



# Constitution

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# 1. Name and Purpose

- 1.1. The name of the Scottish Party in English is Your Party Scotland
- 1.2. The name of the Scottish Party in Gaelic (Gàidhlig) is Am Pàrtaidh Agaibh na h-Alba.
- 1.3. Your Party Scotland shall be, in its initial months, an autonomous nation of Your Party, with its own national structures - including governance and leadership.
- 1.4. Your Party Scotland's Scottish Executive Committee (SEC) shall engage and consult with the Your Party Central Executive Committee (CEC) with regards to presenting an option to become an organisationally independent sister party of Your Party within one year of its founding conference.
- 1.5. The final decision to become organisationally independent, and to adopt amended, organisationally independent versions of the founding documents, must be ratified by a further conference upon the completion of the process, open to all members of Your Party Scotland.

# 2. Party Principles

- 2.1. Your Party Scotland is a member-led democratic, anti-racist, anti-colonialist and anti-imperialist socialist party that stands for social justice, peace and international solidarity.
- 2.2. Our goal is to create an egalitarian society by the transfer of wealth and power, now concentrated in the hands of the few, to the overwhelming majority in a democratic, socialist society, including through the democratic public ownership of the major sectors of the economy including banks.
- 2.3. Our task is to build a mass democratic party for the many, rooted in a broad and united popular alliance with the working class at its heart.
- 2.4. Our aim is to win elections with a socialist programme of action for real change, but also to transform our country, in the interests of the many, not the few.
- 2.5. Your Party Scotland and our elected councillors and parliamentarians will never vote for cuts and will support the moving of legal no cuts budgets in council chambers and in Holyrood.
- 2.6. Your Party Scotland will be visible between elections, not just around them. We will be committed to working with our many diverse communities, because we believe that diversity is a strength rather than a hindrance.
- 2.7. Your Party Scotland recognises the ongoing and evolving nature of the Scottish constitutional debate, and the variety of deeply held views held by our members and the wider Scottish public. We support and will defend the right to self-determination, including the right of the Scottish Parliament to call a second referendum on independence.
- 2.8. Your Party Scotland believes that an independent Scotland is the best route to improve the lives of people in Scotland and achieve socialism.
- 2.9 We seek to change the balance of power at every level of society, by organising and campaigning in communities and workplaces, in trade unions, social and grassroots movements, across the regions of Scotland.

2.10. Your Party Scotland is committed to equality across our society. We oppose all forms of prejudice, oppression, discrimination and scapegoating, which are weaponised by ruling elites to divide people and communities.

2.11. We reject a capitalist order that is responsible for grotesque levels of inequality both at home and abroad. We favour the extension of democracy over the economy, including the public ownership of key sectors and services.

2.12. The same economic order that exploits people is destroying the planet, fuelling the global climate and ecological crises that threaten us all - crises which Scotland has played a role in creating, and which disproportionately threaten communities in the global south. Your Party Scotland commits to urgent, radical action that is rooted in sustainability and environmental justice. This includes a fair, rapid and just transition to green energy, food and industry. Crucially, we also pledge to protect, restore and grant rights to nature, in our aim to create a society where humans live with respect for the natural world and all other beings.

2.13. We oppose the global system of imperial domination and colonisation, and support movements for national liberation and self-determination. We stand against militarism and for a world free of nuclear weapons.

2.14. Your Party Scotland stands for freedom – from poverty, exploitation and war – and in defence of democratic rights and liberties. Our focus will be on social need, not personal greed.

2.15. Billionaires and corporations are now in control of our country. Your Party Scotland aims at its democratic and socialist transformation: by redistributing that power and wealth to all.

2.16. Your Party Scotland will create a better future, built on strong socialist values and a fair economy, with roots in solidarity, community, social justice, and the redistribution of power and wealth to all.

## 3. Party Structures

### 3.1. Conference

3.1.1. Your Party Scotland shall hold an annual Scottish Conference, which, in addition to hearing reports on the Party's activities, shall consider issues of party policy, party structures. and organisation.

3.1.2. The party membership shall be sovereign, as expressed through the Scottish Conference and all-member votes, with its decisions binding on Your Party Scotland's representatives, bodies, and public office holders.

3.1.3. Arrangements for the Scottish Conference shall be laid down in Your Party Scotland's standing orders.

3.1.4. The Scottish Conference shall have powers to amend Your Party Scotland's Constitution. In the first year following the Founding Conference, a simple majority, defined as 50% plus one, shall be required to propose and ratify constitutional amendments. Thereafter, a two-thirds supermajority shall be required in order to be proposed and ratified.

## 3.2. Scottish Executive Committee

3.2.1. Your Party Scotland shall have a Scottish Executive Committee (SEC) which shall be responsible for the running of Your Party Scotland, overseeing any staffing, guiding its operations, allocating its resources, driving its strategy within parameters set by the Scottish Conference, and determining its tactics.

3.2.2. Until the first SEC is elected, which must take place within eight weeks of the founding conference, the members of the Scottish Conference Organising Group will act as the interim executive committee of Your Party Scotland, working in conjunction with the other relevant Scottish and UK-wide bodies of Your Party. Any members of the Scottish Conference Organising Group standing for SEC positions must excuse themselves from any discussions or decisions relating to the election of the SEC.

3.2.3. The SEC shall consist of 16 ordinary members, the national officers, and one public office holder representative. There shall be additional reserved seats for organised sections (no more than five). Ordinary members will be elected biennially with one seat elected using one-member-one-vote by members in each of the eight Scottish Parliamentary regions, and eight further seats elected biennially by all members in Scotland, with balancing used in these seats to ensure gender balance across all ordinary members.

