



## politics needs a new face

The welfare state is being torn apart by Tory austerity. The NHS, benefits, the fire service – nothing has been safe from their axe. The Lib Dems have been the Tories' coalition stoges. And all the main parties have fuelled the rise of UKIP by trying to pin the blame on migrants.

Labour, who should be standing up against all this, have failed again and again to do so. They have even joined in with attacking the poorest, instead of the real culprits: the rich and the bankers who blew up the economy.

That is why the Left Unity party exists. Founded in November 2013, Left Unity already has around 2,000 members and 50 branches across the country.

This is a new kind of party, with feminism, socialism, environmentalism and anti-racism at its heart. It's a party that supports the campaigns and struggles of ordinary people, for public services, for equality, and for real democracy, and it is against all forms of discrimination.

We say no one should have to choose between heating and eating, no one should have to pay for their healthcare or education – and everyone should have a roof over their head. It's that simple.

## join left unity

if you'd like to join us in building the new party of the left in Britain, and have a say in its policies, become a member today.

**name**

**address**

**postcode**

**email**

**phone number**

members pay a subscription of £1.50 per quarter (unwaged) or £6 per quarter (waged). we will be in touch to set up your payments – and welcome you to the party!

or join online at [www.leftunity.org](http://www.leftunity.org)

# doing politics differently



Big business has four parties. Isn't it about time the rest of us had one?

Left Unity is a new kind of political party inspired by the rise of Syriza, Podemos and other European radical left parties.

We need a party to take democracy back from the political and financial elites. It's not an easy task – but it's a necessary one.

## campaigning on the streets

Where you find resistance, you'll find Left Unity. From the movement in solidarity with Palestine to the anti-war demonstrations, anti-imperialism is central to our party. We were part of the People's March for the NHS too, as well as the movement against the bedroom tax and many more.



## based on real democracy

In traditional political parties the leaders make it up as they go along – they make a speech one day and that becomes the party's new policy. In Left Unity, all our policy is made democratically at our conferences. Everyone can take part in drafting policies and everyone gets a vote on them.

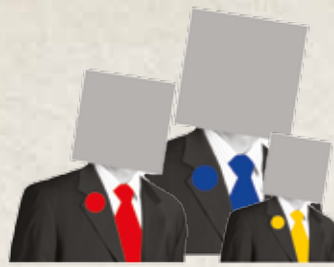


## challenging the big parties

We've had enough of the Westminster elite – the narrow group of career politicians who run all the main parties. They are completely detached from ordinary people and don't represent us. From MPs' expenses to corporate lobbying and 'safe seats', we want to put an end to corruption in politics.

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### they say

The cuts are 'necessary'

Too much public spending caused the crisis

Workers should have a pay freeze

The private sector has a place in the NHS

Fracking should go ahead

Immigration should be reduced

MPs should get a 10% pay rise this year

Council housing is a relic of the past

Strikes are wrong

Benefits are 'handouts' and should be frozen or cut

Disabled people claiming benefits should be tested to catch 'fakers'

People are unemployed because they aren't looking for work hard enough

University students should pay tuition fees

Private firms should run the railways, water, electricity and gas

We can stop climate change with gradual measures

Democracy means putting a cross in a box once every five years

### we say

There's no need for a single cut

The bankers' financial gambling caused the crisis

Pay should rise and the minimum wage should go up to a living wage

Our NHS should be a public service free from profit

Ban fracking now

Migrants are welcome here and we stand against racism

MPs should only get the average worker's salary

We need publicly owned and truly affordable housing – and no one should be homeless while homes lie empty

Every worker has a right to strike and we stand in solidarity with them

We defend everyone's right to claim benefits and they should rise to a decent level

Tick-box tests are a disgrace with no scientific basis and must be abolished

People are unemployed through no fault of their own because there aren't enough jobs in the economy

Education should be free from nursery to university – cancel student debt

The railways and all utilities should be renationalised

We need a million green jobs to fight climate change

Democracy means a society and economy run by and for the people