

This material was extracted from a document which listed the manifesto commitments of the Scottish Labour, Scottish Conservative, Scottish Green, Scottish Liberal and Scottish National Parties.

## HIGHER EDUCATION

	The Labour Party	The Conservative Party
Student Debt	Raise the threshold for repaying student loans to £22,000. Extend the repayment period to 30 years (p25)	Introduce a graduate contribution of £1,500 per year for graduates earning at least £20,000 (p25)
University Funding	Stop university cuts and protect the budget in real terms (p21)	
Widening Access	Implement the recommendations of the Widening Access Commission (p24)	Revenues from graduate contribution will be used to help widen access (p25)

## FURTHER EDUCATION

	The Labour Party	The Conservative Party
College Provision		
FE Funding		Reverse SNP college cuts and provide an extra £60m college funding (p25)
Apprenticeship Provision	<p>Deliver 30,000 new apprenticeships each year (p25)</p> <p>Shift the balance of the MA programme towards level 3 and level 4 longer-term apprenticeships (p25)</p>	An additional 10,000 apprenticeship starts each year and higher level apprenticeships (p37)
Other	Implement the Commission for DYW (p18)	

## STUDENT SUPPORT

	The Labour Party	The Conservative Party
Tuition Fees	No tuition fees (p24)	
Care Leavers Support		Support plans to give full bursaries to care experienced young people (p25)
Financial Support	<p>Reverse SNP cuts to university bursaries (p24)</p> <p>Ensure bursaries for those studying in college are fully funded (p25)</p> <p>Review and reform the current Further Education bursary and EMA systems to provide better support (p24)</p> <p>Make improvements to ensure that those on low incomes can access further education (p24)</p>	<p>Protect the part-time fee grant (p25)</p> <p>Revenues from the graduate contribution will allow more bursaries to be provided for disadvantaged students (p25)</p>

# FAIR WORK

	The Labour Party	The Conservative Party
Fair Work	<p>Establish a Living Wage Commission to make Scotland a Living Wage nation and to end the use of exploitative zero-hours contracts (p15)</p> <p>Legislate to ensure that government contracts are only awarded to companies who treat their workers fairly and pay them at least the living wage (p15)</p> <p>Continue to oppose the Trade Union Bill (p18)</p>	

## EMPLOYABILITY

	The Labour Party	The Conservative Party
Employability	Create a new agency, Skills Scotland, with a focus on building the skills communities need (p17)	Work with business to develop at least an additional 10 skills academies across Scotland in the next Parliament (p37)  Bite-sized training opportunities should be developed - internship schemes by part-funding them for their duration (p37)  Provide a Work Choice successor programme with increased funding and dedicated employability support for the disabled (p21)

