

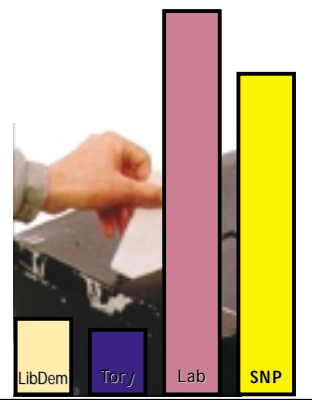
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GLASGOW KELVIN SNP NEWS

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ONLY THE SNP CAN BEAT GALLOWAY



Expert analysis of recent election results and surveys leave absolutely no doubt that this election in Kelvin will be a two horse race between Frank Rankin of the SNP and

the unpopular New Labour candidate George Galloway. In fact some recent surveys have suggested an SNP victory in Kelvin. The SNP require only an 8% swing to win. All evidence shows the Tories, Lib Dems and others trailing some distance behind.

The SNP have chosen local man Frank Rankin as their candidate for Glasgow Kelvin. Frank now lives in Scotstoun having recently moved from Thornwood. Frank is 30, married, and is a local government offi-



X PUTTING GLASGOW FIRST... Frank Rankin cer and a member of the trade union Unison.

Commenting on the campaign Frank said, "It is a privilege to be able to Stand for the SNP in Kelvin. With so many decisions being taken in London it is

vital that we still have a strong voice there... That voice can only come from the SNP. As MP for Kelvin I will always be available to all of my constituents. My loyalties will be with them, not with London."

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"I look forward to working closely with Frank as part of the SNP's team for Kelvin"

- Sandra White MSP

Our Contract with Scotland

At the forthcoming Westminster election, the people of Scotland have a clear choice between the SNP - the only party that stands for Scotland - and the London parties that have always put Scotland's interests way down their list of priorities and have failed our people for too long.

Our *Contract with Scotland* is a contract based on trust and makes it clear to the people of Scotland what SNP MPs will be going to Westminster to do - to drive Scotland forward to Independence; protect the Scottish people from the worst failings of Westminster rule; and deliver the best deal for all of Scotland.

A strong SNP voice at Westminster will mean that New Labour can no longer take Scotland for granted. It will mean that we can support measures when they make sense for Scotland and fight them tooth and nail when they will cause us damage.

Currently all money spent in Scotland is controlled by Westminster - and Westminster has decided that we should be given less and less.

Only the SNP can be trusted to argue the case for our hospitals, schools and pensioners.



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Frank won endorsement from Sandra White, the hard working and very popular MSP who contested Kelvin for the SNP last time and now represents you in the Scottish Parliament. She said "I have worked closely with Frank on many issues. He will be a tremendous asset as a Westminster MP. I look forward to working closely with him as part of the SNP's team for Kelvin."

Frank outlined his priorities for the campaign. "I will be campaigning on the key issues of health, education, employment, crime and pensions. Labour has failed on these issues. Only a vote for the SNP and Independence will bring about social justice and a decent life for all in Scotland."



NHS Not Safe in New Labour Hands

Docs Say NHS Worse Under Labour

Four out of Five of Scotland's GP's say New Labour are even worse than the Tories according to a New Survey. Labour have consistently underfunded the NHS and have even failed to meet their own basic waiting lists target.

In Scotland, waiting lists are nearly 2,000 higher than when Labour came to power - breaking their election pledge to cut waiting lists by 10,000. And there are fewer nurses and acute hospital beds.

New Labour have failed the Scottish NHS. The SNP stand for health, and its time that SNP policies designed for Scotland were implemented in Scotland's NHS.



Closure of the Western Infirmary will leave no A&E provision in the West End

Scotland's Health - THE FACTS

- Glasgow is the heart attack capital of the world.
- 1,000 cancer patients die every year in Scotland because of health service under-funding.
- Waiting lists at Yorkhill Hospital are up 11%
- 13 per cent of patients admitted to Glasgow hospitals are suffering from malnutrition.

Now they plan to shut the Western Infirmary leaving the West End with no full accident and emergency service. West End folk will face a journey through the busy Clyde Tunnel to the Southern or through the city centre to the Royal.

POSTCODE TREATMENT

The SNP would deliver 1,500 more nurses, investment in hospitals and medical equipment, maximum waiting times for inpatient treatment cut by half, an end to the scandal of postcode treatment, the removal of charges for dental check-ups, a freeze on prescription charges, free personal care for all elderly people, and free daily fruit for all children in primary schools.

