still have access to the good schools, but this will not be to the exclusion of the poorer families.

Conservatives:

In a proposal that is intended to help parents help themselves, the Swedish "free schools" and the US "charter school" models are put forward. There are small, autonomous institutions run and set up by parents, teachers, universities, faith groups and voluntary groups.

To ensure young people are equipped for jobs, 'Technical' schools are to be recreated; offering pupils aged 14 to 19 training and apprenticeships to become skilled. An extra 10,000 university places would be offered in 2010 and to encourage more science and maths teachers, student loans would be paid off for graduates who become teachers.

What this means to you?

Autonomous schools would allow for greater input into the curriculum and running of schools from parents. This could include religious schools. More training in skills will

allow more young people to enter a skills based trade. More university places would mean that those with low incomes would still be able to send their children to university.

Liberal Democrats:

The party believes that "every child is different, so schools need to be free to teach children in different ways and get the very best from them." They propose to cut class sizes to ensure children get the individual attention they need, scrap university tuition fees during first degrees, investing £2.5 billion in schools to help struggling pupils, scale back Key Stage 2 tests for 11-year-olds, creating a General Diploma to bring GCSEs, A-levels and vocational qualifications together, reforming league tables, and guarantee Special Educational Needs (SEN) statements for all five-year-olds.

What this means to you?

Children with special educational needs will get extra support, university fees will not impede students from poorer families from getting university degrees, and different academic routes will all be given similar consideration.

Immigration

Labour:

The Manifesto states that Labour are committed to an immigration system that promotes and protects British values. "People need to know that immigration is controlled, that the rules are firm and fair, and that there is support for communities in dealing with change. Our borders are stronger than ever. A new Border Agency has police-level powers and thousands more immigration officers, 100 per cent of visas are now biometric, and new electronic border controls will be counting people in and out by the end of the year. Asylum claims are back down to early 1990s levels, and the cost of asylum support to the taxpayer has been cut by half in the last six years. Genuine refugees will continue to receive protection."

"Our new Australian-style points based system is ensuring we get the migrants our economy needs, but no more. We will gradually tighten the criteria in line with the needs of the British economy and the values of British citizenship, and step up our action against illegal immigration. There will be no unskilled migration from outside the EU. Skilled jobs are now advertised here first for four weeks with more vacancies going to local workers, and public procurement will in future give priority to local people. The points-based system will be used to control migration with limits for high skilled workers and university students. As growth returns we want to see rising levels of employment and wages, not rising immigration.

We recognise that immigration can place pressures on housing and public services in some communities so we will expand the Migration Impact Fund, paid for by contributions from migrants, to help local areas. We know that migrants who are fluent in English are more likely to work and find it easier to integrate. So as well as making our English test harder, we will ensure it is taken by all applicants before they arrive."

Coming to Britain is described as a privilege and not a right, and they propose to break the automatic link between staying here for a set period and being able to settle or gain citizenship. In future, staying will be dependent on the points based system.

What does it mean to you?

Labour are about to impose restrictions on immigration, in response to strong criticism of their previous policies. Those wishing to marry people in the UK will need to speak English to an acceptable level in order to qualify. There will be more restrictions on immigration, and those who are not skilled/ professionals, will find it impossible to migrate to Britain if they are not from the EU.

A points based system will operate which means that Britain will be seeking to absorb the brightest people from abroad, but restricted for anyone else.

Conservatives:

The Manifesto states that “immigration has enriched our nation over the years and we want to attract the brightest and the best people who can make a real difference to our economic growth. But immigration today is too high and needs to be reduced. We do not need to attract people to do jobs that could be carried out by British citizens, given the right training and support. So we will take steps to take net migration back to the levels of the 1990s – tens of thousands a year, not hundreds of thousands.”

They propose a number of measures:

- Setting an annual limit on the number of non- EU economic migrants admitted into the UK to live and work;
- Limiting access only to those who will bring the most value to the British economy;
- Applying transitional controls as a matter of course in the future for all new EU Member States.

‘Integration’ will be promoted as they believe that everyone coming to this country must be ready to embrace our core values and become a part of their local community. So there will be an English language test for anyone coming here to get married.

The student visa system is considered the biggest weakness in border controls, and the system of granting student visas is to be tightened.

What does it mean to you?

An annual cap to immigration will have a big impact on those wishing to come to Britain, whether for work or marriage, etc. those wishing to come to Britain to get married will have to pass strict English language tests.

