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MOVEMENT FOR CHANGE & PROSPERITY MANIFESTO 2024

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LEADER'S MESSAGE

I am both humbled and honoured to have earned the trust of the **Movement for Change and Prosperity (MCAP)** and be named as the new leader of the party. I stand on the shoulders of great leaders who have laid a strong foundation, and while I deeply respect the legacy they built, I bring a fresh perspective, new ideas, and a renewed vision for our party and our nation.

Under my leadership, MCAP will not only continue its tradition of excellence but will evolve into a more dynamic and forward-thinking movement—one that is responsive to the needs of our people and the challenges of our time. By embracing emerging technologies and industries, we will position Montserrat at the forefront of the technological age, unlocking new opportunities for economic growth and development.

My commitment is to foster a strong and resilient economy that not only creates jobs and ensures security but also drives population growth and enhances the private sector. But above all else, I pledge that the welfare of every Montserratian and resident will always be my top priority. This leadership is about ensuring that our people—every man, woman, and child—are supported, empowered, and able to thrive in a changing world.

Our progress is not just about economic growth or technological advancements. It is about building our people— We are building a Montserrat that will stand the test of time.

However, this journey requires all of us, hand in hand, Government and people. **Our future is not written for us but by us—It is a place where progress is a promise kept, and hope is not merely a vision but a reality we create.**

I invite you to partner with me and the MCAP team on this journey of transformation. Together, we will build on the solid foundation of our past, while carving out new paths—empowering our people, strengthening our communities, and creating a prosperous Montserrat.

Forward Together!

Joseph

Dr Samuel Joseph



TEAM MCAP 2024

The **Movement for Change and Prosperity** stands united in our commitment to building a brighter, more prosperous future for Montserrat. Our strength comes from our diverse experiences, shared values, and proven track record of delivering real results for the people of Montserrat. We are a dynamic team, ready to provide the bold leadership and excellent representation that Montserrat needs at this pivotal time.

In an ever-evolving world, Montserrat must be ready to embrace the future. With the rise of technology and new global opportunities, we are determined to leverage every opportunity to secure Montserrat's place on the world stage. **Our team has the vision, the experience, and the dedication to lead the way.** We will expand our digital capacity, and foster innovation across all sectors, creating a modern, thriving economy that works for everyone.

What sets us apart is our **ability to deliver.** Together, we have a clear vision for Montserrat's development—strengthening our economy, improving healthcare, providing high-quality education, and securing sustainable growth for future generations. We will make sure that Montserrat is not just ready for the future—but leading it.

Together, We Are Stronger! Together, We Will Succeed!

Let Us Move Montserrat Forward Together!



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✗ VOTE

Edith B. Fenton

Edith Beatrice Fenton has dedicated over 30 years to serving Montserrat, building a strong reputation as a trusted and respected leader. Her unwavering commitment to MCAP reflects her deep loyalty, integrity, and passion for improving lives. Throughout her career, she has consistently championed positive change and growth for the community. With her extensive experience, she is the ideal candidate to drive meaningful progress and secure a brighter, more prosperous future for Montserrat.



✗ VOTE

Edris P. Wade

Edris Pamela Wade is a seasoned public servant with over 45 years of dedicated service to Montserrat. Her steadfast commitment to the island's development has shaped countless lives and strengthened the community. Known for her visionary leadership and care for the people, Edris has played a key role in advancing initiatives that promote progress and unity. Her passion continues to drive her vision for a brighter, more inclusive future where everyone can thrive and contribute to Montserrat's success.



✗ VOTE

Charliena White

Charliena White is an esteemed educator, advocate, and political leader who has dedicated her life to advancing education and improving parliamentary governance in Montserrat. With a longstanding career, she has worked tirelessly to uplift the education system, empowering future generations to succeed. Driven by a passion for progress, Charliena envisions a brighter, more innovative future for Montserrat, where education and governance serve as pillars of long-term prosperity.

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✗ VOTE

Crenston Buffonge

Crenston C. Buffonge is a dynamic political leader and advocate dedicated to transforming Montserrat's agriculture, environment, and housing sectors. His innovative approach and commitment to community engagement drive his vision for a sustainable and prosperous future for all residents of Montserrat. With a strong track record in public service, Crenston is known for implementing real change and fostering growth.



