Social media code of conduct

Open Labour exists to promote values of the left through a culture of open debate and tolerance. This is a forum for Labour Party members to discuss and organise policy, campaigns and political strategy.

We welcome support and participation from everyone at every level of the Labour Party in achieving these aims and values. We therefore ask that all Open Labour members follow this code of conduct in their interactions with others within Labour, and consider these principles in interactions with those who are not Labour supporters or members. Members should:

1) **Be active and positive**

   Open Labour seeks a politics which is positive and pro-active in building power for progressives, and tackling the challenges we share.

   Suggest policy ideas, campaigns and solutions to the challenges we face. Suggest ways that Open Labour can work with other groups and individuals to further the aims, values and electoral success of the Labour Party. Share your ideas and analysis with evidence to back them it up where this is possible.

2) **Be open and outward looking**

   An open left looks outwards. Try to relate what you are saying to the public and the common good, and think twice about how what you say may be perceived or portrayed by others.

   Remember that there is no point at which a person should stop learning from others and listening to what they have to say.

   This is not a place to argue that any one person or faction has all the answers / is responsible for every problem. Lengthy or repeated attacks against individual Labour Party members or groups at any level will result in bans from this group.

3) **Be kind**

   Don't make personal attacks in Open Labour forums. Critique ideas, debate, argue – that's why we're here - but be constructive and polite.

Those who frequently contravene the spirit of these principles or openly abuse and disrespect others will be given a warning and may be banned by group admins.