Liberal Democrats:

The Manifesto supports an immediate reintroduction of exit checks at all ports and airports. Britain’s borders would be secured by giving a National Border Force police powers. A regional points-based system would be introduced to ensure that migrants can work only where they are needed. The deportation efforts on criminals will be prioritised, including people-traffickers and other high-priority cases. Law-abiding families will be allowed to earn citizenship. They will allow people who have been in Britain without the correct papers for ten years, but speak English, have a clean record and want to live here long-term to earn their citizenship. This route to citizenship will not apply to people arriving after 2010.

The responsibility for asylum will be taken away from the Home Office and given to a wholly independent agency, as has been successful in Canada. Asylum seekers will be allowed to work to save taxpayers' money and allowing them the dignity of earning their living instead of having to depend on handouts. There will also be an end to the detention of children in immigration detention centres. Alternative systems such as electronic tagging, stringent reporting requirements and residence restrictions will be used for adults in families considered high flight risks. The deportations of refugees to countries where they face persecution will be ended.

What does it mean to you?

More stringent entry and exit checks will mean it is harder for people to overstay visas. Those who are seeking immigration will not be relying on vouchers and handouts to survive, but will be able to work and look after themselves. Everyone who is already in the country illegally will be given the opportunity to prove obtain citizenship through good behaviour. Asylum will be dealt with as a social issue, not a political one by the Home Office.

Anti-Terrorism Legislation, Defence and Security

Labour:

The proposal sets out that the counter-terrorism approach currently being used "is one of the most sophisticated in the world, and investment has trebled since 2001, with thousands more counterterrorist police and a doubling of security service numbers." Police are to be given the tools they need "to fight terrorism" while giving Parliament and the courts oversight to ensure these powers are not overused. Torture is condemned and a policy of non-cooperation is proposed for police and security services with those who use torture. The current 'Prevent' strategy will be developed to combat extremism.

What this means to you?

The tools given to the police have included a 28 day detention period for those arrested on suspicion of terrorism related offences. This infringement on liberty has not been witnessed even in the USA. The judicial safeguards against police and security service violations of civil liberties have proved inadequate. The Prevent strategy has been highly criticized for its failings.

Conservatives:

Proposals include setting up a National Security Council "to integrate at the highest levels of government the work of our foreign, defence, energy, home and international development departments." Also, setting up a new permanent military command for homeland defence and security and cutting the MoD running costs by 25%.

The Manifesto also states that "terrorism remains a major threat to our country and some of the biggest threats to our security do not come from abroad – they are home grown. A Conservative government will ban any organisations which advocate hate or the violent overthrow of our society – and the Manifesto names Hizb-ut-Tahrir specifically - and close down organisations which attempt to fund terrorism from the UK.

What this means to you?

Creating national security units while cutting the MoD running costs seems to be an exercise in transferring bureaucracy from one department to another.

If the Conservatives do press with their Manifesto pledge of banning HT then this will ring alarm bells for several reasons: firstly, that the Tories do not really understand the Muslim community if so much importance is being placed on a London-centric fringe group; secondly, that the Tories are by-passing the law, because if any group is to be banned or proscribed then it should be after pursuing due process; thirdly, the step will be counterproductive, simply forcing underground activity; fourthly, it will be discriminatory - why don't the Tories direct their attention towards UK-based Israeli partisans and dual Israeli-British citizens who visit the Occupied Territories, support illegal settlements, and receive military instruction?

Legitimate organisations such as the charity Interpal have also been vilified and subject to false accusations – does this mean that a Tory government will respond to these and by-pass due process? In the case of Interpal, the Charities Commission launched independent investigations and concluded that there was no legitimacy in the claims. Would a Conservative government interfere with a fair process such as this?

Liberal Democrats:

They propose holding an immediate Strategic Security and Defence Review and rule out the like-for-like replacement of Trident nuclear weapons system which will save £100bn. There would be a reduction in the numbers of MoD staff and top brass officers and military action against Iran is ruled out categorically

They propose that the best way to combat terrorism is to prosecute terrorists, not give away hard-won British freedoms. That is why they will:

- Reach out to the communities most at risk of radicalisation to improve the relationships between them and the police and increase the flow of intelligence.
- Scrap control orders, which can use secret evidence to place people under house arrest.
- Reduce the maximum period of pre-charge detention to 14 days.
- Make it easier to prosecute and convict terrorists by allowing intercept evidence in court and by making greater use of post-charge questioning.

What this means to you?

Britain's nuclear arsenal would be scaled back. Any military action being led by Israel and the USA would not be supported by by this Party if it was in power as a British government.

The 28 day detention period will be reduced to 14 days for those charged with terrorism related offences. It is unclear how the party proposes to 'reach out' to the community.