✗ VOTE

Gilmore Williams

Gilmore 'Papchow' Williams is a dedicated son of the soil committed to fostering positive change in his community and beyond. With extensive experience in the accounting field and project management, he has consistently demonstrated his expertise in financial management and strategic planning. His journey reflects a steadfast belief in the power of service, making him not just an accountant, but a catalyst for positive transformation in his community.



✗ VOTE

Jamie M. Greenaway

Jamie Melissia Greenaway is a dedicated attorney-at-law with deep roots in Montserrat and a strong commitment to the island's growth. With years of experience, she has earned a reputation for her thorough understanding of Montserrat's legal landscape. Beyond her legal work, Jamie actively engages with the community, advocating for initiatives that promote economic resilience and social justice. Her passion for a brighter future for Montserrat, makes her a pivotal force for positive change on the island.

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✗ VOTE

Joseph E. Taylor-Farrell

Joseph E. Taylor Farrell is a dedicated leader committed to advancing Montserrat's progress. He has restored trust in government by prioritizing the well-being of residents through transparency, integrity, and fairness. Under his guidance, the island has seen significant improvements in education, healthcare, and infrastructure, enhancing the quality of life for its people. His unwavering dedication to the community reflects his vision for a brighter, more inclusive Montserrat.



✗ VOTE

Dr. Samuel Joseph

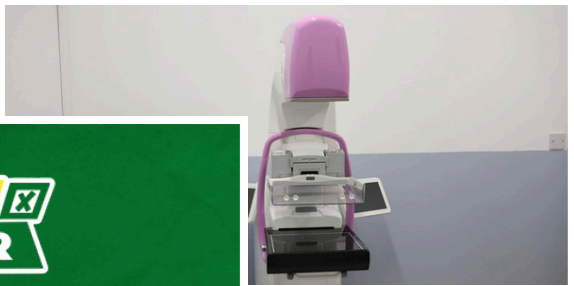
Dr. The Hon. Samuel Joseph is a visionary leader committed to driving Montserrat's growth and innovation. As the new leader of MCAP, he brings a proven track record in infrastructure development, energy sustainability, and technological advancement. With a passion for progress and a focus on preparing Montserrat's youth for global opportunities, Dr. Joseph is the leader Montserrat needs for a prosperous future.



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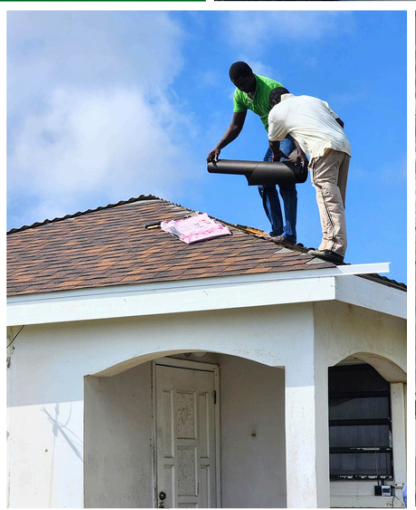
Siobhan Tuitt

Siobhan Tuitt is a dedicated public servant and accomplished economist with a strong vision for Montserrat's future. As a statistician, she provides valuable insights to drive economic stability and growth while advocating for social justice by addressing inequalities and promoting equal opportunities for all residents. Committed to inclusivity and collaboration, Siobhan engages with the community to inspire positive change, positioning herself as a key leader in creating a more prosperous and equitable Montserrat for everyone.



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MCAP'S
ACHIEVEMENTS
2019 - 2024



MCAP'S ACHIEVEMENTS 2019 – 2024

MCAP has over the past five years secured multiple achievements for Montserrat across various sectors, taking positive steps in propelling Montserrat on a path to development.

- **Economic Prosperity** through strategic budget allocations and targeted support for small businesses, which drive sustainable growth and foster a thriving economy for all residents of Montserrat. This is evident through the implementation of the Small Business Relief Fund, the Enterprise Development Scheme and the strengthening of the Montserrat Social Security Fund.
- **Infrastructure Development** through a transformative journey to improve accessibility, safety, and quality of life for all residents. Achievements across various sectors aimed at paving the way for sustainable development and economic growth include initiatives to improve access to the island, investment in social housing, upgraded utilities and an upgraded road network.
- **Healthcare Achievements** are reflected in the advancements in Montserrat's healthcare infrastructure, including the establishment of the New National Hospital Project, the rehabilitation of healthcare facilities and the introduction of cutting-edge medical equipment. These initiatives are reflective of MCAP's commitment to improving access to quality healthcare services and enhancing the well-being of all residents.
- **Agriculture Achievements** evidenced by agricultural development and sustainability in Montserrat through strategic partnerships and innovative initiatives aimed at bolstering the island's food security and economic resilience. The result of these collaborations include investment in the blue economy, investment in agro-processing, improvement of our fisheries industry and overall revolutionizing agriculture for self-sufficiency and economic growth.

