

# FUTURE FORWARD

VOTE FOR THE  
FUTURE  
YOU WANT





# DARING TO DREAM DETERMINED TO DELIVER

Dear Young Barbadian,

While speaking with many of you, [#TeamBLP2018](#) learnt what was most important to you. We developed ideas on not only what problems needed to be fixed, but also on how to create the best Barbados possible. A country of prosperity, opportunity, fairness and good vibes. A country that works well for everyone. That's what you want, and that's what we want!

That is why we have created Future Forward – our Youth Manifesto. As you read, you will see that our first steps will be to begin fixing the things that have stopped working properly and create opportunities for young Barbadians to get training, jobs and make money.

I have heard some of you say, "I am not voting, my vote won't change anything". The truth is, that's not true. I want all young Barbadians to know, your vote does count, it does decide your future and it will change everything.

As we all know, the current government is doing a very bad job. Our country is in serious trouble. Rather than complain about it, we should do something to make a difference.

Your vote and the proposals in Future Forward, are just the start however – over the next 5 years we will have much to discuss and much more to do.

The bright future we all seek, cannot happen without you, and it definitely cannot happen without your vote. Let us together dream of a better Barbados and let us dare to together build The Best Barbados.

You decide your future and Barbados' future. Vote [#TeamBLP2018](#).

Regards,

“  
Leadership is  
not about  
the next  
election, it's  
about the  
next generation”

Simon Sinek





# THIS IS TEAM BLP 2018

We are a team of

**Barbadians, teachers, economists, lawyers, social scientists, community leaders, engineers, church leaders, industry experts and entrepreneurs. We are mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers**

and we pledge to work hard and honestly every day to make Barbados better for all!

It is our hope that your decision to vote for us is based on leadership and capabilities.

We pledge, with your help, to build the best Barbados.



## T H E 2 0 1 8 R E A L I T Y

is that Barbados is not working for young Barbadians. We need to repair and transform our country.

The Barbados Labour Party is firmly of the belief that given the opportunity, our young people have the energy and creativity to solve many of our island's problems and take our future forward.

It is for that reason that we met and spoke with a broad range of young Barbadians.

## W E H A V E L I S T E N E D

and we have heard your desire for a strong voice, a fairer society, more dynamic education, employment & business opportunities a Barbados where you can dare to dream.

This is your manifesto. While this does not represent all that we intend to do for young Barbadians; we believe it helps to explain our commitment to working with young people as together we **Build The Best Barbados.**





A B L P G O V E R N M E N T W I L L  
H A V E T W O P R I M A R Y M I S S I O N S :

## R E S C U E

The poor state of our foreign reserves, national debt, roads, buses and sewerage system has resulted in unnecessary pressure and hardships for Barbadians. Our plan therefore, is to -

**I N O U R F I R S T 1 8 0 D A Y S  
R E S C U E A N D R E S T O R E  
B A R B A D O S , S O I T  
F U N C T I O N S A T O U R  
A C C U S T O M E D  
S T A N D A R D S A G A I N .**

## T R A N S F O R M

Barbadians have always been encouraged to dream big. Despite our island's current challenges, the BLP is excited by Barbados' future. Once we help guide Barbados out of its current crisis situation, our long-term plan will be to -

**T R A N S F O R M B A R B A D O S  
I N T O T H E B E S T P L A C E I N T H E  
W O R L D F O R Y O U N G P E O P L E  
T O L I V E , L E A R N , C R E A T E , D O  
B U S I N E S S , P L A Y , W O R K ,  
R A I S E C H I L D R E N A N D  
D R E A M .**

## PHASE 1 **RESCUE** FIRST SIX MONTHS

### 1 **FIX THE ECONOMY**

- ✗ Save the Barbados Dollar
- ✗ Lower the cost of living by removing NSRL.

### 2 **FIX INFRASTRUCTURE**

- ✗ Immediately resolve major issues with garbage collection, sewage, public transportation and the state of our roads.

### 3 **CREATE OPPORTUNITY**

- ✗ Introduce "National First Job Initiative".
- ✗ Abolish tuition fees for UWI students.

## PHASE 2 **TRANSFORM** 6 MONTHS AND BEYOND

### 4 **CREATE YOUTH-CENTRIC ECONOMY**

- ✗ Designating Heritage Bridgetown a Smart City and Speightstown a Heritage and Arts Cultural Hub, and St Lawrence Gap an Entertainment Centre.
- ✗ Allocating 5% of all government procurement contracts to businesses owned by youth.
- ✗ Setting up a 52-week entertainment calendar with art, music, food, film, craft, sports and cultural festivals.
- ✗ Creating citizen wealth and end generational poverty through the creation of the Barbados Sovereign Wealth Fund.
- ✗ Introducing a National Apprenticeship Programme.
- ✗ Establishing a multi-million-dollar easy access Small Loan Fund.

