

A Guide to Let's Talk

“Let's Talk” follows on from the Labour party's Big Conversation events. The idea is that people outside the usual party meetings get involved in policy debate. The Amicus Let's Talk toolkit is designed to support workplace Let's Talk events so our members voices are loud and clear in the Let's Talk submissions.

In the Labour party's information on Let's Talk they say the intent is to reach out to “trade union partners”, use this Toolkit to ensure that we respond to this call.

Let's Talk gives us an opportunity to organise events to make the link relevant to Amicus members and as a tool to attract more of our members into membership of the Labour party.

“New Politics for New Times”

The party has sub-titled the Let's Talk events as New Politics for New Times. Amicus believes that reconnecting union members with the policy making process of the Labour party is not new, but is vital.

The renewal of the Labour party is essential to connecting the Labour government to its roots and Let's Talk is a means of delivering this. That is why Amicus is encouraging members across the country to organise the events and get involved.

Holding a Let's Talk event

Let's Talk events can be held on any subject that you would expect the party to have a policy on.

The meetings can be organised on a workplace or industry basis or by inviting members from a geographical area. For example, a workplace Let's Talk event could be held on the future of the car industry or manufacturing.

Alternatively, all Amicus members in a city, district or region could be invited to a meeting on pensions or trade union rights or another subject that members would want to have an input in.

The Let's Talk Toolkit includes a guide to organising a Let's Talk event. It also includes templates that can be used to make the event a success and follow up afterwards. The follow up is essential to the continuing renewal of the link between trade union members and the party.

Party Membership

The Toolkit also includes a Labour party membership form. Although many trade union members are disillusioned with the Labour government this is a vital time for them to be in the Labour party.

In the near future there will be a leadership and deputy leadership election. Individual labour party members will get a vote in this election - another incentive for recruiting people to the party now.

In the longer term Amicus is working hard to ensure that trade union voices are heard in the Labour party across the country, as well as in the village of Westminster. The Let's Talk events are an important part of this process.

Regional Political Officers

If you require additional support then the Toolkit includes the details of your Regional Political Officer. They will be able to help with providing political speakers for your event.

Take Action Now

The Toolkit is designed to give you as much support as possible in holding your Let's Talk event. Please use it to organise an event as soon as possible.

Your action is a building block in the renewal of the party.

