

I demand

A Universal Basic Income
So cost of living crisis' are a thing of the past
Enough to cover basic essentials
And flexible enough to rise with inflation
Dynamic enough to ensure
That nobody goes without their basic needs being met

I demand

A fully functioning NHS
That doesn't accrue 'debt,' that is
Funded completely through our taxes
Instead of us funding tax cuts and
Bonuses for the rich
A service which saves lives
And makes them worth living
A service which protects the vulnerable
And keeps our workers healthy

I DEMAND

Justice for the victims of sexual violence and abuse
For paedophiles and rapists
To feel the full weight of the law
To deter others from raping
And make us feel safer, wherever we are

I VEHEMENTLY DEMAND

Equity for all
No ifs or buts or exceptions
Not even for 'them,' whoever you say 'they' are
Whether gender or race
Disability or religion
Sexuality or origin
Impoverished or rich
We ALL deserve the same
The same justice, the same potential
The same lifespan, the same rights
Make it so

Mandy Winter

A right to live not just living

For the living wage to be the baseline for benefits

For a single parent to still live like they aren't

To able the disabled and to un-gap the minority

For a mentally challenged trans woman to get the level of care she deserves,
not because she worked for it, but because she's a human being.

We want

Universal Basic Income

Simple NHS access

We reject

The concept of being better than others

That it's required to be a unit of 2 adults to live properly

MANIFESTO

THRIVING WOMEN

www.thrive-teesside.org.uk/thriving-women-collective/

I want

to highlight human rights
to save lives in other countries – Nigeria
to end oppression
a better life for all
access to clean water
health equality

I reject

racism and hatred of all kinds

Adetutu Diana Agunbiade

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THRIVING WOMEN

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Got any change
Any Small change
A few coppers
Coppers for the bairns
Count out pennies
Ice-cream pennies
Take what you want
Take all you need
It's just small change

Don't treat my children
like small change
My bairns
Are worth more
than a few coppers
I want to see change
For my bairns
Not small change
I want them never
To hunger for bread
But let their hearts hunger for justice
I want them to thirst for truth
Let them thirst for change

I want them to feel safe on the streets
Don't give them a few coppers for sweets
I want to see more coppers on the streets
Not a few coppers
But many
Like you promised
Don't treat my children like small change
My children are my jewels
I want my children to feel valued
Treated with the same care as you afford royalty
I can't afford to believe your empty promises
Your promises turn quickly to lies
Before my eyes

Don't treat my children like small change
I want to see bigger changes
In their lifetime
Than I've seen in mine
I want my children to be free
Free to walk our streets
Without any imminent threat
Of violence lurking
In the shadows
I want them to walk without fear

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THRIVING WOMEN

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Pinched-cheek children
Wolfing down school breakfast
Haunt me
I demand the people be fed

Images of hospital corridors
Lined with patients on trolleys
Cannot be erased
I demand underfunding be reversed

Tabloid Scapegoating
Of the striker, the migrant, the single mother
Finds fault where none exists
I demand the real causes be investigated

Climate change denial
In the face of flash floods and raging infernos
Makes me sick with worry
I demand we take net zero seriously

Refusal to take responsibility
For cronyism, incompetence, misrule
Provides no basis for change
I demand transparency in public life

I demand that we be heard
I demand our needs are met
I demand that justice be served
I demand it NOW!

Sandra Falconer

I have a vision,
Of community over capitalism,
A vision co-operation,
Of a stable infrastructure,
Built on a solid foundation,
After the crumbling remains,
Of the old have been swept away!

I have a vision,
Of our rights not being eroded,
A vision of houses that aren't dilapidated,
Of schools that promote good mental health,
Not national table results

I have a vision,
A vision of not needing food banks,
Of having enough to thrive,
Of no-one NEEDING more than one job,
In order to survive.

I have a vision,
Of a government that serves the people,
A vision of politicians who have OUR interests at heart!
Of a parliament that cares for people,
Not corporations, and taxes accordingly.

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Of an NHS that is fully funded,
Of subsidies to encourage new staff,
Of no more denial of service!
Of a society that cares for the carers.

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