### 5 **NATIONAL IDENTITY**

- ✗ Harness and encourage dynamic expressions of culture, innovation and creativity.
- ✗ Support & nurture family & community spirit.

### 6 **EVOLVE OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM**

- ✗ Make every Secondary School a "top" school in a specific discipline.
- ✗ Prioritise STEAM subjects into curriculum.

### 7 **NEW GOVERNANCE**

- ✗ Run a clean and honest government.
- ✗ Encourage youth participation at every level of government.
- ✗ Enlist public opinion via Referenda.
- ✗ Give young people seats on school boards.
- ✗ Utilise the skills and networks of Bajan youth living in the Diaspora.

### 8 **ENGAGE, DEEPEN, RE-ESTABLISH**

- ✗ Deepening relations with OECS and CARICOM.
- ✗ Re-establishing Barbados as a significant player in the International Business Sector.

### 9 **CREATE E-BARBADOS**

- ✗ Introducing free WiFi, island-wide.
- ✗ Create a Digital ID Card.
- ✗ Develop E-Governance, E-Currency and E-Health to make it easier for people to access services and for companies to do business with Government by moving services, licenses, permissions and payments online.

### 10 **FOCUS ON OCEAN, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

- ✗ Create a Ministry of Maritime Affairs.
- ✗ Banning single-use plastics.
- ✗ Phasing out use of fossil fuels by 2030.
- ✗ Rapidly restore coral reefs.
- ✗ Creating new islands off the South and West Coasts of Barbados to expand our space, create jobs and investment opportunities.



**PHASE 1**

# RESCUE

**1**

**FIX THE  
ECONOMY**

**2**

**FIX  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

**3**

**CREATE  
OPPORTUNITY**

# FIX THE ECONOMY

Barbados' economy is in a terrible state – there is no other way to say it. Our debt is sky high while our credit rating and foreign reserves are at an all-time low. We are in crisis. To fix it we will:

## SAVE THE BARBADOS DOLLAR

- ✕ The BLP is committed to ensuring an exchange rate of BBD \$2 to USD \$1.

## GOOD FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE

- ✕ Reprofile Barbados' debt to release cash flows.
- ✕ Begin settling all Government arrears including income tax and VAT, NIS and UWI.
- ✕ Introduce comprehensive Integrity Legislation.
- ✕ Live within our means by creating policies that strike the right balance of day to day Government spending and good investments.

## LOWERING COST OF LIVING

Stimulate consumer spending and revive economic growth by:

- ✕ Removing the NSRL.
- ✕ Abolishing Road Tax.
- ✕ Repealing the Municipal Solid Waste Tax.
- ✕ Paying the reverse tax credit of \$1300 for Barbadians earning less than \$18,000 per year.
- ✕ Lowering VAT to 15% after 18 months.

## END PRINTING OF MONEY

- ✕ Pass legislation to prohibit the reckless and large-scale printing of money that has drained Barbados's foreign reserves and threatened our dollar. We will ensure that this does not happen again by passing legislation to prohibit the Central Bank of Barbados from buying government debt with printed dollars without Parliamentary approval.



# FIX INFRASTRUCTURE

There are some immediate issues we will have to address the moment we take office. As a matter of priority in our first six (6) months, we will do the following:

## ROADS

- ✗ Develop a comprehensive plan of action to improve/modernise our national road network over the next 10-years.
- ✗ Develop a comprehensive plan of action to get street lights working again and upgrade them to be solar powered.
- ✗ Use Barbadian skills in design and construction to reduce temporary patching and start reconstruction and/or resurfacing of the most tracked road corridors.

## WATER

- ✗ Launch an aggressive leak reduction programme to reduce more than 40% of water loss caused by the ageing distribution network.
- ✗ Upskill the technical expertise and management capabilities of staff at the Barbados Water Authority and upgrade the current resources and operational systems.

## SEWAGE

- ✗ Create an emergency task force on the South Coast sewage crisis in our first week of Government. The taskforce will thoroughly investigate the issues and present Cabinet with a definitive solution, including timeframes and funding, within four weeks.
- ✗ Pre-empt any possibility of a similar catastrophe at the Bridgetown plant.

