


<p><b>NHS</b></p> <p><b>In Wales:</b> Free prescriptions for all.</p> <p>Record expenditure in the NHS.</p> <p>Waiting times down.</p> <p>Huge investment in new buildings and equipment – 8 new hospitals, PET scanner at UHW.</p> <p>29% increase in nursing staff over 10 years. 500+ more consultants.</p> <p>Free dental exams for the under-25s and over-60s.</p> <p><b>In the UK:</b> 44,000+ more doctors and 89,000+ more nurses.</p> <p>Waiting times lowest since records began.</p> <p>3 million more operations per year than in 1997.</p> <p>118 new hospital building schemes opened – largest hospital building programme in history.</p>	<p><b>CULTURE/SPORT</b></p> <p><b>In Wales:</b> Free entry to national museums and galleries led to a 87% increase in visitors in the first year alone.</p> <p>Funding and support for the Wales Millennium Centre, National Botanic Garden, Hay Festival of Literature, Faenol Festival and Brecon Jazz Festival.</p> <p>£28+ million invested in direct support for the Welsh language.</p> <p>Free swimming in local council pools for pensioners and also for children during the school holidays.</p> <p><b>In the UK:</b> Free theatre tickets for young people.</p> <p>Increased funding to culture, media and sport by £541 million – an increase of 47%.</p> <p>Led the campaign to win the 2012 Olympics for London.</p>	<p><b>WOMEN</b></p> <p>The Equality Bill.</p> <p>The National Minimum Wage – two-thirds of the beneficiaries of this are women.</p> <p>Increased provision for breast screening. 98% of women with breast cancer receive treatment within a month.</p> <p>By 2010, 900,000 more women will accrue a state second pension.</p> <p>Number of registered childcare places has doubled since 1997.</p> <p>Stronger domestic abuse legislation – the Domestic Violence Crime and Victims Act 2004.</p> <p>Established 30 Sexual Assault Referral Centres.</p> <p>HPV vaccine for cervical cancer programme.</p> <p>27% of Labour MPs are women, compared to the Tories' 9% and the Lib-Dems' 14%.</p> <p>In Wales, largely due to Labour's twinning policy, 40% of AMs elected to the Welsh Assembly in 1999 were women. In 2003, 50% were women and in 2007, 47% of those elected were women.</p>	<p><b>EDUCATION</b></p> <p><b>In Wales:</b> Introduction of the Foundation Phase for 3-7 year-olds.</p> <p>47 integrated Children's Centres.</p> <p>1700+ more teachers and 5700+ more teaching assistants.</p> <p>Class sizes down.</p> <p>Biggest investment in school buildings in history – 1400+ projects.</p> <p>Welsh Baccalaureate and Educational Maintenance Allowance launched.</p> <p>Free breakfasts in 1000+ schools.</p> <p>450+ Welsh medium practitioners.</p> <p>Apprenticeships doubled since 1999.</p> <p>9,000 more free early years places.</p> <p><b>In the UK:</b> 42,000+ more teachers.</p> <p>212,000+ more support staff.</p> <p>3,500 Sure Start centres.</p>	 <p>Over the course of the last 13 years, Labour has changed the UK for the better in very many ways.</p> <p>No party is perfect and we all make mistakes, but I think that this country is now radically different from the one we inherited in 1997.</p> <p>Here, I've listed some of what I think are Labour's most important achievements in the UK in general and Wales in particular (where devolution has had an effect).</p> <p>Instead of just saying that a lot has changed, I'd like to offer these as some specific and concrete examples of how the country has been transformed.</p> <p>I think it's worth saying that these things haven't 'just happened' – they have been the result of Labour policies.</p>
<p><b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b></p> <p>2008 Climate Change Act made the UK the first country to put its carbon targets into law.</p> <p>Greenhouse gas emissions now 21% below 1990s levels – beating Kyoto target.</p> <p>£1.5 billion on climate assistance to developing countries between 2010-12.</p> <p>4 eco town projects in development.</p>	<p><b>SMOKING BAN</b></p> <p>The whole of the UK is now smoke-free with a ban on smoking in all enclosed public places.</p> <p>This was instituted in Wales and England in 2007.</p>	<p><b>CRIME</b></p> <p>Overall crime is down 36%; domestic burglary is down 54%; vehicle related crime is down 57%; and violent crime is down 41%.</p> <p>663 more Police Officers and 600 new Police Community Support Officers in Wales.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Policing Teams in every part of Wales.</p>	<p><b>GAY RIGHTS</b></p> <p>Introduced Civil Partnerships.</p> <p>Repealed Section 28.</p> <p>Equalised the age of consent.</p> <p>Banned discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation in goods, facilities, services and public functions in 2007.</p> <p>Lifted the ban on lesbians and gay men serving in the armed forces.</p> <p>Adoption rights granted.</p>	<p><b>BLACK and MINORITY ETHNIC COMMUNITIES</b></p> <p>Established the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) in 2007 to act as a strong independent champion to tackle discrimination and promote equality.</p> <p>Put race equality at the core of primary care services through the 'Race for Health' programme.</p> <p>Introduced the Race Equality Duty in 2000 which applied to over 43,000 public bodies, improving the diversity of their workforce and the services they provide.</p>

