

Transition Network Protocol on engagement with party politics

This protocol sets out the approach Transition Network will use when engaging with politicians or party political matters.

Transition Network is working to inspire, encourage, connect, support and train communities who are self-organising around the Transition model.

People involved in the Transition movement have a wide range of political views and affiliations and are themselves seeking to connect with, and appeal to, all sections of their community.

We are an organisation that wants change at all levels of scale and we're particularly focused on supporting change to happen at a local level.

Political parties and institutions are part of the landscape within which we're operating. People within the Transition movement differ in the extent to which they are interested in pursuing change by engaging with the various tiers of government and working through party political channels.

For all these reasons, Transition Network will not:

- align ourselves formally or explicitly with any political party
- urge support for any particular party

Transition Network may, from time to time:

- share platforms with representatives of political parties
- explore the potential impact of party policies on the changes we want to see in the world
- publish interviews with, and articles by, party spokespeople.

In deciding what activities to undertake and what information to publish, Transition Network will:

- take a balanced approach which recognises and engages with the full range of political opinions;
- subject politicians, their policies and opinions to critical appraisal guided by our principles and focusing always on the changes we want to see in the world.

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