## GARBAGE

- ✗ Upgrade the fleet of garbage trucks available to the Sanitation Services Authority (SSA) within six months.

## HEALTH

- ✗ Expand the A&E Department of the QEH to deliver better emergency services.
- ✗ Extend the opening hours of the Randall Phillips (Oistins) and Warrens polyclinics to provide 24-hour emergency services.

## TRANSPORTATION

- ✗ Upgrade the Transport Board fleet within six months, working with strategic partners.

# CREATE OPPORTUNITY

Barbados once had a reputation of being a land of opportunity for people willing to work hard. To once again give Barbadians a chance to thrive, we commit to:

## TRAINING AND JOB CREATION

- ✕ Develop a national, economy-wide system of apprenticeships where on the job training initiatives are backed by Government support. Specifically identified areas include seafaring, building and tradesman and senior care.

## NATIONAL FIRST JOB INITIATIVE

- ✕ Create a National "First Job" Programme that allows unattached youth between 16-25 years old to gain a one-year Government subsidised placement at a business in their field of interest.

## INCREASING MINIMUM WAGE

- ✕ Raise the minimum wage to \$8.00 an hour to all categories of workers and extend it across every sector of the economy.

## ENERGISE SMALL BUSINESS SECTOR

- ✕ Pass a Procurement Act that gives priority to small and community firms for contracts under \$250,000.
- ✕ Boost opportunities for small contractors by executing a project to convert Barbados' 5000+ pit toilets to waterborne facilities.

## FREE TERTIARY EDUCATION

- ✕ Return free UWI tuition for Barbadians students.



# PHASE 2 TRANSFORM

H O W   Y O U N G   B A R B A D I A N S

1

LIVE

2

LEARN

3

CREATE

4

DO BUSINESS

5

PLAY

6

WORK

7

DREAM

“

The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively. ”

**Bob Marley**

## PEOPLE POWER

- ✗ Fully involve young people in national decision-making process by installing at least (1) young person on major Government Committees and Statutory boards.
- ✗ Introduce the practice of National Referenda, starting with a national vote on the decriminalisation of marijuana.
- ✗ Deepen participation in our democracy through the establishment of elected voluntary People's Assemblies.

## HEALTH

- ✗ Health Is Wealth Grants – actual cash in your hand if you can get fit, reverse the severity of your chronic disease and avoid expensive treatments or surgeries.

Allow medical marijuana to be available to those who need it.





## JUSTICE SYSTEM

- ✗ Create a new Family Court system that fully integrates with social care agencies.
- ✗ Develop more preventative and early intervention programmes for young people.
- ✗ Hold a Referendum on the legalisation of recreational marijuana, stop locking up people for spliffs and expedite the process for the expungement of criminal records.

## SAFETY & SECURITY

- ✗ Stem the importation of guns into Barbados by tightening borders and collaborating with regional security agencies.
- ✗ Increase the size of the RBPF.
- ✗ Introduce safety officers on buses and areas frequented by school children and young people, place more guidance counsellors in schools and more psychologists at the Ministry of Education to deal with matters such as bullying.

## FAMILY & COMMUNITY

- ✗ Establish a National Mentorship Programme through which adults can help to guide our young people within communities and within sectoral interests.
- ✗ Improve access to community assets such as schools (after-hours), community centres and pavilions to build back community spirit and unity.

## NATIONAL IDENTITY

- ✗ We will create national programmes to encourage Barbadians to be happy, confident and conscious of societal values. A people who are industrious, yet compassionate towards each other and visitors, and who are respectful of multi-cultural differences.

## HOUSING

- ✗ Convert the roughly 15,000 derelict properties and 20,000 lots into viable housing solutions.
- ✗ Increase access to affordable housing in Barbados by creating new affordable rent-to-own programmes.
- ✗ Rent-to-own programmes, housing and lots with sites and services.

## ENVIRONMENT

- ✗ Create policies and incentives to make Barbados fossil fuel free by 2030.
- ✗ Create new marine conservation areas to the West and North of the island to restore our coral reefs, protect fish stocks, and develop revenue opportunities.
- ✗ Develop National Blue and Green Economies.

## TOWN CENTERS

- ✗ Evolve our cities - create jobs, encourage innovation and investment by making Bridgetown a Smart City, Speightstown a Heritage, Arts and Cultural Hub, Oistins, the Centre of fishing, Six Roads an Industrial Corridor, Holetown a Tourism and Entertainment Centre and St Lawrence Gap an Entertainment Centre.

