

EASY READ
centre
CONSTITUTION

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Here we set out our constitution.



It explains our organisation and the rules we follow when running.

Centre

Words like "us", "we", and "our" all mean Centre. This document only applies if we have your information.

Whilst we have tried to include as much information in this guide as possible, you may need to look at our longer length version for all the information about our disability policy.

Objectives:

- We are a cross party think tank and pressure group. We fight for a strong welfare state and free markets.
- We research political issues and make new policy ideas.
- We work with people across politics when we agree with them.
- We believe in centrist politics.

Voting procedures:

- New policies can be proposed by any member, they also need the support of three team members.
- The Director mediates discussion, tries to come up with a decision within the team. They would discuss the policy in depth.
- Every team member has one vote.

- More than half of the team present have to vote in favour for it to pass.
- If passed, it ends up in our 'key aims' document.'
- Members are able to hold their own personal opinion, these are just the overall positions of the organisation.
- Please note, spokespeople have a veto over new policies being passed in their area- for a policy to be passed when the spokesperson agrees it needs 60% support from the rest of the team, instead of 50%.

Meetings:

- We have one meeting a month. We use these to plan campaigns and talk about new policy ideas and papers.

Our team:

- This is the decision-making body and is sometimes called the 'Executive'.
- To become a member, there needs to be a vote by the other team members, and you need to be a member of Centre. You will also need to hold a role, so you can only join if there is an empty one.
- The team and roles are structured in four layers: administration, spokespeople, regional chairs/state chairs, digital campaigns team.
- There is also an independent complaints team that works parallel to the Centre team.
- The role that each of our team is required to perform is outlined within our main document.

Regional/state teams

- Our constitution also allows for there to be regional and state teams under their own team member, who is the Chair.
- These roles and responsibilities are further explained in the constitution.

Our membership:

- Being a member of Centre is free.
- Members are allowed to propose policies, join our forum, and send us digital content.
- Members must support our main principles and keep to our code of conduct.
- Members under 18 can also join Young Centre.

Accountability:

- No confidence votes against members of our main team can be triggered if 10% of the rest of the team want one.
- If more than half vote in favour, it passes. This means that the person will be removed out of their position.
- The main team is able to run a no-confidence vote in members of the state/regional teams.
- State/regional teams can apply the main team procedure within their own executives.