

## **rs21 and Your Party**

*Motion agreed at an All Member Assembly on 21 September 2025.*

The possibility of a new party of the left has excited hundreds of thousands of people. How we intervene as revolutionary socialists can make a real difference.

Most of those who have signed up to support Your Party have done so because they are furious with Labour and expect it to be at least as radical as the 2019 Corbyn manifesto, which proposed significant reforms to capitalism. Most will be sympathetic to unionisation and to social movements such as those around Palestine, climate and opposing the far right, but see elections as the way to win change and therefore as the party's central task. Some see other struggles as a way to build electoral support.

The logic of capitalism drives us towards war and ecological breakdown. It cannot be significantly reformed any more. The ruling class won't give up power if they lose an election. The repressive capitalist state must be destroyed in a revolution to replace capitalism with a socialist society with real democracy which stretches into the economy and the workplace.

We want electoral considerations to be subordinated to both sound political principles and to the needs of the wider class struggle. A left party builds on sand if it makes unprincipled concessions in pursuit of votes.

In the short and medium term Your Party presents a number of opportunities including:

- To organise the large number of previously unorganised leftists
- To encourage greater unity in action on the left
- To create a critical mass of left organisation which can strengthen and politically radicalise class struggle, including in areas where the left has historically been weak
- To shift public debate to the left
- To create spaces for debate and discussion on the left
- To carry out propaganda, agitation, campaigning and political education on a mass scale

We want to contribute to building a mass revolutionary party, but recognise that Your Party will not be revolutionary any time soon. We will work for revolutionary politics within Your Party while keeping an open mind about how that could develop. For example, revolutionaries could eventually win a majority, or there could be splits to the right or left.

We will work to build Your Party in our areas and unions, fight for the maximum democracy within it and seek to win people we are working with to our politics.

While we must be open about our politics, we recognise that winning people to them is not a matter of proclaiming them. We win an audience by being amongst the best activists and win people over with our ideas through a mix of argument and example. Effective argument involves listening to and engaging with the views of people who don't agree.

rs21 will not focus on our differences with other parts of the left at the expense of building shared organisation or united action. But neither will we hide our affiliations, our politics or our differences. Printed publications (from leaflets to journals) can help promote rs21's profile and politics and help members identify themselves as such. We instruct the Steering Group to invite proposals from members and to consider the benefits, costs and practicalities of options for a new rs21 printed publication.

We reaffirm and develop the principles agreed at the July 2025 All Member Assembly (AMA) to inform our interventions:

1. Anticapitalism
2. Opposition to the British state and its imperialist interventions
3. Solidarity with all oppressed groups, a refusal to allow compromise with oppression or nationalism, and in particular championing Palestinian liberation, trans liberation and migrant solidarity
4. Prioritising the broader class struggle over narrow electoralism
5. Commitment to building transparent democratic structures and a healthy democratic culture
6. Opposing party representatives joining government at local, devolved or national level unless it has enough support to implement its policies;

The machinations of the secret leadership before the founding conference highlight anti-democratic tendencies and are profoundly concerning. In the short term, fights over democracy will play a central role in Your Party. We recognise that there are people with a wide range of politics who share our commitment to democracy, and there are those who would claim to be revolutionary socialists who do not.

We will work with other groups and individuals in order to win the following democratic structures, developing those agreed at the July 2025 AMA:

1. A collective leadership body, elected by Single Transferable Vote;
2. Open and mandatory reselection for all candidates for election, at all levels;
3. Clear processes to allow the membership to recall members of leadership bodies, candidates for election, and elected representatives of the party;
4. Commitment to deliberative democracy, where members can make, debate and prioritise proposals before voting on them;

5. A conference at least once a year that is the supreme decision-making body of the party, made up of delegates elected from local branches;
6. A high degree of autonomy for local branches, only being bound by decisions of the conference;
7. Freedom for members to organise permanent or temporary self-organised groups, caucuses or factions;
8. Freedom of speech for members.

rs21 members have considerable experience of campaigning for policy positions or elected positions within unions. We know that left coalitions can help this process, but that our allies on one issue may be our opponents on another, and that people who would be seen as on the left in one union would be seen as part of the right in another. Who we need to ally with depends on the struggles being fought and on the balance of forces. In the immediate term, we will participate in the moves towards building a tendency for basebuilding, democracy, the development of popular power, and anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist politics.

We will engage with promising initiatives that seek to unite activists around clear aims, for example winning an orientation on activism and maximising democracy within Your Party. We will encourage convergence of such initiatives in ways which are consistent with our principles. If a tendency emerges along these lines soon we will seek to work within it, including around TWT and the founding conference. We also do not preclude being part of groupings for the purpose of internal elections, for example around the founding conference. Such initiatives might lead to more-or-less permanent groupings in the future, but at this stage in the process any outcomes can only be provisional. As the political terrain within Your Party becomes clearer, so will the opportunities for a more general left caucus.