## ACCESS FOR ALL

- ✗ Enact full Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity Discrimination legislation to make sure People with Disabilities can fully participate in our society.
- ✗ Ensure People with Disabilities have good physical access to the built and natural environment.

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**And we all just want a chance:  
a chance at life, a chance in  
education, a chance at a  
future, really. ”**

**Rihanna**



## GLOBAL YOUTH

- ✕ Ensure that by 2030, every young person is given the opportunity to learn to swim, travel abroad, speak a second language, engage in a creative discipline and a sport and learn basic first aid.

## FOCUS ON STEAM

- ✕ Redesign primary and secondary school curricula to prioritise STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics).

## REAL WORLD LIFE SKILLS

- ✕ Increase the number of guidance counsellors and social workers at all schools and integrate conflict resolution and emotional management as core activities.

## CARIBBEAN CENTRED LEARNING

- ✕ Collaborate with Barbadian and Caribbean textbook and literary writers, filmmakers, storytellers and other artists to ensure that our curriculum reflects Barbadian and Caribbean history, culture, conversations and problems to be solved.

## EVERY SCHOOL IS A TOP SCHOOL

- ✕ Transform every secondary school in Barbados into a centre of excellence in a specific subject area or discipline.

## TRANSFORM THE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

- ✕ Create a modern and motivating learning environment using increased technology, interactive teaching and a more pleasant physical environment at our schools.

## SPECIAL NEEDS

- ✕ Ensure that children with disabilities are better accommodated in the mainstream education system.
- ✕ Refurbish and better equip the Edna Nicholls Centre to better meet the needs of vulnerable young people.

## FINANCIAL LITERACY

- ✕ We will amend the school curriculum to teach every Barbadian youth about money management and investing, in order to encourage a more entrepreneurial Barbadian.

## THINK BIG

- ✗ Create a national Innovation Prize of \$250,000, judged quarterly by local and international experts, and backed by business support for Barbadians with "Game Changing" project and product ideas.
- ✗ Establish a National Schools and Youth Award valued at \$100,000 for school teams and youth building or creating solutions to national or regional problems. When won by schools the prize will be divided between the school, the students and the teachers.

## TALENT SHOWCASE

- ✗ Facilitate the restoration of Empire Theatre as the home of a National Live Music, Performance and Dance Company.
- ✗ Establish a world-class Contemporary Arts and Culture Festival featuring locally and internationally renowned artists, performers and curators.
- ✗ CBC to be a platform that nurtures, produces and exhibits high-quality Barbadian and Caribbean programmes and films.

## DEVELOP CREATIVE INDUSTRY

- ✗ Create a new model for culture and the creative industries in Barbados commencing with a transformation of the National Cultural Foundation, the Crop Over Festival and NIFCA.
- ✗ Evolve the Cultural Industries Development Agency to become one that nurtures, showcases, markets and exports high quality Barbadian creative professionals and their outputs to the world.
- ✗ Set up a National Art Gallery which acquires and houses important works by Barbadians and provides workspace for artists and activities.
- ✗ Create a centre of excellence for art, performing arts and digital creativity at the secondary school level and Barbados Community.
- ✗ Create National Theatre of Performing Arts.

“The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination

Albert Einstein ”





# DO BUSINESS

## FINANCING

- × Create and subsidise “Trust Loans”, a multi-million dollar loan system that will allow Barbadians to have their ideas and ventures easily financed. Once the first, \$5000 loan is repaid in full, the business will automatically be eligible for a second \$10,000 loan. Anyone can apply.

## EASE OF DOING BUSINESS

- × Work to achieve world class standards for delivering public services, e.g. clearing goods through customs, obtaining planning permission, drivers’ licenses renewal.

## BUILD YOUTH ECONOMY

- × Resource, promote and empower the development of youth centric industries such as the arts, design, cuisine, film, entertainment, media, sports, lifestyle and internet industries.

## CONNECTIVITY

- × Facilitate island-wide, free high-speed WIFI.

## PROCUREMENT

- × Allocate 5% of all government procurement contracts to businesses owned and/or operated by youth.

“  
The most effective  
way to do it, is to do it.

