

The Party [1]

The world is changing



Like so many people, we're fed up with mainstream politics. [We're ready to be the alternative](#) [2]. We stand for a society fit for the 21st century, a Britain where everyone can get their fair share. We believe in putting digital rights, personal freedoms and holding government to account at the heart of politics where they belong.

It's easy to feel powerless in the UK today, our society and culture is being divided up and parcelled out. Many find the online world is a place to reclaim some freedom. But here too, we are increasingly [watched and restricted](#) [3]. We're here to say it doesn't have to be like that.

These days, if you stand up for equal access to [medicines](#) [4] or for a free Internet you get called a Pirate. We believe that being a Pirate means that you are independent minded. And independent minded politics is what we need right now. Forget about right and left, it's what's right that matters.

We firmly believe how politics is done needs fundamental change- democracy is in danger with falling turnout. We are leading the way with our crowdsourced [manifesto](#) [2], a process which involved thousands of people. We really do carry out one [member](#) [5], one vote.

The Pirate Party movement started in Sweden, standing up for Internet freedom and government transparency. Following the Swedish success in 2009's Euro elections the Pirate Party was set up in the UK in July of that year. Since then we have broadened out our policy, stood candidates in elections, taken part in demonstrations, spoken up in the media and not been afraid to cause controversy.

The Pirate Party is a democratic political party built on grassroots support and the work of volunteers. We are activists who are standing for office, not identikit grey politicians. Day to day running of the party and campaigns is handled by the [National Executive](#) [6], there is an independent [Board](#) [7] for oversight. Operations of the party include [Press](#) [8], the Social Media Team, the IT team and the [Leader's Office](#) [9]. We are in the process of building up local presences with branches.

More than anything, we believe that for the country to change, for politics to change you have to be actively involved.

Outdated politics must change, and will change. The only question is when and who will change them. [Join us](#) [5], and help make this change happen now!

You might feel politically homeless right now. You might feel that nothing can change. You might think you're not a "politician". Join with us, with people from a wide range of backgrounds to make the real alternative.

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