
Checklist

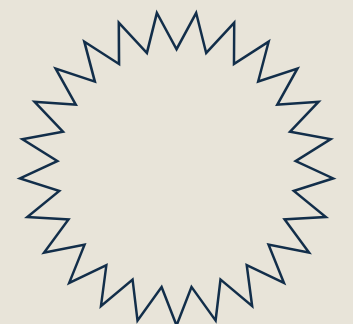
Tips for meeting MPs

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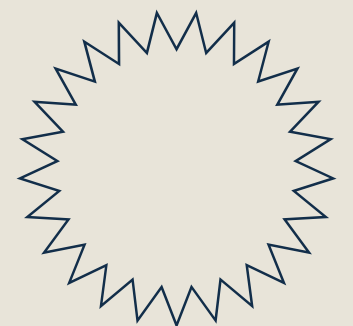
before the meeting.

- KNOW HOW MANY MEMBERS LIVE IN THEIR CONSTITUENCY
CHECK THE MP'S BIOGRAPHY, READ UP ON THEIR INTERESTS
- FIND OUT THEIR APPROACH TO YOUR ORGANISATION
- ARE ANY OF YOUR MEMBERS RUNNING DECENTRALISED CAMPAIGNS IN THEIR AREA?
- DO YOU HAVE ANY LIVE CAMPAIGNS THAT ARE UNDER THEIR CURRENT OR PAST PORTFOLIOS?
- QUICK GOOGLE SEARCH TO FIND THE LATEST NEWS ON THEM
- WRITE UP A ONE OR TWO PAGE DOCUMENT INCLUDING KEY POINTS YOU WANT TO COVER



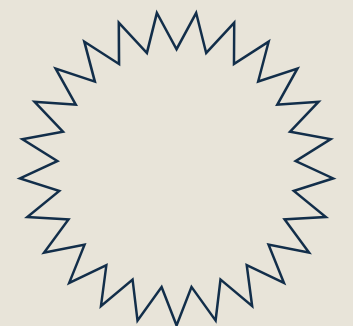
at the meeting.

- INTRODUCTIONS ARE KEY: E.G. EXPLAIN YOUR ROLE
REMAIN POLITE, OPEN AND FIRM
- TELL THE STORY OF YOUR ORGANISATION (FUNDING,
MEMBERSHIP, CAMPAIGNS, MISSION)
- GET THEM TO COMMIT TO SOMETHING AT THE MEETING -
EVEN IF IT'S SMALL
- RESPOND TO HOSTILE MPS BY LISTENING & TAKING THEIR
CONCERNS ON BOARD BUT DON'T PROMISE ANYTHING
- PRESENT THEM WITH THE ONE OR TWO PAGER:
REAFFIRMING YOUR POINTS



after the meeting.

- EMAIL THANKS, KEY POINTS YOU DISCUSSED & A REMINDER OF WHAT THEY AND YOU ARE NOW DOING
- REMEMBER TO FOLLOW THIS UP IF YOU DON'T HEAR BACK
- WRITE A BRIEF NOTE ABOUT WHAT WAS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING & MAKE SURE IT'S ACCESSIBLE FOR FUTURE STAFF WHO MAY MEET WITH THEM



ongoing.

- MAINTAIN THE RELATIONSHIP -
ASK THEIR OPINION ON A CAMPAIGN, OR SOMETHING
THEY'RE WORKING ON, IF A DECENTRALISED MEMBER-LED
CAMPAIGN POPS UP IN THEIR AREA, OR IF YOU'RE DOING
SOMETHING IN THEIR CONSTITUENCY
- MAKE SURE THEY KNOW YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE,
AND YOU'RE ONLY GETTING STRONGER!