<p><b>WORK</b></p> <p>Instituted the National Minimum Wage in 1999 – has risen 22% in real terms since 1999.</p> <p>Instituted the right to 4 weeks paid holiday.</p> <p>New Deal has helped 2.2 million people into work.</p> <p>The right to two weeks paternity leave introduced.</p> <p>Extended maternity leave – it has increased to 39 weeks from only 14 in 1997 and will go up to 52 weeks. Maternity pay doubled.</p> <p>Introduced a new right to request flexible working.</p> <p>Even with the recession, 98,000 more jobs in Wales today than in 1997. Long-term unemployment 40% lower.</p> <p>Part-time workers have the same rights as full-time workers.</p>	<p><b>CHILDREN</b></p> <p>Child Benefit has almost doubled – up from 1997's £11.05 to £20.30 for your first child and up from £9 to £13.40 for other children.</p> <p>500,000 children have been lifted out of relative poverty – Child Poverty Bill will help eradicate child poverty by 2020.</p> <p>Child Trust Funds – 4.8 million have been created.</p> <p>9 out of 10 families with children receive tax credits.</p> <p>Free school milk for 5, 6 and 7-year-olds in Wales.</p> <p>Establishment of the Children's Commissioner for Wales.</p>	<p><b>ANIMAL WELFARE</b></p> <p>Banned hunting with dogs – David Cameron opposes the ban and if elected, is committed to giving MPs a free vote to repeal it.</p> <p>Banned fur farming in England and Wales.</p> <p>Since 1997, no great apes have been used in experiments in the UK.</p> <p>Banned testing on animals for cosmetics.</p> <p>Got the EU to agree to classify farm animals as sentient beings, not agricultural products.</p> <p>Implemented the Welfare of Animals (Transport) Order 1997.</p> <p>Led EU to ban drift nets on the high seas to protect dolphins.</p>	<p><b>OLDER PEOPLE</b></p> <p>Winter Fuel Payment of £250 for the over-60s and £400 for the over-80s – 12 million pensioners benefit from this – 690,000 pensioner households in Wales.</p> <p>Free bus passes for over 60s and disabled people.</p> <p>900,000 pensioners lifted out of poverty.</p> <p>Free TV licences for the over-75s.</p> <p>Pension Credit – 164,030 Welsh pensioners helped.</p> <p>Establishment of the Older People's Commissioner.</p> <p>Basic state pension has risen 12% above earnings.</p> <p>Will restore the link between pensions and earnings in 2012.</p>	<p><b>INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p>Tripled Overseas Aid budget.</p> <p>Commitment to 0.7% of GNI for development assistance from 2013.</p> <p>Helped an estimated 3 million people out of poverty every year.</p> <p>Cancelled up to 100 per cent of debt for the world's poorest countries.</p> <p>UK became the second largest donor in global fight against HIV and AIDS.</p> <p>Commitment to fair and ethical trade.</p> <p>Wales for Africa Fund.</p> <p>Wales will celebrate two years as a Fair Trade Nation in June 2010.</p>
<p><b>DISABILITY RIGHTS</b></p> <p>New rights for disabled people through the Disability Discrimination Act.</p> <p>Signed the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.</p> <p>In the UK, a total of £770 million in new funding to support disabled children and their families.</p> <p>Free bus travel for disabled people.</p>	<p><b>DEVOLUTION</b></p> <p>The creation of the National Assembly for Wales, the Scottish Parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly.</p>	<p><b>IMMIGRATION</b></p> <p>New Australian-style points-based immigration system.</p> <p>By 2011, UKBA should review and decide 90% of asylum cases within six months.</p> <p>Earned Citizenship Programme.</p>	<p><b>HOUSE OF LORDS REFORM</b></p> <p>The removal of all but 92 hereditary peers from the House of Lords as the first step in ongoing House of Lords reform.</p>	<p><b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION</b></p> <p>The Freedom of Information Act provided for a statutory right of access to government information.</p>
<p><b>NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS</b></p> <p>The historic 1998 Good Friday Agreement and the 2010 Hillsborough Castle Agreement. – securing a lasting peace for Northern Ireland.</p>	<p><b>HOMELESSNESS</b></p> <p>Homelessness is at its lowest levels since the early 1980s.</p> <p>Rough sleeping has dropped by two-thirds.</p>	<p><b>TRANSPORT</b></p> <p>£1bn electrification scheme planned for faster rail link from Swansea to London.</p> <p>In the UK, investment in local transport, such as roads, has more than doubled since 1997.</p>	<p><b>HOUSING</b></p> <p>Guaranteed housing standards for council or housing association tenants.</p> <p>Embarking upon biggest council house building scheme for two decades.</p>	<p><b>GO TO <a href="http://www.changewesee.com">www.changewesee.com</a> TO SEE THE CHANGES</b></p>