Amelia Earhart ”



## SPORTS

- ✕ Establish sport as a central pillar of Barbados' national identity and development and a potential source of high foreign exchange earnings.
- ✕ Launch a national participation project to encourage all Barbadians – in a lifelong engagement in sports.
- ✕ Develop a sustainable high performance system aimed at developing and maintaining world-class Barbadian sportspersons.
- ✕ Support the development of a viable sports industry, with special emphasis on developing world-class skills in sports science and medicine, sports training, sports technology and event management.
- ✕ Special emphasis and investment into the development of beach sports.

## ENTERTAINMENT

- ✕ Facilitate the production and promotion of a 52-week entertainment calendar inclusive of at least one world-class entertainment (music, sport, art, etc.) festival in Barbados every 2 months.
- ✕ Establish designated entertainment zones on the island that have extended hours for loud music.
- ✕ Facilitate a better working relationship between private promoters and government entities (VAT, Police, licences, etc.).

## PUBLIC SPACES

- ✕ Create a world class National Botanical Gardens.
- ✕ Establish Barbados as the location of choice for major international entertainment events through the infrastructural development of the National Stadium, LESC, Empire Theatre, etc.
- ✕ Create a National Public Art initiative that facilitates beautifying murals on Government owned properties and infrastructure.

“

You can design and create, and build the most wonderful place in the world. But it takes people to make the dream a reality.

Walt Disney ”





## NATIONAL FIRST JOB INITIATIVE

- ✗ Create a National "First Job" Programme that allows unattached youth between 16-25 years old to gain a one year Government subsidised placement at a business in their field of interest. This will allow young people not at school and without work to gain experience while allowing employers to develop a potential employee. This programme will be subsidised via a Youth Innovation Fund. The Fund will be a public- private partnership that gives tax breaks to private sector companies who become partners of the Programme.

## DEVELOP NEW INDUSTRIES

Create new opportunities for employment, training and business in ocean and maritime affairs, internet industries, cyber security, software development and renewable energy with initiatives such as:

- ✗ An international centre of excellence in research on solar power  
An innovation hub around UWI.
- ✗ A National Cyber Security.
- ✗ Response Centre.
- ✗ Develop Blue Economy (Ocean sciences, marine conservation and seafaring, beach and sea sports).

## REVITALIZATION OF ESTABLISHED INDUSTRIES

- ✗ Transform the sugar cane industry by manufacturing high value, specialised products.
- ✗ Boost the medical sector through medical marijuana legalisation.
- ✗ Upgrade fish markets to meet international phytosanitary conditions to allow fisherfolk to export fish and replenish fish stocks by enforcing sustainable fishing practices.
- ✗ Facilitate a global centre of excellence in Tourism Research.

## BEST PUBLIC SECTOR IN THE WORLD

- ✗ Lift the public service's delivery of service to world class standards in partnership with the trade unions and other partners through training, better pay and improved working conditions.

## EQUALITY

- ✗ Legislate to provide equal pay for equal work to ensure women are paid equally to men for the same work.

“  
It always seems impossible  
until it's done. ”

Nelson Mandela



## EXPAND BARBADOS

Expand our land mass through government licensing and private sector finance, we intend to reclaim 3,000 acres of land on the West and South Coasts to create Islands and peninsulas off Barbados that will become globally renowned hubs for innovation, creativity and leisure.

## NATIONAL WEALTH

Seek to create citizen wealth and end generational poverty through the creation of the Barbados Sovereign Wealth Fund. The fund will hold all of the government's non-financial assets and provide all Barbadians born after the fund is created with receive an equal share of the fund. In the long term, shareholders can use the shares to gain access to funds for education and housing purposes.

## E-BARBADOS

Digitise important elements of Barbados' operations including government transactions, the national ID card, the Barbadian currency, health records and court system.

“  
I don't  
think  
limits.”

Usain Bolt



# TOP 10 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

You asked, so here are our answers

## 1 WHERE WILL THE BLP FIND THE MONEY TO DO ALL THE THINGS PROMISED IN THE MANIFESTO?

We have costed our proposals, so we know what the country can afford. The present government has wasted and mismanaged the country's money. They have collected more taxes than any other government in the history of the country, but no one can see what they have done with all that money. The BLP will end waste. Every dollar that is lost to corruption is a dollar that is not available to the country. The BLP will stamp out corruption. This will give us more cash to address priority issues.

## 2 HOW WILL THE BLP LOWER THE COST OF LIVING?

Within the first 6 months, the BLP will put money in people's pockets by abolishing the NSRL and Road Tax, as well as within 18 months returning VAT to 15%.

## 3 WILL THE BLP DEVALUE THE DOLLAR?

No. The BLP will not devalue the Barbados dollar. A BLP Government is committed maintaining the exchange rate of BBD \$2 for US \$1.

