



**Grŵp Cynrychiolaeth Llafur Cymru**  
**Welsh Labour Representation Group**

# **Constitution**

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## Preamble

The Welsh Labour Representation Group is a socialist organisation committed to the cause of greater representation for the people of Wales, founded to promote and explore the potential constitutional avenues that lead to the realisation of a socialist Wales.

### 1. Name

- 1.1. The name of the group shall be Grŵp Cynrychiolaeth Llafur Cymru / Welsh Labour Representation Group (GCLIC/WLRG for short), hereinafter referred to as 'the Group'.

### 2. Aims

- 2.1. The aims of the Group are:
  - 2.1.1. To campaign for, and increase awareness of, all political avenues for greater representation for Wales;
  - 2.1.2. To encourage discourse around Wales' place in international frameworks;
  - 2.1.3. To participate in and promote the cause of socialism within the wider movement for self-determination in Wales;
  - 2.1.4. To further the aims and objectives of socialism in Wales; and
  - 2.1.5. To support Welsh Labour and all its candidates at elections.

### 3. Powers

- 3.1. To further these aims, the Group shall, through the Executive Committee, have the power to:
  - 3.1.1. Obtain, collect and receive money or funds by the way of contributions, donations, and any other lawful method towards the aims of the Group;
  - 3.1.2. Affiliate with Welsh Labour and any other organisations in a common effort to carry out the aims of the Group; and
  - 3.1.3. Do all such lawful things as will further the aims of the Group.
- 3.2. The Executive Committee has the discretion to reserve or suspend campaigning under clauses 2.1.1 and 2.1.3 of this constitution during national election periods.

#### **4. Membership**

- 4.1. Full membership of the Group will be open to all Welsh Labour members who accept the aims of the Group, regardless of nationality, religious beliefs, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or race.
- 4.2. Associate membership of the Group is open to all other persons who are interested in the aims of the Group.
- 4.3. The Executive Committee must establish an applications process for persons wishing to join the Group.
- 4.4. The Secretary shall keep a list of members, differentiating between full and associate members of the Group, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations 2016/679.
- 4.5. The Executive Committee may refuse any application for membership on the grounds of individual contradiction of the aims of the Group.
- 4.6. Any member wishing to withdraw from membership must submit to the Secretary of the Group a written notice. On receipt by the Secretary they will cease to be a member.
- 4.7. Any member may be expelled from membership by way of a resolution passed by a majority vote at a properly constituted general meeting, providing at least twenty-one days' notice of the proposed resolution has been given in writing to the member concerned. The member will be entitled to be heard on the resolution at the general meeting at which the resolution is proposed.
- 4.8. A membership fee may be set at the discretion of a general meeting.

#### **5. Privileges of Membership**

- 5.1. Only a full member of the Group may be a member of the Executive Committee.
- 5.2. All categories of membership shall have equal right to attend meetings.
- 5.3. Only a full member of the Group shall have voting rights at meetings.

#### **6. Executive Committee**

- 6.1. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Group which shall be the executive decision-making body of the Group. The policy and management of the affairs of the Group shall be directed by the Executive Committee.
- 6.2. The Executive Committee shall consist of officers as follows:
  - 6.2.1. President;
  - 6.2.2. Vice President;

6.2.3. Secretary; and

6.2.4. Treasurer.

6.3. Additionally, the Group may elect any other members deemed necessary to the Executive Committee in any period, up to a maximum of five.

6.4. Three members of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum.

6.5. The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Group, in accordance with article 4 herein and the standing orders.

6.6. The members of the Executive Committee shall hold office until the conclusion of the next election at the AGM of the Group, but shall be eligible for re-election.

6.7. Any casual vacancy on the Executive Committee may be filled by the Executive Committee, or may be filled through a by-election. Any person appointed to fill such a vacancy shall hold office until the conclusion of the next election at the AGM of the Group, and shall be eligible for re-election at that meeting.

6.8. All Executive Committee meetings are to be open meetings which all members of the Group are entitled to attend and speak at, but only members of the Executive Committee may vote at these meetings.

6.9. The Executive Committee shall have the power to establish subcommittees if required.

6.10. Any member of the Executive Committee may be removed by a simple majority of the members at a properly constituted general meeting.

## **7. General Meetings**

7.1. An AGM shall be convened for each calendar year, held within fifteen months of the preceding AGM.

7.2. Notices of all general meetings must be given to the members of the Group at least fourteen days before the published date, together with an agenda.

7.3. The largest of five members or twenty percent of the total membership shall form a quorum.

7.4. The AGM shall transact the following business:

7.4.1. Minutes of the previous AGM;

7.4.2. Consideration of the annual report provided by the Executive Committee;

7.4.3. Consideration of the annual statement of accounts; and

7.4.4. Election of members of the Executive Committee.

7.5. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called by the Executive Committee or by three members of the Group by application in writing to the President.

7.6. An EGM shall be carried out in the manner stated in 7.2 and 7.3.

## 8. **Finance**

8.1. The funds of the Group, including all donations, contributions, and bequests, shall be paid into an account operated by the Treasurer. All cheques drawn on the account must be signed off by at least two members of the Executive Committee.

8.2. The funds belonging to the Group shall be applied only to further the aims of the Group.

8.3. A current record of all income, funding, and expenditure, must be kept.

## 9. **Elections**

9.1. The election of Executive Committee members, specified in article 6, shall be held at the AGM. An EGM shall be called if by-elections are necessary.

9.2. All election voting shall be held in accordance with the standing orders.

## 10. **Constitutional Amendments**

10.1. Any amendments to this constitution must be posted on the agenda and must be carried by a two-thirds majority of those present at a properly constituted general meeting.

## 11. **Dissolution**

11.1. The Group may be dissolved by a resolution carried by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a properly constituted general meeting.

11.2. If dissolved, the Executive Committee shall distribute any assets remaining after the payment of all bills to other organisations having aims similar to the Group.