

## VOTE TIBET 2015

The UK General Election brings a great opportunity to build parliamentary support for Tibet. In the run-up to polling day on 7 May, through our Vote Tibet campaign, Tibet Society is calling on our members and supporters to help us gather pledges from parliamentary candidates to support human rights for Tibetans in Tibet.

5 May 2015: Over 350 parliamentary candidates have pledged support for human rights in Tibet. The pledges have come from candidates representing all the major political parties, denoting the wide support Tibetan freedom has in the UK...  
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As of 7 May 2015:

386 candidates have signed the pledge, from 305 constituencies. 49 of the candidates are incumbents.

Party breakdown: 173 Green, 70 Lib Dem, 57 Labour (including 2 Labour-Coop), 23 UKIP, 21 Conservative, 12 TUSC (including 2 TUSC-Left Unity), 10 Plaid Cymru, 8 Independent, 4 SNP, 2 Alliance and one each from Animal Welfare, Christian Movement, Left Unity, Republican Socialist, SDLP and Sinn Fein.

[View list of candidates who have signed the pledge](#)

[sorted by name](#) | [party](#) | [constituency](#)

Ask your parliamentary candidates to pledge support for Tibet:

- Find your parliamentary candidates (see [YourNextMP.com](#))
- Ask them to pledge support for Tibet
- Let us know who has pledged

The candidate's pledge

- "I will use my position as an MP to support human rights for Tibetans in Tibet including the freedom to determine their own future."

[Are you a parliamentary candidate?](#)

[Sample message to send by email](#) | [twitter](#)

Download pledge cards or order via [info@tibetsociety.com](mailto:info@tibetsociety.com), 020 7923 0021

[View list of candidates who have already signed the pledge](#)

sorted by name | party | constituency

Return candidates' pledges to Tibet Society:

- post: Tibet Society, 2 Baltic Place, London N1 5AQ
- email: [info@tibetsociety.com](mailto:info@tibetsociety.com)
- twitter: [@tibetsociety](https://twitter.com/tibetsociety) #VoteTibet
- phone: 020 7923 0021

Once verified, we will add to our online list of candidates who have made the pledge.

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What is the aim of Vote Tibet?

The aim of Vote Tibet is to build UK parliamentary support for Tibet. Initially, pledges of support will be sought from parliamentary candidates prior to the 2015 General Election.

Following the election, successful candidates will be encouraged to honour their pledges by raising Tibet in Parliament, joining the All Party Parliamentary Group for Tibet and taking part in various Tibet-related initiatives.

How to participate

1. Ask your candidate to sign a pledge card

a. In person or by post

Go along to a hustings or other local events where candidates taking part, ask candidates who come to your door, visit or

post the pledge card to their campaign office, or use local phone-in or question time programmes to make your request!

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b. Via email

Find your candidates' contact details via [YourNextMP.com](http://YourNextMP.com). You can use the following message or write your own:

[Dear Candidate]

As a member of your constituency I urge you to pledge support for Tibet.

Tibetans are currently living in one of the world's most repressed societies. The Chinese authorities routinely abuse Tibetans' human rights. Tibetans are imprisoned for peacefully expressing themselves, restricted in freely practicing their religion and have no opportunity to choose their own government.

I believe human rights should be upheld and respected worldwide and I hope you, as a parliamentary candidate in my constituency, agree and will sign the following pledge:

"I will use my position as an MP to support human rights for Tibetans in Tibet including the freedom to determine their own future."

The pledge is part of Tibet Society's Vote Tibet campaign. You can find more details at [www.VoteTibet.com](http://www.VoteTibet.com).

I look forward to your response.

[Your name & contact details]

c. Via social media

Find their contact details via [YourNextMP.com](http://YourNextMP.com), or for twitter use [TweetYourMP.com](http://TweetYourMP.com), which is now set up to tweet candidates. Example tweet:

@[\[your candidates twitter name\]](#) Please support human rights for Tibet. Sign the pledge at <http://www.votetibet.com> #VoteTibet

Or post a similar message on their facebook page.

## 2. Let us know of any pledges made by candidates

Contact us so we can keep track of which candidates pledged support for Tibet. Once verified we will add them to our online list of candidates who have made the pledge.

- post: Tibet Society, 2 Baltic Place, London N1 5AQ

- email: [info@tibetsociety.com](mailto:info@tibetsociety.com)

- twitter: [@tibetsociety](https://twitter.com/tibetsociety) #VoteTibet

- phone: 020 7923 0021

## Downloadable materials

### 1. Pledge card

Print out and give to your local candidates to sign. Or download and include as an attachment with your emails and tweets.

### 2. Vote Tibet Posters

Print out and display in your window or on community noticeboard.

### 3. Vote Tibet Leaflet

A handy guide to the Vote Tibet campaign. Print out, as a four-page A5 leaflet, and distribute to friends and colleagues.

Promote Vote Tibet ... spread the word, build support!

- Use social media to promote both the Vote Tibet campaign and those candidates who have pledged their support. If possible take a photo of the candidate with the pledge card or poster and add to social media. Tweet #VoteTibet; message via facebook/VoteTibet and post through via other services such as Google+, Instagram, emails, etc.

- Contact local press and media, let them know about the campaign, whether any of your candidates have pledged support and encourage the press to publicly call on your candidates to support human rights for Tibetans. If you have a photo of a candidate with the pledge make sure to send it to local papers.
- Distribute Vote Tibet pledge cards at local forums, hustings and to friends and colleagues.
- Display Vote Tibet posters in your windows, on local noticeboards and other prominent locations. Take photos of the posters and add to facebook.com/VoteTibet; don't forget to say where pic was taken (i.e. your constituency).
- Download materials, including posters and pledge cards, or order from Tibet Society: info@tibetsociety.com, 020 7923 0021.

Further information on Tibet

Links for further background details and information to discuss with parliamentary candidates:

- Tibet: one of world's most repressed societies: January 2015: Freedom House, a US-based NGO, ranked Tibet alongside North Korea, Syria and Saudi Arabia as "worst of the worst" for political and civil rights.
- China's contempt for the rule of law in Tibet: September 2014: A report by Tibet Society outlining cases in Tibet in 2014 where the Chinese government blatantly disregarded the rule of law.
- 10 Facts about Tibet
- Latest news on Tibet

Are you a parliamentary candidate?

If you are a parliamentary candidate in the 2015 UK General Election and wish to sign the pledge, please email info@tibetsociety.com. Please include your name, party, constituency and contact phone number. Alternatively, you can call 020 7923 0021 (office hours) or download and sign a pledge card and post to Tibet Society, 2 Baltic Place, London N1 5AQ.

The candidate's pledge is: "I will use my position as an MP to support human rights for Tibetans in Tibet including the freedom to determine their own future."

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Tibet Society, the world's first Tibet support group, was founded in 1959. Funded by its members, it has been working for over 50 years to seek justice for Tibet through parliamentary lobbying, campaigns and actions. Help keep Tibet alive by joining Tibet Society today. Annual membership £24; Family £36; Life £500.

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