## 4 HOW WILL THE BLP AFFORD TO PAY FOR STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE UWI?

Governments must make choices between what are priorities and what is optional. The BLP believes that tertiary education is a priority. It is essential to help people to earn higher pay, enjoy a better standard of living, attract investment into Barbados and perform the new jobs that the BLP will create. The \$25 million it will cost to pay the fees of Barbadians attending UWI this year is a small amount of money in a national budget of \$4 billion. We do not believe that less than a cent out of every dollar is too much to spend on the future of our children and our country.

## 5 CAN THE BLP TRULY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN MY LIFE?

The BLP's new policies will make a difference to all Bajans. We will give Trust Loans to small businesses; introduce Health Is Wealth Grants to combat the epidemic of chronic diseases; promote entrepreneurial activity at the community level; build the cultural industries as a major foreign exchange earner; ensure that part of government's budget is used to buy goods and services from small businesses, community based businesses and businesses owned by youth and economically disadvantaged groups, such as the disabled.

## 6 WHY VOTE FOR THE BLP AND NOT A THIRD PARTY?

Amongst many other reasons, BLP has the strongest team of economists and a leader in Mia Mottley, who was Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Affairs, when Barbados was doing very well – we can offer what the country needs at this time. If you do not vote at all or vote for a third party, you may be helping the government to win. The BLP is asking for a strong mandate.

## 7 WHAT IS THE BLP'S POSITION ON CORRUPTION?

Under the BLP, there will be zero tolerance for corruption. We will enact integrity legislation at the first sitting of Parliament after elections. The draft of our proposed legislation is available for viewing on our website [blp.org.bb](http://blp.org.bb). We will make ministers declare their assets, identify penalties for attempting to bribe officials, pursue campaign finance reform and enact Whistleblower Legislation.

## 8 HOW WILL THE BLP GIVE BARBADIANS MORE SAY?

The BLP will establish elected "People's Assemblies" to empower communities and to get more people involved in the decision making process. Communication with citizens will be increased, and their opinions sought through national consultations that will be open to all members of the public. We will introduce Referenda on issues of national importance. We will also employ online and social media platforms to allow for greater exchanges of ideas between citizens and Government.

## 9 WILL THE BLP LEGALISE SAME SEX MARRIAGES?

The BLP has no policy to legalise same sex marriages. We have said that repeatedly. We believe that no 30 people should be allowed to make decisions on issues that go to the heart of the nation's collective values. This issue can only be determined by the outcome of a Referendum.

## 10 WHAT ABOUT GUN AND OTHER VIOLENCE IN THE COUNTRY? WHAT IS THE BLP'S PLAN?

The BLP will work with regional agencies to stop the flow of guns into Barbados, institute a gun amnesty and buy-back programme, establish systems for community policing, increase the size of the RBPF, give them better resources and equipment to get the job done and improve their detection and response capacity. We will introduce new community-based programmes, stimulate economic activity, and introduce new cultural and sports programmes to give our young people jobs and opportunities.

# 20 BIG BLP POLICIES FOR A NEW BARBADOS

## 1 EXPAND BARBADOS

New Islands off the South and West Coasts of Barbados to expand our space, create jobs, investment opportunities and become part of our new economy.

## 2 E-BARBADOS

A digital ID for every Barbadian to use 24x7 for all Government licensing, permissions and services. "Digitising" the Barbadian dollar to make payments faster and cheaper.

## 3 BARBADOS SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUND

Create citizen wealth and seek to end generational poverty. The fund will hold all of the government's non-financial assets and provide all Barbadians born after the fund is set up an equal share of the fund.

## 4 EVOLVE OUR CITIES

Make Bridgetown a Smart and Food City, Speightstown a Heritage, Arts and Cultural Hub, Oistins, the Centre of fishing, Six Roads an Industrial Corridor, Holetown a Tourism and Entertainment Centre and St Lawrence Gap an Entertainment Centre.

## 5 TRUST LOANS

Create loan system that provides \$5,000, unsecured, for every legitimate small business. Once repaid in full, you are automatically eligible for a \$10,000 loan.

## 6 PEOPLE POWER

Introduce Referenda and National Consultations to hear from the public and give Bajans decision-making power.

## 7 INNOVATION AWARDS

Create a quarterly Prime Minister's National innovation prize of \$250,000, for Barbadians with "Game Changing" project and product ideas. Also an annual \$100,000 School Innovation Award.