MCAP'S ACHIEVEMENTS 2019 – 2024 CONTD.

- **Education Achievements** through strategic investments and initiatives, aimed at elevating educational standards, empowering students, and creating opportunities for academic excellence. These achievements range from enhancing sports to development to modernising school infrastructure and implementing a new national education curriculum.
- **Energy Efficiency** aimed at advancing sustainable development by transitioning Montserrat to renewable energy sources like solar and geothermal power. Initiatives include adopting energy-efficient lightbulbs, conducting energy audits of government buildings and promoting cost savings and environmental responsibility across Montserrat.
- **Community Development** through various community initiatives aimed at enhancing the quality of life and fostering social cohesion across the island. These projects range from infrastructure development to educational programs, and foster holistic growth, cultural pride and empowerment across Montserrat.
- **Technological Advancements** through transformative initiatives that have shaped Montserrat's landscape. From establishing crucial subsea fibre optic connectivity to promoting STEM education and enhancing digital public services, MCAP has demonstrated a commitment to driving progress. Progress is realised through the establishment of the new Ministry of Communication and Digital Transformation, the subsea fibre optics project and investment in Government Information Systems.
- **Tourism Achievements** are proven by the establishment of the Montserrat Tourism Authority, created to revitalize Montserrat's tourism sector. This initiative will attract visitors, drive economic growth, and promote Montserrat globally, further supported by the launch of the Produced in Montserrat Expo (P.R.I.M.E.), which showcases local products, services and innovations.
- **Legislative Achievements** evidenced by the enactment of a series of transformative legislation aimed at driving progress and enhancing the quality of life in Montserrat. These new laws reflect MCAP's commitment to innovation and responsive governance, addressing key areas such as economic development, social welfare and environmental stewardship. Legislative achievements include the enactment of the Domestic Violence Act, Geothermal Resources Development Act, Montserrat Tourism Authority Act and Immigration Amendment Act.

MCAP'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- ✓ People centered leadership
- ✓ Conservation, protection and advancement of our cultural heritage.
- ✓ Economic empowerment through local ownership
- ✓ Equal access to education, health care and employment opportunities



MCAP'S COMMITMENTS

MCAP's commitments are a layout of credible plans backed by the experience and expertise to secure economic and social growth, as well as overall beneficial development for Montserrat, driven by the confidence in Montserrat's potential to transform into a self sustainable and self governing island.

MCAP's policy commitments are built around **10 key areas**, which outline the steps MCAP will undertake to tackle challenges and secure Montserrat's future.

1 ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

ECONOMIC REFORM & GROWTH

Economies thrive and grow in an environment that encourages investment, prudent financial management and fosters sustainability and diversification. To grow and sustain Montserrat's economy and create a range of employment opportunities, MCAP will:

- Introduce a sliding scale for taxation that offers relief to struggling businesses.
- Create an attractive investment climate through regulatory reforms, incentives, and investor protection measures.
- Offer fiscal incentives to support the private sector.
- Establish a one-stop business development unit to simplify doing business in Montserrat.
- Provide incentives for the development of the digital, blue and orange economy.
- Facilitate the transaction of business in an E-commerce environment.
- Develop the Financial services sector.
- Expand the Enterprise Development Scheme and Small Business Development Schemes programs to support small businesses.
- Reduce the application of freight charges in calculation of duty and consumption tax.



1 ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CONTD.

ECONOMIC REFORM & GROWTH CONTINUED

- Increase personal allowance for imports and remove the gift provision in the policy.
- Reform the Montserrat ship registry to attract more ships registered in Montserrat.
- Develop a Public-Private partnership policy to advance Economic Growth.
- Develop a geothermal industrial park with related concessions for the companies that operate within.

PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

A strong, dynamic and enterprising private sector is a strategic necessity for national development. MCAP aims to facilitate the sector becoming the driver of economic growth, providing employment, generating national revenue and earning foreign exchange. MCAP will continue to spur economic advancement as we:

- Establish an innovation hub and incubators that provide resources, mentorship, and funding for startups.
- Support entrepreneurship education and training programs in schools and communities.
- Foster partnerships with financial institutions to offer tailored financing solutions for businesses.
- Enhance Intellectual Property (IP) protection legislation and provide education on IP rights and enforcement.
- Implement a long term work permit.
- Review and reduce bureaucratic red tape by implementing a one-stop-shop for business registration and compliance.
- Reduce taxes on imported raw materials that are used for further processing for re export.



1 ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CONTD.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

MCAP is committed to the construction of the required infrastructure to support the delivery of the essential services and the development of Montserrat. MCAP will:

- Complete the A1 road project to improve connectivity across the island.
- Continue developing Little Bay town center.
- Complete the Port project.
- Repair the Fire station.
- Construct a state-of-the-art Legislative Assembly building.
- Construct a state of the art Hospital.
- Develop a Montserrat Secondary School master plan.
- Decommission the sewage plant in Lookout and construct a new plant at Margarita Bay.

MANUFACTURING

Disruptions in global supply chains continue to impact food security. MCAP is committed to sustainably developing Montserrat's local manufacturing capabilities to meet its food requirements and preserve the quality of food products available in Montserrat. To breathe more life into domestic manufacturing, MCAP will :

- Provide increased investment in agro-processing.
- Provide support to enhance the accessibility and quality of products produced locally agriculture.
- Advance the development of vertical farms agriculture projects that utilize rooftop gardens, hydroponics, and aeroponics.
- Launch educational programs and apprenticeships in agricultural technology and sustainable farming and fishing practices for youth.
- Develop community-based farming initiatives that focus on high-value crops and staple foods.





1 ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CONTD.

MANUFACTURING CONTINUED

- Promote the cultivation of indigenous and drought-resistant crops that are suited to Montserrat's climate.
- Invest in renewable energy solutions such as solar-powered irrigation systems for farm operations.
- Improve the efficiency of agricultural supply chains and expand market access for local produce.
- Develop agro-tourism initiatives that attract visitors to experience local farms and agricultural practices and fishing practices.
- Support the creation of value-added products such as artisanal foods and organic goods to enhance marketability.
- Offer grants, low-interest loans, and subsidies to young entrepreneurs and new farmers and fishermen.

AGRICULTURE

Food security is key to socio-economic advancement and this requires a thriving agricultural sector. MCAP aims to encourage greater participation, and bring new initiatives to the sector. MCAP's goal is to ensure that agriculture becomes a viable option for all so we can grow healthy crops and reap the benefits from our fishing resources, while we protect our environment and reduce our dependence on imports. MCAP will:

- Build a modern plant tissue culture and greenhouse facility.
- Build a biosecurity lab at the port.
- Build a modern state of the art chicken slaughtering and packaging facility.
- Continue the increase of plantains and bananas growth on the island for export.
- Continue targeted production of specific crops, poultry and meats for import substitution.
- Initiate integrated pest management systems.
- Reintroduce cattle rearing and production.

1 ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CONTD.

AGRICULTURE CONTINUED

- Continue the provision of improved breeds of small grazing animals.
- Implement the Artificial insemination program for animals.
- Implement fuel subsidy to fishers.
- Develop a fish processing center.
- Continue 'Safety of Life at Sea' training for fishers.
- Complete process for the extension of Montserrat's territorial waters.
- Continue to build and install FADS.
- Initiate a feed subsidy program using corn for livestock farms.
- Expand the use of the abattoir.
- Review legislation surrounding the trespassing and impounding of animals.

TOURISM

MCAP recognises the economic benefits to be derived from a thriving tourist industry, as a primary foreign exchange earner for Montserrat and income generator. To empower the tourist industry to thrive, MCAP will:

- Introduce new and upgrade existing tourist facilities and amenities.
- Develop the Plymouth buried city attraction as a unique and compelling destination.
- Enhance marketing and promotional strategies to boost Montserrat's profile as a premier tourist destination.
- Provide incentives for hotels, villas and guest houses to improve accommodation standards.
- Increase yacht and cruise arrivals through targeted initiatives and improved infrastructure.
- Advance ecotourism and adventure tourism to highlight Montserrat's natural beauty and attract environmentally conscious travelers.





