

# How to get involved in your local Labour Party

## *Usdaw is involved at every level of the Labour Party.*

- Thousands of Usdaw members are **individual members** of the Labour Party. As an individual member you are able to attend your local Party branch meeting and put forward Usdaw's point of view as well as playing a full part in general and campaigning work. It is only £1.88\* per month – why not ask a friend to join as well.
- Some members are also elected as **local Councillors** and play an important role in working with the Union, for example, on tackling anti-social behaviour in shops.
- Most Usdaw branches **affiliate to Constituency Labour Parties (CLPs)**, and many send delegates to represent the branch on the CLP General Committee. This allows them to promote our campaigns to gain support on Usdaw issues such as low pay and employment rights.
- Usdaw sends **delegations** every year to Regional and National Labour Party Conference and plays a full part in the Party's Policy Forums. This means that the Union is fully involved at all levels at which Party policy is being formulated.
- Usdaw has a representative on the **National Executive Committee** which is responsible for the Party's overall direction, and has close contact with a **Parliamentary Group** of MPs who raise Usdaw issues in the House of Commons.

***As an individual member of the Labour Party, you can get involved in Party activity and make sure that the Union's voice is heard on issues of importance to our members.***

- If you are helping in an Usdaw campaign on an issue such as Freedom From Fear, Parents and Carers or improvements to the National Minimum Wage then you can raise this at a meeting of your Labour Party branch. If you are a delegate to your Constituency Party you can move a proposition at the meeting.
- You can join in with Labour Party campaigns in your area, particularly if they are on issues which are important to Usdaw. If you have been working on Usdaw campaigns, you will already have a lot to contribute.
- You can work with the local Labour Party on election campaigns. You will probably find it best to start by working with Usdaw members in an Usdaw for Labour election team, but if you then want to go on and do more in the Party they will be very pleased to see you.
- You can be nominated by your Union branch to attend National Labour Party Conferences as part of Usdaw's delegation.

**Remember – as with all political activity – you can get involved as little or as much as you like in the Labour Party. Your experience in Usdaw will mean that you always have a valid contribution to make and there will always be something to do that suits your talents.**

If you would like more information about getting involved in the Labour Party, please contact Usdaw's Political Office on **0161 249 2452** or email **[usdawforlabour@usdaw.org.uk](mailto:usdawforlabour@usdaw.org.uk)**

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