## 8 MARIJUANA & SOCIETY

Allow medical marijuana to be available to those who need it, hold a Referendum on the legalisation of recreational marijuana. Stop locking up people for spliffs and expedite the process for the expungement of criminal records.

## 9 GREEN BARBADOS

Transition to renewable energy and create a green economy, which is low carbon and resource efficient.

## 10 DEVELOP BLUE ECONOMY

Modernize fishing industry, create opportunities in ocean sciences and seafaring, protect seas, marine plant and animals as well as develop beach and sea sports industry.

## 11 EVERY SCHOOL A TOP SCHOOL

Every secondary school to become a centre of excellence in academic and non-academic disciplines.

## 12 INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE FOR ALL

To \$8.00 per hour, up from \$6.25 and extend it to all workers in every sector.

## 13 GLOBAL YOUTH

Every student will be taught to swim, carry out first aid, speak a foreign language, participate in arts and sports and facilitated to travel abroad.

## 14 HEALTH IS WEALTH GRANTS

Actual cash in your hand if you can get fit, reduce the severity of your chronic disease and avoid expensive treatments or surgeries.

## 15 FREE WIFI

Free island-wide WiFi.

## 16 MORE ENTERTAINMENT

Creation of 52-week entertainment calendar with at least one world-class entertainment festival event 2 months.

## 17 RUN CLEAN GOVERNMENT

Make ministers declare their assets and make them accountable for any corrupt acts or activities after that.

## 18 HURRICANE RESILIENCE

Facilitate Rapid Roof Replacement Programme, and insurance products for chattel houses worth under \$125,000. Ensure a 7 day national supply of water, food and medicine, improve shelters to resist Category 5 hurricane.

## 19 FOCUS ON CREATIVITY

Set up a National Art Gallery which acquires and houses important works by Barbadians and provides workspace for artists and activities.

## 20 YOUTH INFLUENCE

Fully involve young people in national decision-making process by appointing at least (1) young person on major Government Committees and Statutory boards.



# VOTING 101

**VOTING IS EASY, IF YOU HAVEN'T BEFORE HERE IS HOW!**

- ✗ You can vote between 6am and 6pm. If you are in the polling station and it is after 6pm, you must still be allowed to vote.
- ✗ There will be white lines drawn outside the polling station, you cannot gather in crowds or canvass between those white lines and the polling station.
- ✗ Don't worry if you have lost your ID card or do not have a passport. You can still vote as there will be a copy of your ID card at the polling station.
- ✗ You will not be allowed to take a phone, smart watch or pencil into the voting booth.
- ✗ When you enter the polling room at the polling station, the Presiding Officer will check your ID or confirm that you are registered. The government clerks and the candidates polling agents will tick your name off the list to ensure no one else tries to vote in your name.
- ✗ You will be given your ballot paper and a pencil. Go into the voting booth and mark an X clearly in the space next to the name of the Barbados Labour Party candidate in your constituency.
- ✗ Fold your ballot paper so that your vote cannot be seen.
- ✗ Take it back to the Presiding Officer. He will ask you to hold up the ballot paper so he can see the number that each ballot paper comes with. He will not be able to see your vote.
- ✗ Put your ballot paper into the Ballot Box.