Foreign Policy

Labour:

They propose conducting a Strategic Defence Review to equip the Armed Forces for 21st Century challenges, and support British troops and veterans. They also propose:

- Using Britain's international reach to build security and stability – combating terrorism and extremism, curbing proliferation, preventing and resolving conflict, and tackling climate change.
- Leading the agenda for an outward-facing European Union that delivers jobs, prosperity and global influence.
- Re-energising the drive to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, supporting sustainable growth and combating poverty.
- Reforming the UN, International Financial Institutions, the G8 and G20, and NATO to adapt to the new global challenges.

In reference to conflict zones, in **Afghanistan**, British forces will be shifting more of their efforts into training to begin the process of handing over responsibility for districts and provinces to Afghan forces later this year.

For the **Middle East**, they declare support for the creation of a viable **Palestinian** state that can live alongside a secure Israel. They propose that all the countries of the region have a role to play in delivering the vision of the Arab Peace Initiative – normalised relations between Arab states and Israel in return for a Palestinian state.

Where **Iran** is concerned, they state a 'shared interest' in preventing the acquisition of nuclear weapons by Iran.

What this means to you?

British troops will remain in Afghanistan for the foreseeable future. A Palestinian state is made dependent on Israel's 'security', a term which means anything Israel wishes it to mean, and also, proposed to be given 'in return' for Arab cooperation with Israel - a hefty precondition. Any war with Iran over nuclear weapons may be supported by this government.

Conservatives:

As part of the foreign policy promise, an entire page is dedicated to a message about Iran. "In Iran, hundreds of thousands of citizens calling for democratic reforms are using new technologies to come together, coordinate their protests against the state, and communicate with the outside world. The power of these information flows is growing rapidly. Every time the Iranian state has tried to choke the flow of information to dampen down the protests, people have turned to new technologies to share and access information. When the state cut off text messaging services, protesters switched to social media like twitter and facebook. When foreign journalists had their visas removed and had to leave the country, Iranians began to upload video clips onto Youtube so that the government's actions could continue to be scrutinised. And when the government tried to ban popular websites, private citizens outside Iran set up proxy internet servers so that Iranians could continue to access information."

To ensure our global security, they propose:

- Working towards greater stability in Afghanistan and Pakistan;
- Supporting concerted international efforts to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon;
- Supporting a two-state solution to the Middle East Peace Process;
- Promoting stability in the Western Balkans;

- Always being ready to assist Cypriots in their efforts to agree a just, balanced and lasting settlement to reunite their island.

To establish greater international cohesion between states, they propose:

- Building a closer relationship with India, the world's largest democracy;
- Seeking closer engagement with China while standing firm on human rights;
- Elevating our relationships with many friendly nations, including in the Middle East, as well as North Africa, South Asia and Latin America;
- Pressing to keep the EU's doors open to those countries, including Turkey, that wish to join, conditional on the rigorous application of the accession criteria;
- Supporting permanent seats on the United Nations Security Council for Japan, India, Germany, Brazil and African representation.

What this means to you?

The Conservative Party is following a hard-line stance against Iran. It is likely to support a war against Iran. No specific promises are made in relation to the Middle East conflict between Israel and Palestine, although a simple two-state solution is supported. There is also a vision of greater engagement with emerging superpowers.

Liberal Democrats:

The Manifesto makes numerous foreign policy references including:

- Make the EU use its collective weight effectively in other areas of foreign policy. Britain can have a far stronger voice on relations with Russia, China, Iran and the Middle East peace process when it joins with the rest of Europe.
- Be a critical supporter of the Afghanistan mission. The military surge must be accompanied by a strategy to ensure a more legitimate government, tackle corruption and win over moderate elements in the insurgency.
- Support the establishment of an International Arms Trade Treaty to limit the sale of arms to dangerous regimes and work for a full international ban on cluster munitions.
- Support action by the international community to stop Iran obtaining nuclear weapons but oppose military action against Iran and believe those calling for such action undermine the growing reform movement in Iran.
- Hold a full judicial inquiry into allegations of British complicity in torture and state kidnapping as part of a process to restore Britain's reputation for decency and fairness.
- Remain committed to the search for a peaceful resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. A sustainable solution can be reached in the context of two separate Israeli and Palestinian states, mutually recognised and internationally accepted within borders which are secure and based on the situation before the 1967 conflict. They condemn disproportionate force used by all sides. They believe Britain and the EU must put pressure on Israel and Egypt to end the blockade of Gaza.

What this means to you?

The policies set out are clear on their position with regards to Afghanistan, Iran and the Middle East conflict. The controls on arms exports would mean that the UK could not export parts for military equipment to states like Israel. They have set out a concise policy on peace in the Middle East. They would not back any war against Iran, but would back international pressure such as targeted sanctions.