1 ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CONTD.

TOURISM CONTINUED

- Develop St Georges Hill as a tourist attraction.
- Work with the domestic bank to increase card purchase services across Montserrat.
- Promote Montserrat as a wellness destination with health-focused activities.
- Implement smart tourism solutions such as digital guides, augmented reality experiences, and online booking systems.
- Establish partnerships with international travel agencies, influencers, and media to promote Montserrat.
- Offer tax incentives for investments in tourism infrastructure and sustainable projects.
- Provide grants and low-interest loans to local entrepreneurs in the tourism sector
- Encourage public-private partnerships to fund and manage tourism projects.
- Establish educational programs focused on hospitality and tourism management.
- Offer training and certification programs for tourism industry workers
- Promote multilingualism among locals to better serve international tourists.
- Develop a community tourism project to provide tourists with a more authentic, local experience.
- Provide incentives to Private Home owners to increase tourism accommodation through the Air B n B services.

2 PUBLIC SERVICES & EXTERNAL RELATIONS

PUBLIC SERVICES

MCAP is eager to support the transformation of our public service into a resilient and sustainable entity which is responsive to the needs of the community and to the policy initiatives which will propel Montserrat into prosperity. MCAP envisions a public service which can help foster economic growth and assist Montserrat in becoming an attractive place to live and work. To this end, MCAP will:

- Create a Ministry of Digital Transformation to make public services faster, easier, and more efficient for you
- Modernize public service delivery using digital technology.
- Simplify and standardize administrative procedures to minimize red tape.
- Establish open data initiatives that provide the public with access to information about service performance, budgets, and decision-making processes.
- Create channels for feedback and ensure that concerns are addressed promptly.
- Implement policies and practices that accommodate diverse needs, such as multilingual services, accessible facilities, and special assistance for those with disabilities.
- Develop comprehensive training programs that focus on customer service, efficiency.
- Promote continuous professional development and create pathways for career advancement within public service.
- Overhaul the public sector pay structure to retain skills and reward performance, make it transparent and streamline salary scales and allowances.
- Facilitate and enable remote working for public officers.
- Review and amend the pension act.
- Enact policies that promote work life balance.
- Undertake a review of the pay and grade structure within the public service.



2 PUBLIC SERVICES & EXTERNAL RELATIONS CONTD.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

MCAP recognizes the value of establishing and maintaining strong and beneficial relationships with external partners across various sectors, to support domestic and regional economic development. MCAP is also committed to the continued expansion of these partnerships to increase opportunities available to Montserrat. Therefore, MCAP will:

- Advocate for regional cooperation on climate adaptation strategies, early warning systems, and disaster recovery frameworks.
- Advocate for the deepening of economic cooperation within the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) to facilitate trade and investment opportunities.
- Work with CARICOM to strengthen regional supply chains for food security.
- Support the improvement of inter-island transportation systems (air and sea) to enhance regional connectivity and reduce travel costs.
- Push for expanded agreements with the UK for funding, infrastructure, and development projects.
- Advocate for stronger integration within the CARICOM framework, focusing on free movement of skilled labor, healthcare, and education collaboration.
- Foster partnerships with regional countries for agricultural exports and tourism.
- Sign and ratify the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas to enhance the integration allowing the free movement of people, goods, services & capital under the CSME.

DIASPORA

MCAP acknowledges the importance the Montserrat diaspora community plays in the development of Montserrat. Accordingly, MCAP will:

- Create a digital portal which allows Montserratians at home and in the diaspora to remain connected to and contribute to Montserrat.
- Strengthen Montserrat's UK Office to foster an improved relationship with the diaspora.
- Simplify the process for returning home to Montserrat.

3 PUBLIC ORDER & SAFETY

CRIME & JUSTICE

Montserrat remains one of the few jurisdictions with a low crime rate. MCAP is committed to ensuring that Montserrat retains this status. MCAP also recognises the value of affording persons who have paid a debt to society after conviction the opportunity to actively and positively contribute to Montserrat, with a clean record. Accordingly, MCAP will:

- Pass the necessary law to expunge the criminal records of persons who have served their sentence.
- Advocate for the establishment of a Minister with responsibility for defense and the inclusion of the Premier or another Minister in the decision making process surrounding local security and safety.
- Advocate for a specialized court for family matters.
- Widen the scope of legal aid for persons that cannot afford legal representation.

