



# REPUBLICAN PARTY OF GREAT BRITAIN

For a Civic and Constitutional Republic

## PRE-INAUGURAL MEETING

2pm . Saturday . 1st October 2011

Conway Hall

25 Red Lion Square

London WC1R 4RL

(Nearest Tube . Holborn)

ADMISSION FREE

14 September 2011

Dear Fellow Republican

You are receiving this following your signing up on the website to join the Republican Party of Great Britain when it is officially formed. The main purposes of this Pre-inaugural meeting in London are to get together to discuss republicanism and to initiate the process of setting up the party.

We will begin with some brief introductions and then I will address the meeting by expounding a vision for a republican party. Following that we will have a general discussion for as long as we need. This is a good chance for everyone to air their views, as and if they wish.

This meeting is about all interested parties getting together but the intention is that from the meeting enough people will volunteer to sit on a Steering Committee to bring the party formally into existence. We need from three to nine people for the Steering Committee including Steering Committee officers: party leader, treasurer, nominating officer, secretary, campaign manager (some posts do not have to be held by different people). Don't imagine special abilities are needed to be on the committee. If you are a committed republican we need you.

The party has to be national and so members live in all parts of the country. However, once the members of the committee are acquainted it is perfectly feasible to hold committee meetings on Skype or similar. And a lot can be accomplished by exchange of email. So you can participate from your computer. If you are not online we can use telephone and post.

The Steering committee is open to any member who attends the meeting (but if you are particularly keen to be on the committee and cannot attend please contact me in advance by email). It will have the task of:-

1. drafting a party constitution
2. registering the party with the Electoral Commission
3. setting up a bank account
4. producing a formal membership list
5. arranging for a first members' General Meeting to approve the constitution and vote for officers and a formal Committee

Those are the nuts and bolts we have to deal with but this meeting is above all a chance to meet and discuss and find our sense of unity – which I fully believe we can. We might also discuss the best ways of having an impact – and I imagine to contest bye-elections must be foremost in that.

The world is increasingly in turmoil. Injustice, inequality, despair and wasted talent are all around us, and the situation is getting worse. No current party dares to talk the language of hope for they have neither the will nor the imagination to recognise where that could come from.

The coalition's policies are crumbling before our eyes. It cannot disguise its involvement in corruption and scandals in the press and in the banks. The political system is in disarray and the vast majority have little confidence in it. Now is the time to make a difference.

Only a republican party with a radical programme of constitutional, institutional, and monetary and banking reform can give people (young and old), businesses (new and established) and the dedicated citizens who work in the long suffering public services a real future, where now they can see none. We will create hope and a sense of direction, a sense of purpose.

The symbol of a mediaeval monarch as head of state is a drag on the nation and a major prop of unmerited privilege, inequality of opportunity and a dysfunctional undemocratic constitution that concentrates too much power in 10 Downing Street. All that we will bring to an end.

Do join me on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, if you possibly can, to discuss the future of Britain and to get the party up and running and on its way. If you wish you can register your attendance in advance on the website. Or just turn up. Once formed, I am convinced the movement will quickly grow and attract a lot of support.

## **THE REPUBLICAN PARTY – A NEW BEGINNING**

With warm best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Kellow". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of "Peter" and "Kellow" being significantly larger and more stylized than the rest of the text.

Peter Kellow

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*PS I will be at the room from 12 o'clock onwards, so if you would like to have a chat over lunch before the meeting, bring your sandwich along!*