Families

Labour:

The Manifesto promises £4 a week in Toddler Tax Credit from 2012 for families earning under £50,000. New fathers will be given the right to a month's paid paternity leave instead of the current 2 weeks. Care for the elderly will be tackled by the creation of a National Care Service to provide free care at home for the elderly and disabled and cover the cost of residential care after the first two years.

What does it mean to you?

For each toddler, an extra £16 a month will be received as well as the usual child benefit payments if your earnings are under £50,000. Many Muslim families care for their elderly relatives at home, and the new Care Service will ensure that there is support in this care. The cost of providing this service will be an added burden to the state, which may result in tax rises.

Conservatives:

The Manifesto introduces tax breaks to promote marriage and civil partnerships. The burden of Council Tax payments will be reduced as there will be a freeze on the payment levels for two years. Households earning more than £50,000 will not be eligible for tax credits. Parents with children under the age of 18 will have the right to request flexible working hours. The Sure Start scheme is to be refocused on the poorest families.

What does it mean to you?

Married couples will receive an extra £150 a year. This works out to about £3 a week. Anyone earning over £50,000 will not be able to claim tax credits any more. At the moment, the Sure Start scheme is open to people with varied incomes, but this will be refocused to cut out those of moderate means.

Liberal Democrats:

The threshold at which people start paying income tax will be raised to £10,000. Tax Credits will be restricted. There will be a restoration in the link between the basic state pension and earnings. All properties over the value of £2 million will have a Mansion Tax imposed. Loopholes that unfairly benefit the wealthy and polluters will be closed. Local taxation will be reformed including looking into scrapping the Council Tax.

What does it mean to you?

For those who earn around £10,000, they will not be eligible to pay tax. The current rate is £6,475. This will positively impact on mainly women/mothers who are more likely to be in part-time employment and earning this scale of salary. Scrapping council tax is unlikely, and if it did occur, another tax would have to take its place.

Jobs

Labour:

The Manifesto proposes expanding advanced apprenticeships radically to create up to 70,000 places. 200,000 jobs are to be created through the Future Jobs Fund, with a job or training place for young people out of work for six months. Anyone unemployed for two years will be guaranteed work.

What does it mean to you?

Young people will have more opportunities to enter gainful employment. Long term unemployment will be ruled out, so everyone seeking benefits for unemployment will be expected to be working by the end of 2 years.

Conservatives:

The Manifesto proposes scrapping Labour's employment schemes and creating a single Work Programme for everyone who is unemployed, including the 2.6 million people claiming incapacity. Youth unemployment is to be reduced as well as the number of children in workless households.

Current claimants of Incapacity Benefit are to be reassessed. Those found fit for work will be transferred onto jobseeker's allowance. Recipients of Incapacity Benefit who are genuinely disabled will continue to receive the financial support to which they are entitled.

The proposed Work Programme will be delivered through private and voluntary sector providers, which will be rewarded on a payment by results basis for getting people into sustainable work. For hospitality and leisure, 50,000 training places will be provided.

What does it mean to you?

Those who are genuinely incapacitated will still receive financial support. There appears to be a distinct mistrust of those claiming incapacity benefit, and hence everyone will be re-assessed. Those who are not found to be eligible, regardless of their situations, will be dealt with as a standard unemployed person.

Young people will be given more job opportunities.

The Work Programme will be partially outsourced to private service providers which are target driven.

Liberal Democrats:

To boost the economy and create jobs for those who need them, the Manifesto proposes a one-year economic stimulus and job creation package. To sustain jobs and growth for the long term, an Infrastructure Bank will be set up to direct private finance to essential projects such as new rail services and green energy, building the environmentally sustainable economy that is needed for the long term. And to ensure that the economy is never again destabilised by high-risk financial industries, banks will be broken up and local and regional sources of business finance will be built up.

What does it mean to you?

In the short term, new jobs will be created. Long term success will only be foreseeable after the stimulus package is under way.

Such dramatic changes to the banking system may undermine recovery as investors may be put off.

The Economy and the Deficit

Labour:

A number of points were proposed in order to secure the future of British companies. In response to the financial crisis and the role of the banks, a global banking levy is proposed and reformation of the regulations for banks in order to deal with irresponsible behaviours. The Post Office may become a 'People's Bank' in order to give people more of a say.

What does it mean to you?

There will be greater accountability from the banks which should reduce the chances of the tax-payer picking up the tab for the mistakes and irresponsibility's of the banks.