GOVERNANCE ANTI-CORRUPTION & CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

MCAP is committed to its duty to act in the interests of Montserrat. MCAP is also committed to maintaining the public trust placed in them by performing their duties with honesty, integrity, accountability and respect for the law. Accordingly, MCAP will:

- Support policies that encourage integrity in public life.
- Advocate for the separation of health and education into separate Ministries.
- Lead on the review of the Montserrat Constitution Order.
- Enact freedom of information legislation which will provide transparency in the workings of government.
- Create a national Youth Advisory mechanism to serve as a pathway for communicating youth related issues to the Government.





3 PUBLIC ORDER & SAFETY CONTD.

GOVERNANCE ANTI-CORRUPTION & CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS CONTINUED

- Regularize the status of persons operating within the public service. This includes public officers on acting, probationary and temporary appointments, as well as persons holding contracts of various types, but carrying out the duties of public officers.
- Lead on electoral reform.
- Create community structures to enable everyone to participate in the decision-making processes that affect their lives.

4 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & CLIMATE PROTECTION

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

Montserrat is fortunate to boast a clean and healthy environment, with quality air, water and soil. MCAP is committed to implementing and supporting initiatives aimed at ensuring the protection and preservation of a healthy Montserrat, which safeguards its human, animal, marine and plant life. Therefore, MCAP will:

- Implement a national recycling program.
- Update legislation to protect Montserrat's unique flora, fauna and wildlife.
- Develop a climate change policy.
- Develop an e-mobility strategy.
- Develop a Green investment strategy to address opportunities in water, construction, tourism, agriculture and energy.

5 SOCIAL PROTECTION & INCLUSION

MCAP has set Montserrat on an economic growth path, which includes the provision of support for vulnerable persons through safeguards against hardship and exploitation. MCAP will continue to utilize measures which help maintain the mental and physical wellbeing of our elders, our children and other residents who, by reason of physical or mental challenge, are unable to adequately sustain themselves. MCAP will:

- Support programs that encourage seniors to participate in community service and civic activities.
- Provide opportunities for seniors to contribute their skills and experience to community development.
- Continue to improve the safety and accessibility of public spaces and facilities for elderly individuals.
- Strengthen legal protections against elder abuse and neglect.
- Implement rigorous standards for care quality and conduct regular inspections to ensure compliance.
- Support the development of community-based services like home care and telemedicine.
- Increase pensions and retirement benefits to keep pace with the cost of living.
- Increase social welfare payments.
- Streamline residency application process.
- Implement a child tax credit
- Implement a national minimum wage.
- Launch public awareness campaigns - Training for public sector and staff; Ensure that healthcare facilities are equipped with communications aids.
- Invest in inclusive education in schools to provide resources like special education teachers and accessible infrastructure to accommodate students with various disabilities.
- Strengthen and enforce laws that protect people with disabilities from discrimination in employment, education and public life.
- Ensure digital compliance with international disability standards. (such as Web Content Accessibility Guidelines) for all government websites and digital services ensuring screen reader compatibility, alternative text for images and simplified.
- Expand paternity leave for fathers who want to be part of the critical first months of their children's lives.



6 HEALTHCARE

MCAP is focused on wellness, improving health management, investing in resilient health infrastructure, and modern medical information and communication technologies. MCAP is also committed to ensuring that healthcare professionals are adequately equipped to offer the best medical services to patients. To achieve and maintain this, MCAP will:

