

It's time for a 50p top rate of tax

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Working poverty is now at its highest point since devolution.

It has increased by 150,000 households since the SNP came to power in 2007 and is now at 420,000 in Scotland.

It is time to use the powers of the Parliament to take action.

Our research has shown the number of people who pay the top rate of tax has increased by 91 per cent since 2010-11, at the same time as the increase in working poverty.

A radical, Labour Scottish government would make Scotland a better place to live, work, grow up and grow old in by using the powers of the Scottish Parliament to tax the richest and invest.

That's why we would introduce a 50p top rate of tax for people earning over £150,000 a year.

What hasn't the Scottish Parliament introduced the 50p rate if it has the powers?

The SNP flip-flops on their position on increasing the top rate tax at almost every election. The Nationalists say they support a 50p top rate of tax across the UK, but won't use the powers of the Scottish Parliament to implement it here in Scotland.

In fact, the SNP has voted against the 50p rate of tax in the Scottish Parliament eight times.

Labour would use the powers of the Parliament to build a Scotland that works for the many, not the few.

Scottish Labour's summer campaign, For The Many, is this week focused on using the powers of the Scottish Parliament to make Scotland a better place to live, work, grow up and grow old in.

To read more about our summer campaign, click the image below.

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