

Rebooting Democracy

A broken system

Currently our democracy doesn't work.

The system has continually let us down as individuals and communities. The gap between the rich and the poor is widening, social mobility is getting more restrictive. The rich have pulled the ladder up behind them, and once every five years the political parties tell us what they want to hear... before going on to act as they like, with little accountability for the intervening time.

We watch a political class, broken into parties that have tiny numbers of members, fight with each other in a power game. They play this game with our lives, our futures and our children's future.

We should be making decisions about our country and future based on the best available evidence, not media hype, insecurities of politicians or the demands of the rich. We revel in our debating culture but we shouldn't be making our choices on who can best stand up and argue.

It's time for change.

Rebooting Democracy is a party that is set to change this.

Rather than having to select a group of people (MPs) who may or may not implement what is best for the country, let's decide where we want to go and then work to get there rather than playing political games.

We will move towards a system in which we will use citizens' panels and assemblies instead of politicians, selected in a similar manner to juries, that will use evidence based policy making to work towards the country's short, medium and long term goals.

These goals will be set by referendum mechanisms so we directly get to choose where we want our country to go. Devolution down to the lowest level will be made possible.

There will be a transition of several years as we move our system of government towards a mechanism that is fairer and more representative.

You've got questions. We have some too. We'll try and answer them on this website.