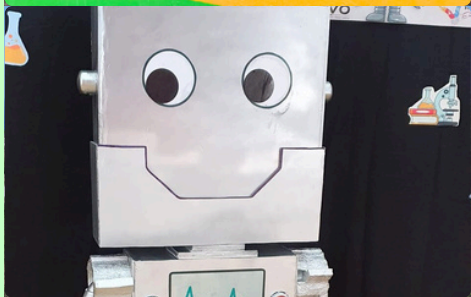
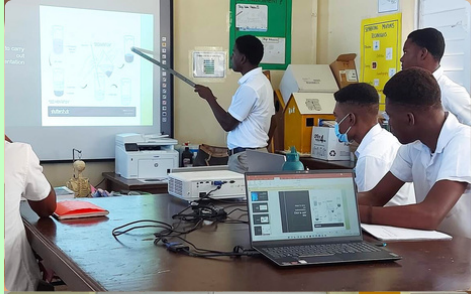
- Establish competitive salary packages and incentives to attract and retain competent and experienced local, regional and international medical professional.
- Recruit and train paramedics to manage ambulance services, enhancing life-saving methods and emergency response.
- Expand emergency services, including faster response times, air ambulances, and better-equipped ambulatory services for remote areas.
- Expand telemedicine services, enabling patients to consult specialists off-island without leaving Montserrat, complemented by modern digital health records.
- Expand hospital services, including the provision of dialysis, physical therapy, and occupational therapy, reducing the need to travel abroad.
- Invest in public health education campaigns focusing on preventative care for chronic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension, as well as free annual check-ups for early detection and post diagnosis care.
- Broaden access to preventive screenings for major health conditions.
- Equalize hospital fees payable by Montserrat residents and CARICOM residents.
- Advocate for expanded insurance coverage for additional medical conditions, including counseling and therapy.
- Provide free prenatal and postnatal care, and establish a 'New Mothers Support Network' to ensure every mother and newborn receive appropriate care and support during the crucial first months post birth.



7 EDUCATION

MCAP recognizes that Montserrat’s human resource base is a primary asset which must be maximized in anticipation of labour market demands. Accordingly, we will foster the development of the necessary skills, competencies and work ethic to contribute to Montserrat. MCAP also acknowledges the importance of attracting and retaining educators to inspire and educate. To meet these objectives, MCAP will:

- Provide additional resources for teachers to improve teaching quality, including a professional resources allowance for teachers.
- Streamline teacher classifications into three simple tiers untrained, trained and graduate trained.
- Equalize salaries of Nursery teachers and primary school teachers
- Introduce technical vocational and educational training (TVET) at the Montserrat Secondary School with a pathway to continued training at the Montserrat Community College.
- Introduce foreign language at the primary school level.
- Expand the teacher training programme.
- Absorb the cost of CXC Math and English for students.
- Implement an early detection system to improve remedial actions for learning difficulties.
- Initiate a tailored support and learning system for special needs education.
- Upgrade the physical school facilities and grounds.
- Introduce a clear, transparent behavior management policy to promote discipline and positive behavior.
- Establish a robust adult learning curriculum to enhance the local workforce and skill base.
- Develop a comprehensive national training programme for ongoing professional development of early childhood development (ECD) professionals.
- Facilitate the implementation of a school breakfast club to support student nutrition.
- Improve the school lunch programme to support vulnerable children and improve health outcomes in children.
- Provide free health and dental services for teachers.
- Introduce information and communication technology (ICT) at the primary level.
- Incorporate technical vocational skills into the curriculum at the primary level.





7 EDUCATION CONTD.

- Include civics in the curriculum to nurture responsible citizenship, national and community pride, volunteerism, and allegiance to Montserrat.
- Expand Arts and Culture in Primary and Secondary schools.
- Provide training in coding, film and multimedia in addition to other digital and creative fields that will open opportunities to further studies and employment.

8 HOUSING & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

HOUSING

MCAP understands the need for housing as a basic need and will continue to ensure the provision of suitable housing which secures the safety and comfort of its occupants and is capable of withstanding climate volatility. To do this, MCAP will:

- Reintroduce the basement programme.
- Transfer ownership of Government share to homeowners on the Shared Equity Programme.
- Complete the Drummonds Housing development by replacing the T111 family units with proper concrete dwelling, supporting infrastructure and recreation facilities.

8 HOUSING & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS CONTD.

HOUSING CONTINUED

- Allocate government-owned land for residential development, allowing displaced residents and the diaspora to purchase affordable plots for home construction.
- Establish a government-backed low-interest loan scheme for first-time homeowners, including young persons, displaced residents and returning diaspora members.
- Create a "Return Home" program with incentives for the Montserratian diaspora, offering affordable housing options for those wishing to return or invest in the island.
- Provide essential infrastructure on government lands to support new housing development
- Continue the Drummonds to Lookout development project and Davy Hill development project.
- Identify and rehabilitate abandoned or dilapidated housing stock, converting them into viable homes for displaced persons and returnees.
- Partner with local and international private sector investors to fund and construct modern, energy-efficient housing projects.
- Offer incentives for Green Housing initiatives.
- Update the Building Code to guide the construction of modern and efficient infrastructures which are climate resilient and provide for disability access.
- Implement a rent to own program for low income families to escape a lifetime of renting.
- Continue the work started and significantly improve the conditions for residents of Shinlands, Lookout and Davy Hill.
- Work with the private sector to expand the housing stock through the construction of low cost start up homes.
- Amend the tax laws to increase the mortgage interest deduction.