Frank Rankin commented, "SNP policies would make a real difference to the health service, and help to raise the morale of our health professionals by undoing the damage caused by New Labour."

SNP We stand for Scotland ⚡

The SNP stand for Independence.

Part of that commitment means standing up for Scotland's interests at Westminster. No one else does. Like the Tories before them, New Labour has lost touch with the people of Scotland.

Only the SNP can offer its undivided loyalty and make sure we don't lose out in London. The more SNP MPs that are elected to the Westminster Parliament, the more we can do.

Each and every one of them will go to Westminster with three key aims.

1 TO DRIVE SCOTLAND FORWARD TO INDEPENDENCE - the stronger our voice, the stronger we can be in working to complete the powers of the Scottish Parliament.

2 TO PROTECT SCOTLAND FROM THE WORST FAILINGS OF WESTMINSTER RULE - the more SNP MPs, the greater the chance we have of stopping the next rise in fuel tax or the next cut in support for the disabled.

3 TO DELIVER THE BEST DEAL FOR SCOTLAND - as the SNP presence at Westminster increases so will the attention London pays to Scotland's needs. Your vote will help us deliver a better Scotland now.

John Swinney
SNP Leader

Scotland - the real facts about your country

- According to the top economic think-tank, the OECD, Scotland is the seventh wealthiest nation on earth. **BUT** 300,000 Scots children live in poverty.
- More tax revenue than ever before is being taken by London from Scotland. **BUT** in the first three years of the Labour government spending on Scottish schools fell by £270 million.
- Survival rates for Scottish lung cancer patients are half that of most European countries. **BUT** Labour was the first government in history to CUT health spending in its first year of office.

BILLIONS WASTED ON TRIDENT NUCLEAR WEAPONS

A vote for Labour is a vote for Trident



The BIG BLOCKADE of Faslane Naval Base on February 12th was attended by members of Kelvin SNP.

Billions of pounds are squandered annually on the obscenity of nuclear weapons of mass destruction. While health, housing and education cry out for more funds Labour continue to waste your money on nuclear weapons which serve no useful purpose.

In a MORI poll commissioned in 1999, over 60% of the people polled in Scotland thought that Trident should be safely dismantled. The churches in Scotland oppose it,

as does the SNP, the trade unions and Scottish CND. Safely disposing of Trident is the settled will of the people of Scotland.

There are three ways to achieve this: the first is to wait until the UK parties - Labour, Tory and Lib Dem - decide that Trident is no longer needed. This is highly unlikely: there are too many UK politicians with delusions of grandeur.

The second is the morally driven route followed by the Trident Ploughshares Campaign, focussing on direct action and publicising the illegality in international law of possessing and threatening to use a weapon of mass destruction, and is to be commended.

The third, and most likely to succeed, is the SNP's policy of Independence, which has, as central to its policies, the negotiated removal of Trident from Scotland. This will free Faslane for a conventional Scottish naval facility, and London will have to work out whether keeping Trident is worth the cost of finding it a suitable base elsewhere.

The SNP is the only major party opposed to Trident, and is the only political party that can get nuclear weapons out of Scotland. What is absolutely clear is that a vote for any Labour candidate is a vote for Trident nuclear weapons, as Labour go into this election committed to keeping these illegal weapons of mass destruction.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Independent Norway enjoys average incomes nearly DOUBLE that of Scotland.

- Pensions in independent Ireland are 64 per cent of average earnings. In Scotland the figure is 45 per cent.

- The government in independent Denmark spends £3,600 on each primary school pupil. In Scotland the government spends around half that amount.

- Labour and the Tories say Scotland will be worse off if we were independent. But how come other small independent European countries are better off than we are?

SNP DELIVERS IN KELVIN

Sandra White MSP - Working For You

As a Glasgow list MSP Sandra has taken responsibility for issues affecting Glasgow Kelvin. Sandra has won much respect and admiration for her tireless work on behalf of her constituents. Sandra and the SNP MSPs are positive proof that voting for SNP candidates brings success for you.

Sandra has dealt with literally hundreds of issues on behalf of constituents in Kelvin. She is always available and holds regular surgeries. She has taken up problems on issues such as benefits, education, health, housing, environmental problems, crime and many others.

