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## Who will deliver a vision for a better society?

We live in heightened political times. Not least because of the May local elections and the run-up to a General Election this year. There was even speculation last month that the Prime Minister was going to call an early election.

Then there was the collapse of the Scottish government and resignation of First Minister Humza Yousaf.

As you would expect at election time, campaign groups are feverishly at work lobbying and highlighting issues they want addressing by whoever comes into power next. And there is much that needs addressing.

Fundamentally, you'd think it should be the job of government to create a fairer, kinder and more compassionate society. From this, surely, the rest will follow. New Labour's tough on crime, tough on the causes of crime was a good soundbite of its time. Clamping down on 'sick note' Britain just sounds mean.

A vision for a more caring society, where people who struggle are supported rather than sanctioned, would be nice to hear. Surely it also makes economic sense to help people live happy, fulfilling and productive lives.

BASW's Social Work Manifesto is a pointer for the kind of policies that could help achieve this. Hopefully politicians will listen...

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