EUROPEAN ELECTIONS 2019

COMMUNITY PLATFORM MANIFESTO

We need Members of the European Parliament who value community, decency and participation

VOTE

Europe is at a critical time in its history. Who we elect to represent us matters. What they stand for and their values is important. We want to elect political representatives who put people first and uphold our core values of community, decency and participation. The Community Platform asks the candidates running for the European Parliament how they will make these a reality.

COMMUNITY

This means:
- people looking out for each other and having a sense of belonging

- communities that are welcoming, inclusive, and nurturing

- building communities that are socially, economically, culturally, and environmentally sustainable

DECENCY

This means:
- valuing people's shared humanity and human dignity, and having mutual respect

- compassion and mutual support

- everyone having a quality of life, with their needs met and a capacity to choose the life they wish to lead

- decent work, accommodation and services for everyone

PARTICIPATION

This means:
- people speaking up and having a say, with their views being heard and valued

- different voices and the perspectives of different groups in society having an influence to advance equality, social justice and sustainability

- active engagement in decision-making, re-balancing of power in this process, and investing resources to support this engagement

The Community Platform is an alliance of 30 national networks and organisations in the community and voluntary sector working to address poverty, social exclusion and inequality. The Platform has agreed a set of values that we look for in candidates running for the European Parliament.

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My Values = My Vote

We want a European Parliament that **values community.** This means supporting community, responding to diversity, combating inequality, and fostering creativity.

If elected, will you:
- champion shared EU values of respect for human dignity and human rights, freedom, democracy, equality and the rule of law, in community building at global, European, national and local level?
- actively promote these shared EU values to uphold the shared responsibilities for the achievement of economic, social, cultural, and environmental sustainability?
- work to achieve global relationships that promote solidarity and mutual support?
- promote a European context that is welcoming and inclusive of diversity, enables free movement, and responds with justice to the needs of those seeking asylum?

We want a European Parliament that **values decency.** This includes progressing decent work, decent housing, decent social protection and decent services, including training and education for all in a healthy environment.

If elected, will you:
- place objectives of quality of life and human dignity for all at the centre of their legislative work and their supervision of the European Union?
- prioritise policy outcomes that ensure a positive social impact, are inclusive of the needs of people on the margins and that address the challenge of climate disruption?
- pursue a budgetary strategy that invests adequately in equality and eliminating discrimination?
- ensure, within their remit, that all people holding office in the European institutions hold and practice the EU values and are accountable for this?

We want a European Parliament that **values participation.** This means making decisions with the meaningful involvement of and for the benefit of people who experience inequality and poverty

If elected, will you:
- promote and enable the engagement of the European civil society organisations, working on poverty and inequality issues, in the decision-making of the European institutions?
- promote and implement decision-making processes that take account of the interests of those experiencing inequality and poverty?
- ensure an adequate programme of investment in active citizen engagement?
- implement local accountability by engaging with the communities that experience inequality and poverty?