Sandra has been active in local campaigns. Those she

has been involved in include, opposing the planning applications for Caird Drive, Alfred Terrace, Hayburn Lane and Thornwood Community Park, the reinstatement of the No 83 bus, the upgrading of Mansfield Park, the establishment of the Partick Community Centre, the campaign to save Blawarthill Hospital, the retention of a full Accident & Emergency service for the West End, the retention of Yorkhill Hospitals, the proposal for a new community centre in Whiteinch and many others.

Sandra will also be campaigning to oppose New Labour's plan to sell off the Kelvin Hall. In parliament Sandra's record is second to none. She is SNP

deputy chief whip and vice convener of the Social Justice Committee. She is also convener of the Cross Party Group on Older People. She has lodged countless questions on a multitude of issues and has been a constant thorn in the flesh to the Lab/Lib government.

Amongst her most notable contributions was the debate on her members motion on the development of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Rail Infrastructure, calling for the establishment of a Glasgow Airport direct rail link and the implementation of the Glasgow Crossrail north/south rail link.



Surgeries:

2nd Monday In Month
5-6pm
Maryhill Community Central Halls

3rd Monday In Month
5-6pm
Garnethill Multicultural Centre
7-8pm
Partick Burgh Halls

3rd Friday In Month
2.30-3.30pm
Safeway Knightswood Shopping Centre



FRANK

RANKIN





Please show your support by displaying this poster in your window

SNP We stand for Scotland

Our commitments to YOU in Glasgow Kelvin and Scotland

SNP We stand for Education

The SNP has four key proposals to take the politics out of education and enrich the educational experience for all children and parents.

-  To establish an Education Convention
-  To progressively reduce all primary 1,2 and 3 classes to 18 or less
-  To scrap league tables and take steps to ensure that parents are furnished with real information on school performance
-  To embark on a major programme of school refurbishment and repair

SNP We stand for Health








if you voted for this in 1997 he FAILED to deliver.

SNP We stand for Jobs

Our Goal Full Employment

The SNP's five point plan will create the economic conditions necessary to achieve full employment. Unlike New Labour we will reduce unemployment in reality-not by fiddled Tory statistics.

-  Investment in Infrastructure
-  Investment in Education
-  Skilling-up Scotland for the Global Economy
-  Promotion of an entrepreneurial culture
-  Selling Scotland in the Global Economy

SNP We stand for Pensions

Labour fail Glasgow's pensioners

Frank pledges a better deal for our pensioners from the SNP

Addressing a meeting in Partick - which included unhappy local pensioners - Frank Rankin blasted New Labour's record on pensions.

"Despite a derisory 75p on the pension, they have the cheek to claim that our pensioners are better off under New Labour. The reality is that 165,000 pensioners claim income support because their weekly income is too low. That's almost one in three of our pensioners.

"And another 70,000 are in severe poverty because they are a few pence above the means test level."

Outlining the SNP's position Frank said, "Our pensioners shall have decent income-linked under the SNP and won't have to claim benefits.

"Many of our older folk have never claimed benefits and they don't claim the Minimum Income Guarantee - 900 pensioners in Kelvin are losing £70 a month."

Frank underlined New Labour's hypocrisy. "They trumpet the £200 winter fuel payment. That's too low for the Scottish climate. And Labour has raised the Band D Water Rates in Glasgow by £174. New Labour gives with one hand and takes away with the other.

"Norway has a basic pension of £210 per week for a couple, compared to only £115.90 under New Labour. Scotland should treat its elderly as well as other small European nations - and in an Independent Scotland, we would."

SNP We stand against Crime

We will provide 1000 more police on the beat - a 7% increase. We support a crack-down on juvenile crime with measures to make parents more responsible for the actions of their children. This means that the court would have the option of making a compensation order so that those responsible for crime, or in the case of children, their parents, should take the consequences of their actions. We would also allow courts to put serious sex offenders on lifelong restriction orders.

SNP We stand for Glasgow Kelvin

The SNP will provide a strong voice for Kelvin's citizens, and ensure that local issues are dealt with effectively. Frank Rankin as a local man knows the issues affecting the people of Kelvin, and is committed to tackling them.

With our vision of a socially just, caring and enterprising Scotland, we will improve the lives of everybody.

Vote SNP on June 7th



SCOTTISH FUND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Five billion pounds a year for the next five years, that's what the Treasury says that Scottish oil and gas revenues will be worth - that's twice as much as the annual average for the whole of the nineties. We need to invest this opportunity for the future, not squander it like the past.