**CONGRATS YOU ARE DONE!**

## DO'S

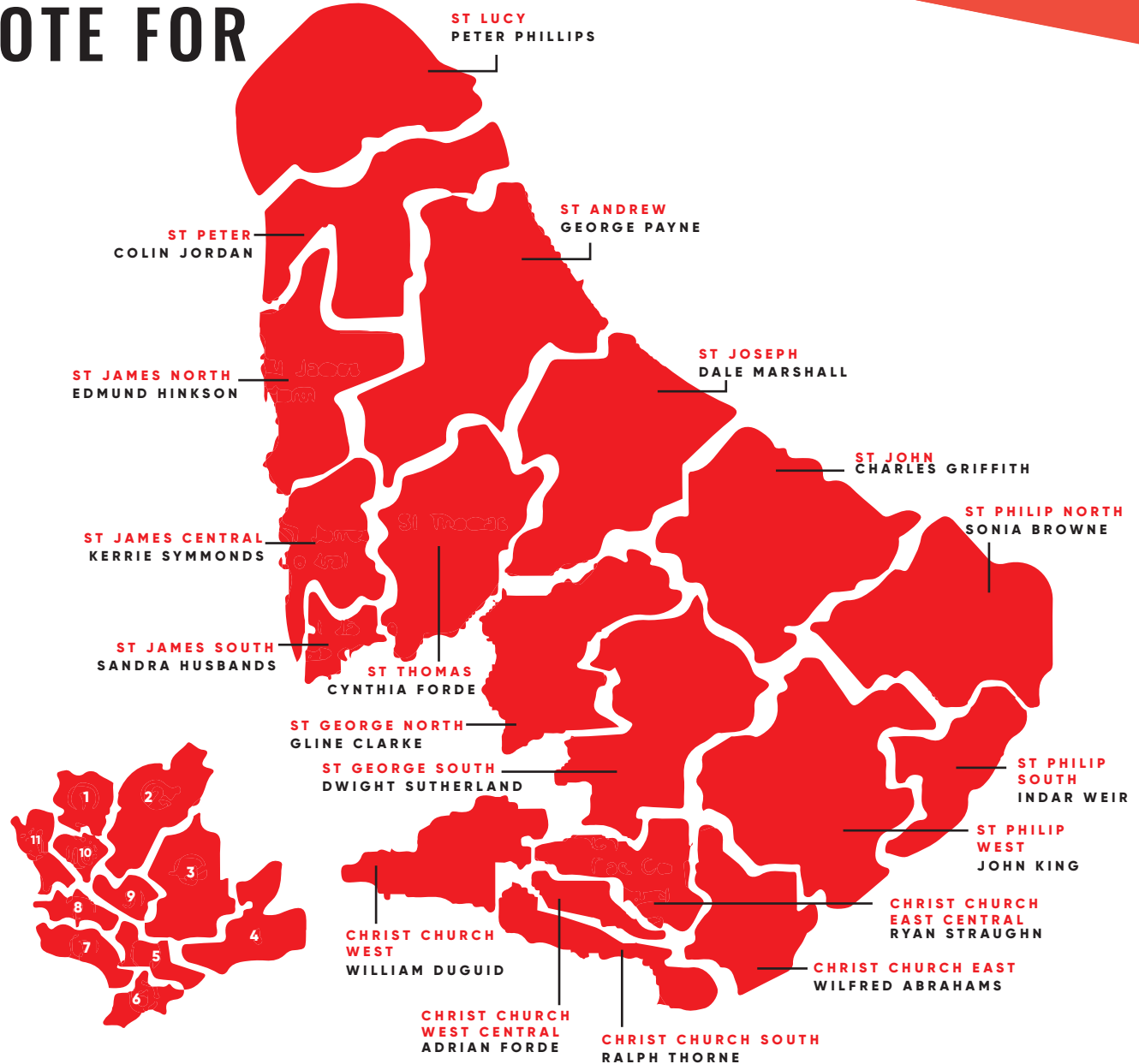
- ✗ Take an umbrella, cap or hat. Prepare for any sort of weather and for having to wait in the line at the polling station.
- ✗ After you have been given your ballot paper and you have any trouble or are unsure about what to do, ask the Presiding Officer for help – That is their job.

## DONT'S

- ✗ Do not put your name, initials, signature, or any other information or mark on the ballot paper. **ONLY YOUR X.** If not your ballot will be spoilt and will not be counted.
- ✗ Do not attempt to carry a phone, smart watch or any recording device into the voting booth.
- ✗ If the lines are long, please don't leave. It is very important you stay and vote. Every single vote matters.
- ✗ On elections day, do not wear or carry any political clothing or paraphernalia until after 6pm – definitely not in the polling station.

**ON MAY 24 2018, GO VOTE FOR  
THE BARBADOS LABOUR PARTY**

# WHO TO VOTE FOR



1 | ST MICHAEL NORTH  
RONALD TOPPIN

2 | ST MICHAEL  
NORTH EAST  
MIA MOTTLEY

3 | ST MICHAEL EAST  
TREVOR PRESCOD

4 | ST MICHAEL  
SOUTH EAST  
SANTIA BRADSHAW

5 | ST MICHAEL  
SOUTH CENTRAL  
MARSHA CADDLE

6 | ST MICHAEL SOUTH  
KIRK HUMPHREY

7 | CITY OF BRIDGETOWN  
JEFFERY BOSTIC

8 | ST MICHAEL WEST  
REV. JOE ATHERLEY

9 | ST MICHAEL CENTRAL  
ARTHUR HOLDER

10 | ST MICHAEL  
WEST CENTRAL  
IAN GOODING-EDGHILL

11 | ST MICHAEL  
NORTH WEST  
NEIL ROWE

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