

Tackling intimidation is a cross-party issue; abuse knows no political boundaries.

Robust debate and scrutiny are essential aspects of public life; abuse and intimidation shouldn't be.

Join us by sharing the Civility Pledge to show you will be running a respectful campaign.



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Share your Civility Pledge

You can share your Civility Pledge by downloading the graphic and sharing the suggested post below, or quote tweeting our Pinned Tweet (live on 4 April).

You can use this post:

“Ahead of the May local elections, I am taking the @JoCoxFoundation's #CivilityPledge. I will run a respectful campaign, foster constructive democratic debate and demonstrate compassion. #MoreInCommon”

Or share your own wording – just make sure to **tag @JoCoxFoundation** and **use the hashtag #CivilityPledge**.

IN THE 2023 ELECTIONS, I PLEDGE TO:

1. Set a respectful tone when campaigning
2. Lead by example to foster constructive democratic debate
3. Demonstrate compassion by defending and promoting the dignity of others, especially my opponents

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Share your pledge through a video

If you'd like to share a video pledging your support – **we recommend the following:**

- Film in portrait mode
- Under a minute works best for social media
- State your name and the position you're running for
- You may wish to read the pledge or talk about the following:
 - **Why making the pledge is important to you**
 - **Why ending abuse and intimidation in public life is important**
 - **The impact that abuse can have on the diversity of our politics**



The Jo Cox Civility Commission

Share your suggestions for how to address the issue of abuse and intimidation of elected politicians

Abuse and intimidation of our elected representatives – including violence towards them – is one of the biggest threats to our democracy in the UK.

We have launched the **Jo Cox Civility Commission** to find practical recommendations to address this complex problem. The Commission will gather proposed solutions to the issue from participants across a wide range of sectors and those who lived experience of the issues.

If you have experienced abuse as a candidate, [please respond to our call for submissions.](#)

Guidance for Candidates: What to do when it goes too far

The [Joint Guidance for Candidates in Elections](#) has been co-produced by the Electoral Commission, CPS, NPCC and the College of Policing with input from organisations including The Jo Cox Foundation.

The guide can be referred to when campaigning should you face abuse and intimidation.

We recommend reading this guide – which includes information on contacting the police, protecting yourself, family and colleagues and specific legislative guidance – so that you are prepared, should any instances of abuse arise.

Partnership with Compassion in Politics

We're delighted to be running this pledge in partnership with the cross-party group Compassion in Politics.

Compassion in Politics campaign for a politics that has cooperation, inclusion, and compassion at its heart.

They are supporting us with research and promotion and we will be working with them on campaign follow-up to turn pledges into action.





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