Investing the surpluses generated by these revenues in The Scottish Fund for Future Generations will deliver income for investment in public services in perpetuity. The investment for public services after this year alone would be worth nearly 320 million pounds, after 3 years the income will be nearly one billion pounds. These resources will be available for all future generations and over the next 5 years the opportunity amounts to more than 4500 million pounds.

After more than twenty-five years of extracting oil from the North Sea the people of Scotland have nothing to show for it. This must change. There is a financial as well as a moral imperative to ensure that all future generations can gain from the depletion of scarce natural resources that took millions of years to build up.

That is precisely what the people of Norway have done and what we should do in Scotland. Our proposals for the Scottish Fund for Future Generations lay out the structure of the policy and how it will work.

This initiative is about securing benefits indefinitely from the depletion of a natural resource that took millions of years to build up. Scotland is a rich country and we should reap those benefits for ever.

New Labour the New Tories

New Labour William Hague's Big Helpers

In 1997 Labour promised change. However the reality is that New Labour are no different from the Tories. Many say New Labour are the new Tories.

The Tories supported the Millennium Dome in London sucking in hundreds of millions of pounds of taxpayers' money.

The difference under Labour? None - apart from spending even more hundreds of millions of pounds of taxpayers money - from which, Scotland should have received its rightful share.

The Tories increased the numbers waiting for operations in Scotland's hospitals.

The difference under Labour? None - apart from even longer waiting lists.

The Tories presided over a dramatic rise in violent crime in Scotland.

The difference under Labour? None - apart from even higher levels of violent crime.

The Tories sold off our public services to the fat cats for private profit.

The difference under Labour? None, apart from going even further - privatising Air Traffic Control and council services putting thousands of workers jobs and conditions at risk. Labour uses expensive private finance in our schools and health service which will cost you, the taxpayer millions undermining our public services in the future.

The Tories made promises to you and broke them.

The difference under Labour? None, apart from even more broken promises.

The Tories forced Scotland to accept nuclear weapons.

The difference under Labour? None - apart from more Trident

nuclear weapons. In an independent Scotland there will be NO Trident nuclear weapons on the Clyde.

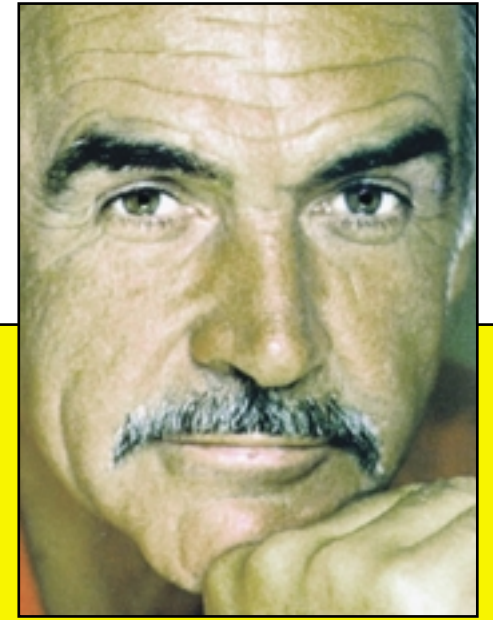
The Tories were continually condemned for sleaze and corruption scandals.

The difference under Labour? None - Labour have been as bad as the Tories with sleaze and corruption.

There is no doubt. Labour are carrying on with Thatcherite policies. Well its hardly surprising when Blair makes no secret of his admiration for Margaret Thatcher.

Hague's BIG helpers in Scotland are Labour in Scotland who have carried on the legacy of the Thatcher years. New Labour now the New Tories in Scotland.

There is a real choice between the London Labour and Tory parties and the party that stands for Scotland - the SNP.



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Scotland is blossoming once again - coming into its own as a distinctive and, I believe soon, an equal and Independent member of the community of nations.

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actor SEAN CONNERY

APPLICATION TO VOTE BY POST

Everyone is now entitled to a postal vote. If you are unable to vote in person at your polling station, use this form to ensure your vote counts.

FULL NAME

YOUR ADDRESS.....

.....POSTCODE.....

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HOW LONG DO YOU WANT A POSTAL VOTE FOR?

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON / / (INSERT DATE)

FOR THE PERIOD FROM / / UNTIL / /

I WANT TO VOTE BY POST AT THE FOLLOWING ELECTIONS (TICK ONE BOX)

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS LOCAL ELECTIONS ALL ELECTIONS

Each person must fill in a separate form. Please photocopy this form or contact us if you need extra copies

SIGNED DATE.....