9 RECREATION & CULTURE

SPORTS

Sports is essential to the maintenance of an active and healthy community, as well as a means of recreation. Sports can also serve as a major income earner for Montserrat and for aspiring local athletes. MCAP is committed to sports development and will:

- Establish a comprehensive sport scholarship program to financially support and nurture athletic talent from an early age.
- Transform Little Bay and Salem Parks into premier sporting facilities, creating dedicated spaces for spectator sports
- Develop the sporting facilities in Salem, St. Peters, Brades, Davy Hill and Lookout to include lightning, bleachers to allow for increased sporting activity at the community level.
- Restore and rehabilitate cricket pitches.
- Establish a program for national recognition and celebration of our athletes' achievements.
- Develop and implement a comprehensive sports curriculum in schools to promote physical education, health, and skill development for all students.
- Enhance Track and Field by investing in resources, facilities, and coaching to train Montserrat's athletes to compete on regional and international stages.
- Implement a national sports policy to guide on funding, training, facilities, and international representation, ensuring coordinated sports development.
- Encourage a wider range of sporting activities, including chess, swimming, darts and table tennis through the Department of Youth and Sports
- Revive sporting leagues to provide regular competitive opportunities, raising the standard of sports and increasing community engagement.
- Reinstate the post of national sports coordinator to ensure a dedicated professional is available to manage the strategic direction of sports development.
- Strengthening the relationship between the government and sporting bodies to facilitate collaborative efforts and aligned objectives
- Establish a transparent, merit-based criteria for fair and effective allocation of resources among sporting activities, ensuring strategic alignment with national goals.

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SPORTS CONTINUED

- Secure professional coaches for popular sports such as basketball, and netball to assist in creating competitive athletes and teams which can successfully compete in regional and international events.
- Increase budgetary support for sports.
- Facilitate the increase in the number of regional sporting events conducted in Montserrat, enhancing our tourism product.
- Actively seek to secure more scholarships for our athletes at all levels to further their education.

HERITAGE & PATRIMONY

Culture and heritage are quintessential elements which define Montserrat. MCAP is committed to the preservation and protection of our heritage. In order to preserve and enhance our cultural heritage, MCAP will:

- Provide funding and resources for the restoration, conservation, and preservation of both tangible and intangible aspects of Montserrat's heritage.
- Strengthen laws and regulations to protect our cultural heritage.
- Develop heritage tourism programs that showcase historical sites, traditions, and cultural practices.
- Invest in the digitization of historical documents, artifacts, and oral histories.
- Create online archives and databases to allow public access to and the preservation of cultural resources.
- Provide grants, awards, and incentives for individuals and organisations leading heritage preservation projects
- Upgrade the Montserrat Cultural Center.





10 ARTS, CULTURE & CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

MCAP acknowledges the added value Montserrat's arts, cultural and creative industries bring to its development, as an expression of our national identity and as a key economic asset. MCAP will:

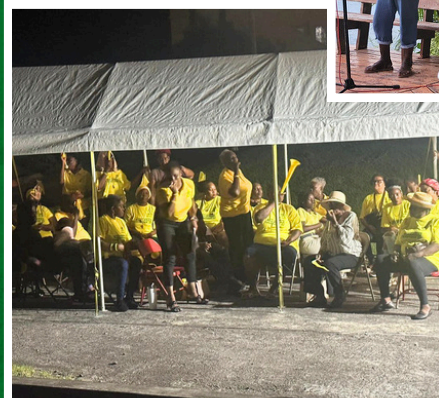
- Offer duty free concessions for materials used in craft items.
- Create a centralized domestic merchandise market.
- Review withholding taxes levied on promoters and artists during festival seasons
- Partner with schools to integrate local arts and cultural history into the curriculum.
- Increase budgetary support for arts and culture.
- Expand local festivals in to attract more visitors, and boost the economy.



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