

Branch Affiliations to the Labour Party

Usdaw is keen for as many of our branches as possible to 'affiliate' to local Labour Parties.

Why affiliate?

By affiliating to local Labour Parties, Usdaw branches can make our members' views known to the local Party, including Labour councillors and MPs. Branches will receive details of what the local Party is doing – political and social events and campaigns. We can also:

- Take part in the ballot to decide whether a Labour MP should stand for Parliament again.
- Take part in the shortlisting meeting for the candidate for the next General Election.
- Participate in local political campaigns.
- Encourage local Parties and politicians to support Usdaw campaigns.

So it's obviously very important.

How do we affiliate?

By passing a resolution at a branch meeting. A branch can affiliate to any constituency where members of that branch live. It is helpful to affiliate to several Constituency Labour Parties, and many branches do this. The branch secretary then completes the form overleaf and returns it to the Political Officer at Central Office. It costs £6 per year, which is paid by Central Office out of the branch political fund. Annual renewals will be done automatically by Central Office until notice is given by the branch.

Usdaw delegates

Affiliation to the local Labour Party is not fully effective unless it is backed up by appointing delegates, elected by the Usdaw branch, to the Constituency Labour Party.

Delegates must be a member of Usdaw, be an individual member of the Labour Party and live in the constituency. A union branch can usually appoint either one or two delegates for a £6 affiliation fee and £6 for every additional delegate, up to a maximum of five delegates. Delegates receive details and can attend the 'General Committee' – the monthly meeting which governs the Labour Party in that constituency. But they don't have to do anything!

By becoming involved in the local Labour Party you can make sure that the Party understands Usdaw issues and supports our campaigns. However, even if you can't find delegates – do still affiliate.

If you have any questions, or would like to join the Labour Party, call the Union's Politics Office on 0161 249 2452 or email politics@usdaw.org.uk



Privacy Notice

Usdaw will use the data provided to process affiliations with the relevant Constituency Labour Party and will only retain data on GC Delegates for as long as they remain appointed for use in pursuit of our legitimate activities as a trade union as identified in the Objects section of the Rule Book. All the data provided will also be passed to the relevant Constituency Labour Party for the same purpose. Further information on Usdaw's privacy notice and retention schedule can be found at www.usdaw.org.uk/Privacy-Notice

Application for Constituency Labour Party Affiliation Fees



Please fill in all the white boxes on this form in **BLOCK LETTERS** and send it to:
Politics Office, Usdaw, 188 Wilmslow Road, Manchester M14 6LJ

Branch Name

Branch No.

Labour Party correspondence should be sent to:

Name of Branch Official

Position in Branch

Address

Postcode

Telephone No.

1. Name of GC Delegate

Address

Postcode

Telephone No.

email

Signature

2. Name of GC Delegate

Address

Postcode

Telephone No.

email

Signature

Please pay an annual fee, until further notice, of:

£6 (for up to
2 delegates)

£12
(3 delegates)

£18
(4 delegates)

£24
(5 delegates)

Signed

(Branch Official)

Date

By completing this form I agree to be contacted by Usdaw and the Labour Party. I understand that Central Office will pay this affiliation fee annually, from the branch political fund, until further notice.

Name of Constituency Labour Party

CLP Code