

Education for a Democratic Society

Submission to Labour's Policy Consultation 2018 – Towards a National Education Service

1. We believe that a vital part of education in a democratic society is to develop a widespread understanding of the nature and powers of our elected bodies, and the rights and responsibilities of all those elected to serve on them. In the light of our party's commitment to lowering the voting age to 16, this is especially important for young people. To create a wider understanding of such matters would be greatly beneficial to democracy, and increase participation in our political life and civil society.

2. We would therefore like to see an addition to principle 4 of the charter so that it reads as follows:

High quality education is essential to a strong and inclusive society and economy, so the National Education Service shall work alongside the health, sustainability, industrial and local government policies set by democratically elected government. This shall include the compulsory teaching, to secondary school pupils, of the workings and powers of all our publicly elected institutions and of those elected to serve on them – from the House of Commons and MPs, right down to Parish/Town Councils and all the other types of Local Authorities.

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