



Earlier this month we published our '[General Election Human Rights Asks](#)'. We put together background information and [five key questions](#) that all local candidates should be answering. Nearly all the manifestos are out and we wanted to let you know what the different parties have said about each of the five areas.

You can find the full Conservative Manifesto [here](#), the Labour one [here](#) and the Liberal Democrats one [here](#).

1. **Protect the Human Rights Act and maintain our commitment to the European Convention on Human Rights**

Conservative: *'We will not repeal or replace the Human Rights Act while the process of Brexit is underway but we will consider our human rights legal framework when the process of leaving the EU concludes. We will remain signatories to the European Convention on Human Rights for the duration of the next parliament.'* - Page 37, Conservative Manifesto

Labour: *'The Conservatives threaten our Human Rights Act and may withdraw us from the European Convention of Human Rights. Labour will retain the Human Rights Act.'* - Page 80, Labour Manifesto

Liberal Democrats: *'Oppose any attempt to withdraw from the ECHR or abolish or water down the Human Rights Act'* – Page 72, Liberal Democrats Manifesto

2. **Keep existing equality and human rights laws when we leave the EU**

Conservative: *'The [Great Repeal] bill will convert EU law into UK law, allowing businesses and individuals to go about life knowing that the rules have not changed overnight. This approach means that the rights of workers and protections given to consumers and the environment by EU law will continue to be available in UK law at the point at which we leave the EU. The bill will also create the necessary powers to correct the laws that do not operate*

appropriately once we have left the EU, so our legal system can continue to function correctly outside the EU. Once EU law has been converted into domestic law, parliament will be able to pass legislation to amend, repeal or improve any piece of EU law it chooses, as will the devolved legislatures, where they have the power to do so.' - Page 36, Conservative Manifesto

Labour: 'We will drop the Conservatives' Great Repeal Bill, replacing it with an EU Rights and Protections Bill that will ensure there is no detrimental change to workers' rights, equality law, consumer rights or environmental protections as a result of Brexit.' – Page 25, Labour Manifesto

Liberal Democrats: 'The Conservatives' proposed Great Repeal Bill threatens to centralise power even more, handing to central government powers to alter vast swathes of the statute book without proper parliamentary scrutiny.' – Page 89, Liberal Democrats Manifesto

3. Ensure people cannot be held in immigration detention for more than 28 days

Conservative: No comment on Immigration Detention

Labour: 'We will end indefinite detentions' - Page 28, Labour Manifesto

Liberal Democrats: 'End indefinite immigration detention by introducing a 28-day limit.' - Page 78, Liberal Democrats Manifesto

4. Provide better support for survivors of modern day slavery

Conservative: 'The UK is a global leader in fighting the evil trade in human beings – both around the world and in our own country – for sex and labour exploitation. As home secretary, Theresa May brought forward the Modern Slavery Act, the first of its kind in Europe, appointed the world's first anti-slavery commissioner and set up the Modern Slavery Taskforce to bring together the heads of MI5, MI6 and the National Crime Agency to coordinate our response to criminal gangs operating across the world.

We now need to go further. We need to focus on the exploitation of vulnerable men, women and children for their labour, people who are moved around our own country and between nations, as if they were not human at all. We will review the application of exploitation in the Modern Slavery Act to strengthen our ability to stop criminals putting men, women and children into criminal, dangerous and exploitative working conditions. And the UK will use its power to push the United Nations and other international bodies to make Modern Slavery a thing of the past.' – Page 40-41 Conservative party Manifesto

Labour: *'Labour will work with business to ensure the provisions of the Modern Slavery Act are fully respected, including reporting on due diligence in supply chains.'* - Page 123 Labour Manifesto

Liberal Democrats: *'Focus on good practice in tackling modern slavery, including training for police and prosecutors in identifying and supporting victims, and implement the Ewins report recommendations on domestic workers.'* - Page 70, Liberal Democrats Manifesto

5. Address hate crime and discrimination faced by minority groups

Conservative: *'...we will push forward with our plan for tackling hate crime committed on the basis of religion, disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity.'* – page 44, Conservative Manifesto

Labour: *'Labour will bring the law on LGBT hate crimes into line with hate crimes based on race and faith, by making them aggravated offences.'*

We should all be deeply troubled by the rise in racially aggravated attacks and race hate crime in the past year. Anti-Semitic incidents are also on the rise once more and we are committed to combatting this trend with adequate resources and firm political will.

We will end racism and discrimination against Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities, and protect the right to lead a nomadic way of life.' – Page 112, Labour Manifesto

'Labour will strengthen access to justice for people with disabilities by enhancing the 2010 Equality Act, enabling discrimination at work to be challenged. We will ensure that under the Istanbul Convention, disability hate crime and violence against women with disabilities is reported annually, with national actions plans to address these issues.' – Page 57, Labour manifesto

Liberal Democrats: *'...reducing hate crimes by targeting the people who commit them and making all hate crimes aggravated offences, allowing for harsher sentencing of perpetrators.'*

'Campaign to reduce intolerance, including anti-Semitism, and hate crimes alongside organisations such as Show Racism the Red Card, the Anne Frank Trust UK, and Kick It Out.' – Page 70, Liberal Democrats Manifesto