Please return this form to us (no stamp required) at:
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or alternatively send it direct to the
Electoral Registration Officer, Glasgow City Council,
Charlotte House, 78 Queen Street, Glasgow G1 3DR.
Your application must be received at least six working days prior to the election

Education - Only Free With The SNP

Lib Dems In Cynical Sell Out (again)

We Stand for Free Education: Only the SNP is committed to restoring free education. Tuition fees are not dead, the Labour / Lib Dem Government have just changed their name to the Graduate Endowment Tax.

If it looks like a tuition fee and hurts like a tuition fee then it is a tuition fee.

The Lib Dems completely sold out on their pledge to abolish tuition fees. Their claim that tuition fees are abolished is a cynical con. Graduate Endowments are tuition fees by another name. Even worse, those earning a mere £10k a year will have to pay it, completely against the Cubie proposals.

The SNP is committed to abolishing the Graduate Endowment Tax.

We Stand for Grants: It is wholly unacceptable that many students live in poverty or are forced to work during term time just to pay their rent. The SNP would abolish the Student Loans Company and reinstate the maintenance grant to pre-1990 levels to ensure students are able to concentrate on their studies.

Reintroduction of Benefit Entitlement: Sometimes it's not possible to find a job during the Summer and yet Labour won't let you claim benefits. Yet another Tory policy which Labour have enthusiastically adopted.

SNP MPs will press at Westminster for the reintroduction of full-time students' right to access benefits if they are unable to find work in the summer recess.

Frank Rankin commented, "I benefited from free education with full grants when I was a student as did those Labour, Tory and Lib Dem politicians who have now abolished it did. I will do my utmost to fight for the re-introduction of free education and full benefits for students. We are a wealthy nation and we can afford it. Only the SNP and Independence can bring this about."

the SNP's Stand for Scotland challenge

In addition to driving forward to Independence...

Only the SNP makes these commitments to you

- ✘ Support the Scottish Parliament having full fiscal freedom, so that the Scottish people and not London have control over Scottish resources.
- ✘ Enable the Scottish Parliament to invest Scotland's North Sea oil and gas revenues for the benefit of future generations.
- ✘ Oppose any measures that mean spending on health, education and other devolved services rising more slowly in Scotland than in England.
- ✘ Never allow the Scottish fishing industry to reach a crisis situation such as at present.
- ✘ Support the removal of Trident nuclear weapons from Scotland.
- ✘ Campaign to stop Depleted Uranium shells being fired into Scottish waters.
- ✘ Support the Sutherland Commission recommendations on free personal care for all elderly people.
- ✘ Always protect Scotland from unfair and uncompetitive fuel taxation.
- ✘ Call for Scottish Ministers to be represented in all delegations to EU Council of Ministers meetings.
- ✘ Support broadcasting powers being devolved from Westminster to the Scottish Parliament.

Only the SNP score ten out of ten because only the SNP stands for Scotland. Labour scores zero because they take their orders from London, the Tories are unelectable north and south of the border and the Lib Dems are simply New Labour's lap dogs.

visit www.kelvinsnp.org for the latest updates on our campaign in Kelvin

**WE
WANT
TO
HEAR
FROM
YOU**

Contact Frank's Campaign Team...

If you want to join the SNP, offer your help with the campaign, or just give us your views, then Kelvin SNP wants to hear from you!

Call in at our Office at **74 Miller Street**. You can Telephone us on **0141 204 1314**. Email us at enquiries@kelvinsnp.org or visit our website at www.kelvinsnp.org

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Putting local issues first...

...Your Team in Glasgow Kelvin



STOP PRESS...

Rankin Condemns New Labour's Kelvin Hall Sell Off

Frank Rankin expressed his outrage at Labour's plan to sell of the Kelvin Hall for private housing. The Kelvin Hall is a much loved asset for people in the West End. It's loss would be a major blow to the area.

Frank commenting said, "I condemn this latest example of asset stripping. Glasgow's Labour mafia is letting their cronies in London and Edinburgh off the hook. What we need is investment in Glasgow not the sell off for private profit of public assets.

"I will totally oppose this crazy plan. I call on the voters to send a clear message of their opposition. The only way to register your opposition is to vote SNP on June 7th."

SEND THIS TO US FREEPOST!

Name

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What local issues concern you?
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- I will be voting SNP, please register my support
- I would like more information about joining the SNP
- I would like to make a donation to Kelvin SNP's campaign funds

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