

Tips for meeting your member of parliament

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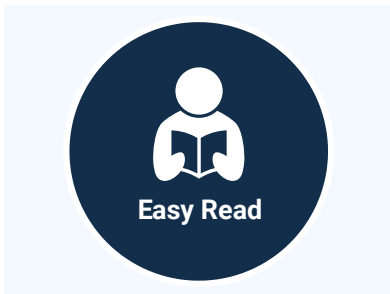


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We use pictures to explain some ideas.



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What is a Member of Parliament?



A member of parliament is a person you vote for at election time.



An election is when people vote to say who they want to make decisions.



Members of Parliament are people who:

- make new laws
- speak up for their local area
- check that the government is working properly



In this guide we will call Members of Parliament an MP.



You can meet your member of parliament.

Why meet your MP?



Knowing your MP can help your campaign.



You can meet your MP to talk about many things.



You can:

- Talk about your campaign

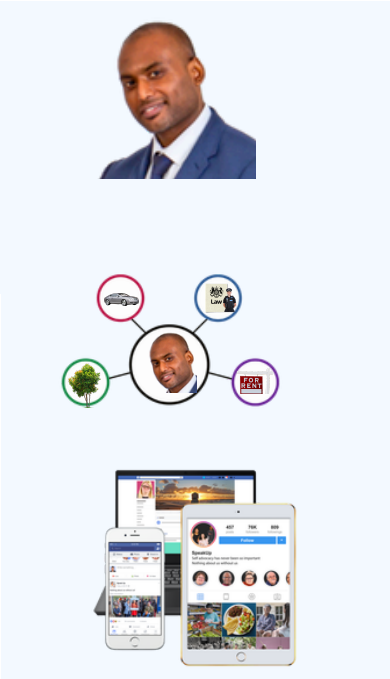


- Talk about an organisation you work for or with



- Ask for things
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Before the meeting



You can learn:

- what the MP looks like
- what they are interested in
- news about the MP

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Do any group members know the MP?

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Does the MP already know your group?

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Write your key points on 1 or 2 pages.

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At the meeting



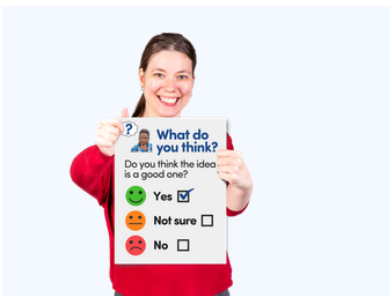
Say hello and be polite.

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Talk about your campaign.

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Ask your MP to say yes to a goal.

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Give your MP your 1 or 2 pages.

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Listen to your MP.

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After the meeting



Email your MP saying thanks.



Remind them about:

- your key points
- what you are doing
- what they will do



Email again if they don't reply.



Write some notes about what you talked about for you and your organisation.



Keep going



Stay in contact with your MP.

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Ask your MP about what they are working on.

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Tell them your group cares about the issue.

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Tell them your group is growing stronger.

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Summary



Meeting your MP can help your campaign.



Learn about them and what they do.



Tell them about:

- you and your organisation
 - the changes you want
 - your key points
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Stay in contact with your MP.



Good luck with meeting with your MP.

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