

A People's Charter for Democracy

We the undersigned believe that the existing system of government fails to represent the interests of the vast majority of people and is democratic in name only. Instead, the state's primary purpose is to promote business interests at the expense of ordinary working people.

Under these conditions, our hard-won right to vote is undermined and the mass of people are effectively disenfranchised. As the global financial and economic disaster deepens, we refuse to pay for the crisis of capitalism through mass unemployment, repossession of homes, loss of pensions, tax and price rises and cuts in spending on vital services.

We therefore support the campaign for a republican Britain based on a written constitution that would:

- ▶ end the rule of political elites and bureaucracies and instead create new local, regional and national Assemblies, representing diverse communities and workplaces
- ▶ extend democracy through co-operative forms of ownership and workplace control of major corporations, enterprises and services
- ▶ establish social rights to housing, education, health, transport, training, employment, pensions and care in older age
- ▶ guarantee basic human rights to organise, strike, speak and act free from state surveillance and interference
- ▶ safeguard the civil and religious rights of minority communities and adopt a "no borders" approach to refugees and asylum seekers
- ▶ eliminate speculation and profit as the basis for society, ensuring that both ecological care and basic human needs shape production, consumption and lifestyles.

We will initiate, encourage and support all actions such as campaigns to stop repossessions, occupations of threatened workplaces and the rejection of higher fuel and transport charges.

To this end, we will work to establish local and national Conventions for Democracy to build support for the transfer of political and economic power to the majority.

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