

Elected Steering Committee, Sheffield proto-branch

Our key demands

We hope that Your Party will become a truly democratic, socialist and member-led mass party of the working class. In this spirit, we campaign for the following changes to the draft constitution, standing orders and document on organisational strategy.

Agreed by: Elected steering committee of Sheffield Your Party proto-branch

Supported by members in the following proto-branches:

- **Barnsley:** Ciaran Conaghan, Matt Corral, Liz Lapin, Angie Waller, Nora Everitt
- **Rotherham:** Alan Dunn, Jeanette Castelbranco
- **Doncaster:** Jamie Blair
- **Sheffield:** Alistair Tice, Christian Russo, Phil Ward and many more

1. FOR A PARTY OF THE WHOLE LEFT

All left groups, large and small, should be positively welcomed into the party. They have a lot to contribute.

* Delete: "Members may not hold membership in any other national political party, except if specified by the CEC."

* Add: However, members may not hold membership in any other political party which runs candidates against Your Party.

* Delete: "Members may not affiliate with or participate in organisations undermining Party values."

* Add: Members should have full rights to organise openly into tendencies or platforms, permanent or temporary, and advocate publicly for political positions, even if they differ from the current majority.

2. FOR ACCOUNTABILITY, FREE SPEECH AND OPENNESS

Democracy requires transparency. Members cannot exercise control if decisions are hidden behind confidentiality rules.

* Delete: "Members must accordingly respect the confidentiality of internal Party matters."

* Add: Detailed minutes of all CEC and officers' group meetings should be published in a timely manner, for members to review.

3. POWER TO THE MEMBERS AND THE BRANCHES

We cannot wait until after the leadership elections in March 2026 before YP branches are officially set up. There are dozens of vibrant proto-branches that have been meeting for many months.

- * Delete: the CEC must “oversee” the establishment of branches.
- * Add: Branches should be established immediately by inviting all local members to a foundation meeting. If there are rival groups or other problems, HQ may facilitate such a meeting, if requested by at least one of the branches.
- * Delete: “Members must be UK residents or have the right to vote in UK elections.”
- * Add: Membership is open to anyone who lives in Britain or has the right to vote in UK elections. We should not exclude migrants and refugees who do not hold residents’ rights.
- * Add: Branches should receive at least 50% of local members’ fees.
- * Add: Branches should be formed along real community lines, not just electoral boundaries.
- * Local branches should decide how they organise, if they want to set up local assemblies - and how those should be run.

4. FOR A COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP

We should avoid a replica of Labour’s unaccountable structures.

- * The entire leadership body should be elected at annual conference, by branch delegates.
- * There should be no unelected officers’ group running the party, no automatic seats on the leadership body. All officers should be elected from within the CEC, so they can be held accountable.
- * All CEC members should be recallable – at conference and by branch petition.

5. FOR A FAIR AND INDEPENDENT DISCIPLINARY PROCESS

There is no mention of a disciplinary process in the four documents. We need clear rules focusing on an independent process, with natural justice, clear timelines and easy appeals procedures.

6. HOLDING OUR REPRESENTATIVES TO ACCOUNT

The current proposal that it would require 40% of all local members to sign a recall petition is impossible to meet.

Add:

- * Branches should be able to decide by simple majority vote to start recall proceedings.
- * MPs and officeholders should receive no more than the average workers’ wage.