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Scotland does not lack wealth, land, talent, or resources. It lacks political courage. Too much of public life has been surrendered to private capital, party careerists, and cultural gatekeepers. I stand for a different principle: that this country should serve the people who live here, not the interests that profit from their misery.

HOUSING, LAND AND PUBLIC SPACE

I will demand a People's Housing Bill built on mass social housebuilding, public job creation, strong ecological design, and housing as a right rather than a commodity. I support an immediate moratorium on purpose-built student accommodation and a serious challenge to speculative development, Airbnb expansion, and the corporate degradation of our cities.

I will protect Edinburgh's public space from private capital. I oppose the regeneration of George Street and I oppose the tram extension in Edinburgh. I support the use of compulsory purchase powers to bring the privately owned New Town gardens into public ownership for the people of Edinburgh.

INDEPENDENCE AND DEMOCRACY

The party-political class is a closed shop of careerists and managerial frauds. I support Scottish Independence. I will seek to end the party-political monopoly and turn Holyrood into a genuinely sovereign Scottish assembly, answerable to the people rather than to lobbyists, bureaucrats, and party machines.

I support a Universal Basic Income, the removal of private capital from health, education, and housing, and the recovery of public life from those who profit by degrading it.

CULTURE, CLASS AND THE ARTS

Creative Scotland should be abolished. It is unfit for purpose and does not deliver value for Scottish artists or Scottish culture. I would strip out its bloated bureaucracy and redirect public money straight into the hands of artists and communities.

In its place, I would seek to establish a new public arts model, including an audio-visual, media, and performing arts facility in every scheme in Scotland by 2030. Public culture should belong to the people, not to bureaucrats, curators, and middle-class gatekeepers.

HEALTH, ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH

Scotland's addiction crisis is a national disgrace. I support Favor UK's Right to Recovery Bill and major investment in treatment, rehabilitation, housing support, and long-term recovery. Scotland should become a world leader in drug and alcohol recovery services.

I also want Scotland to confront the mental health crisis caused by capitalism. Anxiety, depression, addiction, and despair are not random personal failings. They are the human consequences of precarity, debt, alienation, overwork, and social abandonment. Mental health policy must address not only treatment, but the economic system making people ill.

INTERNATIONALISM AND MONARCHY

I demand a severing of all diplomatic and commercial ties with the genocidal state of Israel.
Abolish the monarchy.

