



Your money

Millions of people are worried about their jobs and how they will pay their bills. It can be a struggle to make ends meet, and no wonder when we have one of the most unfair tax systems in the developed world. Big business and the super-rich get special loopholes and the rest of us end up paying more. Labour has failed to make our tax system fair, while the Conservatives' top priority is tax cuts for millionaires. Liberal Democrats want to make our tax and benefits system fairer, so that everyone whether young or old can afford to get by. We have plans for the most radical, far-reaching tax reforms in a generation. We will cut taxes for millions of working people and pensioners, paid for by making sure polluters and the very wealthy pay their fair share. We will boost the state pension by restoring the link with earnings growth, and we will crack down on unfair bills.

Cutting taxes for people on low and middle incomes. There will be no income tax on the first £10,000 you earn – meaning 3.6 million working people and low income pensioners will no longer have to pay any income tax at all, while millions more will have an income tax cut of £700. Pensioners will get up to £100 extra. The change will be paid for by introducing a mansion tax, closing loopholes that benefit the wealthy and making sure airlines pay for the pollution they cause.

Restore the earnings link. It is deeply unfair that as each year goes by pensioners slip further and further behind because the state pension is only increased by inflation and not in line with average earnings. It is only fair that, if the country is getting richer, retired people share the benefit. We will restore the link between pensions and earnings immediately so pensioners' living standards finally start to improve with the rest of the country. The state pension will be increased in line with earnings, prices or by 2.5% whichever is the higher.

No to unfair bills. We will stop banks and energy companies raiding your pocket with unfair bills and charges. We will put a stop to unfair bank charges and make sure energy companies charge you fairly so people who use the least pay the least.