

Guide for CWU affiliated supporters



The CWU is one of the largest trade union affiliates to the Labour Party. This affiliation gives the union important rights, such as a voice in developing Labour policy. It also gives our members rights as individuals.

It's important that we use these. The decisions that affect our members at work aren't just taken by an employer, but are also taken by governments and regulators. So, we need a strong political voice and to make sure the Labour Party represents you.

This guide sets out the rights of affiliated supporters.

Affiliated Supporters

As an affiliate to Labour, CWU members who pay the political levy can sign up to become Affiliated Supporters at no extra cost.

This gives them two important rights:

- firstly it allows them to vote in leadership and deputy leadership election.

We have tens of thousands of members who have voted in these in recent years for candidates who will support our key campaigns and policies.

- and secondly, it allows them to attend local Labour Party meetings.

While Affiliated Supporters cannot vote at these, they can speak and contribute, particularly by talking about issues facing CWU members and the things we want Labour to fight and campaign for.

If you have signed up to be an Affiliated Supporter and want details about local Labour party meetings, please get in touch with your branch for details or email politics@cwu.org.

Full membership

Ultimately, the best way to get involved in and influence things in Labour is to become a full member.

This allows you to vote at meetings (for instance on policy issues or for candidates to be your MP or councillor); to table motions on CWU campaigns; to stand to become an officer and help run the branch; to attend Labour Conference; and to stand for election yourself.

As a full Labour member, you can also ask your CWU branch to make you a CWU delegate to the local party which gives you a greater role in local decision-making on behalf of the union.

Members of the CWU can join Labour at the reduced rate of £2 a month at the following link:
<https://join.labour.org.uk>

Key Labour policies for CWU members

At the last general election Labour made some key pledges for CWU members, including promises to: re-nationalise Royal Mail at the earliest opportunity; invest significantly in broadband; stop the Post Office closure programme; establish a Post Bank; close the agency workers loophole; and introduce a range of strong new employments rights. By getting involved you can help fight for a government that will deliver these things.

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