



## Aggregation Process for the Constituency Manifesto

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The assembly based campaign has a basic progressive orientation - this means (to be confirmed) opposition to the genocide in Gaza, rapid action of the climate emergency, and social equality. However **the plan is that the candidate will listen to the people of the constituency to build the actual programme of what they will stand for.** This reverses the usual process of deciding the programme and then going out to persuade people. The people decide and the candidate listens.

The Assembly design document outlines how ward assemblies will come with five policies or things they want to see happen for the candidate to adopt. There will be assemblies in each ward which will produce these ward programmes. There will then be two designs involving bringing this together to represent the constituency programme (one option to be chosen)

### **Design 1 - popular democracy.**

As soon as the campaign launches we advertise a date when each ward will have held its first assembly and thus its ward assembly programme (say 6 weeks) - on that date there will be a big evening event to “decide on the community created programme for Andrew”. We aim to have food and entertainment etc and so get 500 people in the room - promoted via social media channels and via the ward assemblies.

The nine ward programmes are written up into 2 page reports with the five policies/issues, and a paragraph or two on why people thought they were important. These will be put together in a booklet and available to look at online. They will be on the website and social media before the event - and given out at the event.

The event will go as follows:

- Welcome introduction
- Hello from local celebrities or two (advertised beforehand), and constituency cultural activity e.g. from migrant communities etc.
- 3 two minute testimonies from people saying how good their ward assembly was.
- Candidate speech - 10 minute - I am in service to this community - not BS - I am here to listen and adopt what you want me to stand for. (as long as it's not fascist - joke!!)
- 1 person from each assembly outline their programme and why for 3 minutes.
- Everyone in the room is already put into circles of 6 people when they come into the room (as in the launch meeting). Only people who live in the constituency join these groups. If people do not live in the constituency they can participate in their own circles but this is not part of the formal aggregation process. They will be given details of zooms/meeting to do campaign in the constituencies they are from (should be a London list by this point)
- The break out groups have a first go round - each person say who they are, their journey to coming to this evening event
- Second go round: which of the policies appeal to them - the top 15 policies (each numbered) from the assembly (selected by facilitators) are put on the projector on the wall. They can choose five of them as a group.
- These are written down and communicated on a paper from the breakout group facilitator to the central facilitators. And score put against each policy.
- Then 5 randomly selected groups have 1 person to summarise their discussions and arguments (3 minutes each)
- The break out groups do a second deliberation to respond to the arguments of people speaking on behalf of the 5 groups. Each person in the breakout groups writes 3 policies they like and then the breakout group adds up the scores and comes up with the top 5. These are given to the facilitators for the final score from the break out groups and the top 5 become "Andrews programme" - with the next 5-10 top policies referenced as needs be.
- Big clap

- Candidate does thank you speech
- And then go to a bar, have entertainment etc.

## **Sortion (select random assembly) Design 2**

10 people from each assembly are selected randomly (all the names of the participants are put in a hat) and asked to represent the assembly in the all constituency event.

Then the above process happens but the break out groups are just representatives of the assemblies. Note there are variations on the theme here. Feedback to be taken before the final design is decided upon. To be decided by the start of the campaign

### **Note of continued feed into the campaign programme.**

A big motivation for people participating in the campaign is the feeling that their voice is being heard and seen to be heard by the campaign.

So ward assemblies, section group assemblies, and house/pub meetings can still decide on their 5 policies and write their 2 page reports.

**Each month or so, another big social all constituency event is held** which invites people to deliberate on all the new assembly reports following the above design, in the light of the last deliberative event program. The programme (including the argumentative) can therefore be iterated upon - ie a new programme will be produced which reflect even more peoples views. This will be a chance for more people to come and participate the campaign and become motivated to join the door knocking and house meetings on their streets and in their neighbours