

# Tips for meeting your member of parliament

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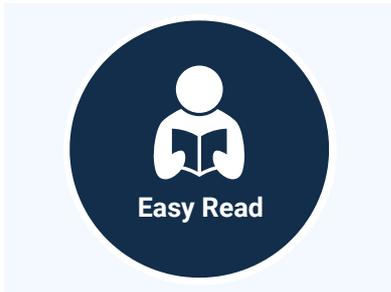
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We wrote this guide in an easy to read way.

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.

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

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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.

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# Why meet your MP?



Knowing your MP can help your campaign.

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You can meet your MP to talk about many things.

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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



Do any group members know the MP?



Does the MP already know your group?



Write your key points on 1 or 2 pages.



## At the meeting



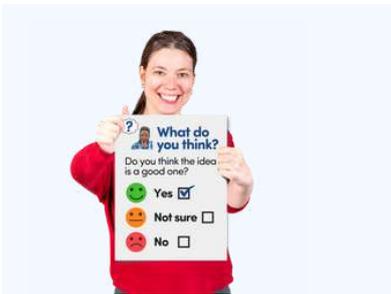
Say hello and be polite.

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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.

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Learn about them and what they do.

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Tell them about:

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

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Good luck with meeting with your MP.

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