

‘Principled Voting’ not ‘Tactical Voting’

An Invitation to UK Parliamentary Candidates

DIEM25 UK is a political movement in the UK committed to the enhancement of democratic sovereignty at local, national, regional, and European levels. We are part of a European-wide movement, co-founded by Yanis Varoufakis, that values democratic sovereignty characterised by transparency (within and beyond the European Union). DIEM25 UK is now mobilising across all parts of the UK. As a response to the referendum result, DIEM25 UK has defined itself as a movement that advocates for a new approach to politics in the UK that acknowledges our intrinsic relationship with Europe, socially, economically and politically.

The snap election called for June 8th has left many of our members, like others in the public at large, uncertain of how to vote, or even whether to vote at all. We believe there should be electoral reform so that tactical voting is not needed and every vote counts, truly empowering people. However, faced with the system we have, we recognise that people have hard choices to make. We are offering an alternative: **to vote for a candidate who shares our vision of enhancing a democratic society, regardless of party affiliation.**

We want to help elect MPs who will fight for our principles, and help maintain a presence in parliament that can lay the foundations of a better UK that will look to the future. We are inviting you to respond to our core commitments so that we can share your views with our membership. In the light of responses to these commitments, previous declarations, activities and voting records, we will declare our support for candidates to our membership, through our social networks, and in the media.

Our Commitments

- DIEM25 UK will investigate, expose and campaign to end anti-democratic interference and undue influence in political processes, particularly when this favours private interests at the expense of social, economic and environmental consequences.
- DIEM25 UK recognises the importance to the UK economy, public services and research and development of an international workforce and student body. We recognise too the legitimate claim to permanent residency of EU citizen children, carers, sick, disabled, retired and their spouses, who have made the UK their home. We will campaign to preserve the free movement of people between the UK and the EU.
- DIEM25 UK believes that the UK must meet its international obligations on refugees from war-torn, destabilised countries. DIEM25 UK will also expose the causes of global instability and advocates political and economic solutions to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, the causes of involuntary migration.
- DIEM25 UK will campaign to transform the UK’s financial system to ensure adequate and equitable funding of public service and infrastructure investments through the creation of new public investment vehicles. We will also campaign to make our financial services industry more transparent and accountable.
- DIEM25 UK will campaign to end deregulated labour policies which rob workers of their security and dignity, and against the privatisation of publicly owned assets and services.
- DIEM25 UK proposes large-scale investment funding of green energy and sustainable practices including large scale green energy research projects together with decentralised assistance to small businesses, cooperatives and community initiatives that create local, sustainable development in cities and in rural areas through centralised funding.
- DIEM25 UK proposes that the UK should apply to join the European Economic Area (EEA) under the same broad terms as Norway, for an interim period of no less than the full term of the next Parliament. During this time, UK-EU relationships can be openly debated and decided by those mandated by the people of the UK, without spurious deadlines, external interference, and threats of ‘cliff edges’ and ‘hard’ exits from the EU.