LEADING THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY



The worst credit crunch since the 1930s has plunged the economy into a crisis that is hitting people hard. In times of economic recession, rising unemployment, high food and fuel costs, our ideas and values are more relevant than ever.

- We want an economy that puts people first, not the market!
- We call for a European strategy for smart green growth that will create 10 million new jobs by 2020!



CAMPAIGNING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE



Europe is a political and social project. Existing inequalities and economic globalisation place new pressures on people. It is time for a NEW SOCIAL EUROPE. We want a SOCIAL PROGRESS clause in all EU laws.

- We want to strengthen workers' rights!
- We want to prevent unfair tax competition!
- We want a European pact against wage dumping!
- We want a decent minimum wage!



FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE



Climate change is the biggest threat facing humanity today. If we don't act now we put the future of our planet in peril. We want Europe to lead by example and introduce a more ambitious energy policy for the EU. We continue to fight for a global agreement and the goal of a 30 per cent emissions reduction.

■ Sustainable development can create jobs and help save the planet!



DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS



Human rights, democracy and the rule of law are the core values of the European Union. We believe that Europe has the responsibility to use its power to defend the most vulnerable people within and beyond its borders.

■ We want Europe to fight discrimination at home, and be a force for human rights in the world!



CHAMPIONING EQUALITY



Thanks to the S&D Group, significant progress has been made towards equality. But there is still a long way to go. We lead the fight against the gender pay gap, and for improved parental leave rights. We encourage the EU to stop gender-specific, racist and homophobic violence and discrimination. We work towards ending human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

■ We want an inclusive Europe for everyone!



DEVELOPING AN EFFECTIVE MIGRATION POLICY



Migration is a crucial challenge facing Europe today. To continue to benefit from migration, we must make it work and introduce real reforms. We live in a global village. People leave their countries of origin to find new homes. We want a society proud of its democratic traditions, open to and enriched by other cultures.

■ To learn to live together is to share the same rights and the same responsibilities!

