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# Easy Read Guide to Wales' Smaller Political Parties





People have different ideas about how the country should be run.



A **political party** is a group of people who share similar ideas about how the country should be run.



Political parties want to be in **government** so they can turn their ideas into law.

The government is a group of people who have the power make laws and set rules for the country.



Wales has **four main political parties**.

It also has **several smaller political parties** which this guide will cover.



They are:

- the **Welsh Co-operative Party**
- the **Green Party**
- **Propel**
- **Reform UK**



Some political parties are often described as being either **left-wing** or **right-wing**.



Some political parties are also described as being in the **centre**.



Left-wing political parties believe in **equality**.

This means that they want all people to be given equal chances and have more support from the government.



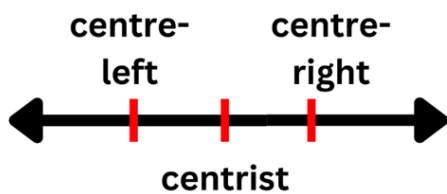
Right-wing political parties believe in **tradition**.

This means that they want people to make their own decisions about their lives and for the government to be smaller.



Political parties in the centre support a **balance** between left-wing and right-wing ideas.

This means they want equality and also want people to make their own decisions about their own lives.



Most of Wales's **political parties** are based in **the centre**, but each lean in different directions.

These positions are called **centre-left**, **centre-right**, and **centrist**.



The Welsh Co-operative Party is **centre-left**.

They are also called "**the Co-Op Party**" for short.

They want more people to **form more co-operatives** where members co-operate to help each other.



A **co-operative** is a type of organisation that makes the lives of its members easier.

It could be something like a bank, a factory, a farm, or a shop.



The Green Party is **left-wing**.

They are also called “**the Greens**” for short.



They believe **protecting the environment** should be the government’s top priority.

This means they want to preserve and protect nature from damage.



Propel have members with **left-wing, right-wing,** and **centrist** ideas.

They all want **Wales to become an independent country** as their main aim.



This means Wales would **leave the United Kingdom** and make all of its own laws.



Reform UK are **right-wing**.

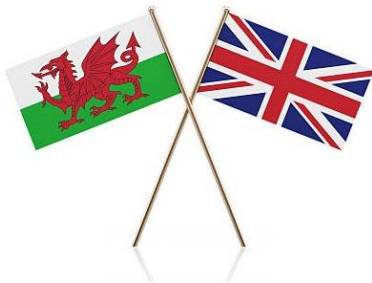
They used to be called “**the Brexit Party**.”



They want to **change the voting system** in general elections so more smaller parties can get elected.

They also want to **stop illegal immigration** into Wales and the United Kingdom.

This means they want to stop people coming from other countries who don't have permission



The Co-Op Party and Reform UK are **unionists**.

This means **they want Wales to stay as part of the United Kingdom**.



The Green Party **supports Wales becoming an independent country**, but it is not the party's top priority.

People elect **Members of Parliament** from all over the United Kingdom, including Wales.



A Member of Parliament is also called an **MP**. An MP is elected to speak for people living in their area in **Parliament**.

Parliament is where the United Kingdom's laws are made.



A **general election** is when the people of the country vote for the next government.

General elections usually happen every 5 years.

**Every part of the United Kingdom**, including Wales, votes in a general election.



The party with the most MPs after a general election forms the government.



The **Conservative Party** have the most MPs and are the party in government.

Their leader is **Rishi Sunak** and he is the **Prime Minister**.

The Prime Minister is in charge of the government.



The **Labour Party** has the second-most MPs and is the **Official Opposition**.

Their leader is **Sir Keir Starmer** and he is the **Leader of the Opposition**.

This means they challenge the government and make it explain its decisions. At the next general election, **they want to replace the government**.



The **Co-Op Party** works closely with the **Labour Party** and they share many policies.

They usually stand together in elections and its MPs are part of the Official Opposition.





The **Greens**, **Propel**, and **Reform UK** currently do not have any MPs elected yet.

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