3.2.4. The membership will additionally elect national officers including Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Political Officer, and Spokesperson, who shall make up the Scottish Officers' Group.

3.2.5. None of the Officers may be members of either national parliament, ensuring democratic lay-member leadership of the party.

3.2.6. The Scottish Officers' Group shall oversee the running of Your Party Scotland between SEC meetings.

3.2.7. The SEC shall hold the power to instruct Your Party Scotland public office holders to vote in line with Your Party Scotland policy on occasions of crucial votes. It shall not, however, hold the power to centrally suspend the whip for political reasons. Public office holders shall be accountable first and foremost to their local branches, through both recall and mandatory reselection mechanisms.

3.2.8. Regularity of meetings and the establishment of other groups, working groups, or subcommittees shall all be matters at the discretion of the SEC.

3.2.9. SEC members may be recalled if more than 40% of all members in the relevant electorate sign an official recall petition.

3.2.10. Scotland's representatives on the Your Party Central Executive Committee (CEC) shall sit on the SEC as an observer.

## 3.3. Leadership

3.3.1. The Party shall be collectively led by ordinary members elected to the SEC, with the Chair, Deputy Chair, and Spokesperson in particular serving as the public political leadership.

## 3.4. Branches

3.4.1. The party shall have branches across Scotland, linked by default to Holyrood parliamentary constituencies. These branches can be organised along other lines (e.g. Holyrood regions, Westminster constituencies, local authorities, electoral wards etc.) where appropriate, such as in areas with low membership, or large constituencies where the geography requires more localised organising.

3.4.1.1. Any such changes will be subject to a majority vote by members of the affected Holyrood constituency-aligned branch and a majority of members in the affected area. Where one of these criteria is met but not the other, the SEC will arbitrate for a satisfactory outcome.

3.4.2. Branches shall be established through the holding of inaugural all-member meetings, which may take place online or hybrid and must be attended by either 10 members or 10% of Party members in the relevant area - whichever is higher - to be quorate. A minimum of five branch officers must be elected at this meeting which must include Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Organiser and Workplace Liaison.

3.4.3. If branches wish to organise along different lines to Holyrood constituency boundaries (e.g. ward-based; local authority-based) then they can do so, provided the proposal is subject to an all-member vote in the relevant area, in which a simple majority would be required to organise along different boundaries.

3.4.4. Branches shall be able to form ward-specific groups to allow more localised organisation and discussion. Branch officers can be elected to represent ward-specific groups and be responsible for reporting their activities back to the wider branch.

3.4.5. Other officer positions could include representative (e.g. women, disabled, LGBT+, racialised) and liaison (trade unions, social movement, local organisation) roles.

3.4.6. Provision shall be made for Affiliate Local Groups, enabling existing local and community independent groups, already registered with the Electoral Commission, to affiliate politically to the Party without immediately subsuming themselves to it. The option of becoming a part of the party shall remain open to these groups.

3.4.7. The Party shall have an Overseas Branch for members who remain eligible to vote in Scottish and UK elections.

3.4.8. All Branches shall be properly resourced, through national Party structures, to be able to carry out the full-range of organising activities in their communities, and shall have autonomy over spending their budgets.

3.4.9. All Branches shall have access to the data of members in their area through an official database.

3.4.10. All Branches shall run regular public-facing, local community assemblies. These assemblies shall be open, democratic forums, contributing to community activity and party policy development.

3.4.11. All Branches shall adopt a branch constitution. Branches shall have full autonomy in developing their Branch constitution provided it does not directly conflict with the Your Party Scotland constitution, standing orders, or fundamental principles of democracy and accountability. Matters on which the Your Party Scotland constitution and standing orders are silent are presumed to fall within the remit of Branch autonomy.

### 3.5. Regional Associations

3.5.1. The party shall have a regional association for each Scottish Parliament region.

3.5.2. Each Branch shall be a member of the Regional Association(s) for the Scottish Parliament region(s) its defined area falls within.

3.5.3. Branches shall elect a Regional Association committee

3.5.3.1. The regional association committees will be elected by an all-member vote of members living in the relevant region, with measures put in place by the SEC to ensure adequate branch representation.

3.5.4. Regional Association committees shall meet at least quarterly to discuss issues of particular relevance to their region and develop collaboration across Branches. These meetings may be in person, hybrid, or fully online. The meetings shall be open for any member in the region to attend as an observer.

### 3.6. Community Organising

3.6.1. Community organising structures and their goals shall be defined and run by the local branches, working in collaboration with local grassroots organisations, with a remit and duty to ensure community organising and action take place.

3.6.2. Regional associations shall offer and coordinate regional support for community organising, and the SEC will ensure national community organising resources and efforts exist to lend support and advice.

## 4. Membership

4.1. All members of Your Party who are ordinarily resident in Scotland, or otherwise would be eligible to vote in Scottish elections, shall be considered members of Your Party Scotland.

4.2. Members shall be permitted to hold membership in other UK-wide political parties as per the conditions set out in the Your Party constitution. Members shall be permitted to hold membership in other Scottish socialist political parties, except those determined by the SEC as not aligning with Your Party Scotland's values. The prohibited list shall be subject to ongoing SEC review and annual ratification by the Scottish Conference. Until the SEC conducts its first review of the prohibited list, no member will be denied membership of Your Party Scotland on the basis of membership of another political party.

## 5. Party Affiliates

5.1. Trade unions can affiliate at a local, regional and national basis, and send representatives to Your Party structures. A process for affiliation will be developed by the SEC.