Conservatives:

An emergency budget will be proposed within 50 days of election to include an immediate £6bn cut in wasteful spending and one-year freeze on public sector pay in 2011. The planned increase in national insurance for employers and workers earnings less than £35,000 will be scrapped. Main rate of corporation tax will be cut to 25%. They also pledged to match Labour's spending plans for 2010-11 in health and overseas aid.

What does it mean to you?

Cost cuts are unpopular, and while the Conservatives are focussing talks of cuts around 'wasteful' spending, it remains to be seen what services will be impacted on. All of those earning less than £35,000 will not have to pay the planned 1% increase in NI.

Liberal Democrats:

The Manifesto proposes introducing a Banking Levy so that banks pay for the financial support they have received. A £400 pay rise cap for all public sector workers will be imposed.

What does it mean to you?

Tax payers will not be burdened with upholding the banks and paying for their mistakes. Those working in the public sector will have minimal pay rises.

The Constitution

Labour:

The Manifesto proposes Referendums on moving to 'Alternative Vote' proportional representation and a democratic, accountable, elected House of Lords. A free vote will be held on lowering voting age to 16. Powers will be introduced for the public to sack cheating MPs and laws to introduce fixed-term Parliaments.

What does it mean to you?

This will ensure that political cronyism is reduced and there is greater accountability of MPs.

Conservatives:

The Manifesto proposes reducing the number of MPs by 10% and cutting ministers' pay by 5%, followed by a five-year freeze. All items of spending over £25,000 will be

published online, along with salaries of senior civil servants in central government. Clear financial performance targets will also be set for senior civil servants.

What does it mean to you?

Reducing the numbers of MPs should mean that MPs get paid more and can therefore focus more on their jobs. However, the Conservatives have coupled this with a pay cut.

Perhaps reflective of ‘independent means’ of many Conservative MPs.

Spending by civil servants will become more transparent so that tax payers know where their money is being spent.

Liberal Democrats:

An overhaul in the democratic process is proposed, including abolishing ‘safe seats’ by introducing a fair, more proportional voting system for MPs. Under the new system, the number of MPs will be reduced by 150. The right to vote will begin at age 16. The House of Commons will be strengthened to increase accountability, including increasing Parliamentary scrutiny of the budget and of government appointments and give Parliament control over its own agenda so that all bills leaving the Commons have been fully debated.

The House of Lords will be replaced with a fully-elected second chamber with considerably fewer members than the current House.

What does it mean to you?

These proposals are by far the most over-arching in terms of reform to the British political system. It will ensure more democratically elected representation in government and increase the number of people eligible to participate in politics.

Social Policy and Crime

Labour:

The Manifesto sets out plans to reduce the fear of crime by protecting frontline policing while making the police more responsive and accountable, and taking faster action on anti-social behaviour. They criticise the Tories for talking tough but voting soft on issues from gun crime to DNA retention; which they say would cut police and PCSO numbers. Immigration controls are proposed with a new Australian-style points-based system — unlike the arbitrary Tory quota, which they say would damage business and growth.

What does it mean to you?

Police forces would be more accountable for failures in protecting people and communities. There would be a DNA retention system, which would mean that anyone found guilty of a crime whose DNA is logged will be kept on a database.

Conservatives:

They propose elected police commissioners to replace police authorities; instant grounding orders for antisocial youngsters; prison sentences for carrying a knife; ban on below-cost alcohol sales; and a new border police force. They would also scrap ID cards and the Human Rights Act would be replaced by British Bill of Rights.

Big Society banks will be set up using unclaimed assets to fund charities and neighbourhood groups. Neighbourhood groups, the "little platoons" of civil society will be able to take over failing public services. National Citizen Service for 16 year olds will be introduced.

What does it mean to you?

There would be a new elected tier in the police force, so you have a greater say in who is appointed. This will enable communities to be reflected in the police force. Anti-social behaviour will be met with stronger responses. There would be no introduction of ID cards.

There will be greater responsibilities on individuals and communities to make changes in their locality, but this may mean more pressure and less government responsibility. This is likely to result in some chaos depending on the extent of the rights passed to citizens.

Liberal Democrats:

The Manifesto proposes to pay for 3,000 more police on the beat, which would be affordable due to spending cuts in other areas such as scrapping 'pointless' ID cards. Time-wasting bureaucracy will be reduced at police stations with better technology that can be deployed on the streets. Local people will be given a real say over their police force through the direct election of police authorities.

Youth Services will be strengthened by making it a statutory service, and encouraging local authorities to provide youth services in partnership with young people and the voluntary sector.

What does it mean to you?

An increase in the police force will offer greater protection and also provide more job opportunities. There will be greater public say in who runs the police force in the locality. This will enable communities to be reflected in the police force. Greater services will be provided for the youth.