



CiPol Local Groups

Values & Purpose



Values

PARTICIPATE, DON'T JUST COMMENTATE

We encourage Christians to be actively involved in the political sphere by joining parties and campaigns and by standing for office, both locally and nationally, rather than just talking about those who do.

KINGDOM BEFORE TRIBE

As we all know, politics can be dangerously tribal. We believe in the importance of being in political tribes, but we also believe in the importance of not losing our identity to the tribe.

Our identity is found firmly in Christ and our primary allegiance is to him. Not that kingdom before tribe is always easy to work out! This value enables us to come together from across the political spectrum, modelling good agreement and disagreement.

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Politics can be a world of self-promotion, and we unashamedly follow the example of Jesus, who in the words of John 13 'knew that the Father had put all things under his power', but at that very moment chose to wash his disciples' feet. He shows us that we should not be scared of power but also shows the correct way of using it.

HONOURING THE BODY

Our strategy is to work in partnership with the church both locally and nationally. We are hugely encouraged by the life springing up through various forms of Churches Together entities across the UK. At its best Christians in Politics serves the vision of local churches trying to impact the sphere of governance and politics.

Purpose

The purpose of local groups is to provide mutual support for those who are actively involved in politics, rather than being a safe replacement for meaningful involvement. People can be politically involved in many ways; as candidates, as intercessors, as administrators, as pastors, as design experts, as practical helpers and the list goes on...!

GROUPS WILL:

- Pray, listen, and campaign for sisters and brothers.
- Be active in grappling theologically with the challenges and opportunities of being involved in the sphere of politics.
- Attempt to hold one another accountable in their political involvement.
- Seek to encourage others into political engagement, making the biblical case.
- Attempt to discern where God is directing their specific group.
- Work in partnership with Christians in Politics making use of Christians in Politics resources, and maintaining regular relational connection with the Christians in Politics core team.
- Agree to adhere to the values of Christians in Politics.