

## The Independent Network Leader



**Marianne Overton MBE**

Marianne is the elected Leader of a growing number of over 2,000 independents. Nationally on the Local Government Association.

As Vice Chairman of the LGA, Marianne brings the voices of independents right into the heart of Westminster, speaking regularly and directly to Government Ministers and influential Lords, a third of whom are also independent.

At the last election we had the highest number of Independents in living memory right across the Country. Independents working together for their residents now have significant influence, and even taking control in over 60 councils.

Independents are elected on their own merit and so do the job better. We are closely in touch with our own communities, committed to supporting them in many ways. Independents are interested in what the electorate is seeking and that forms our plan of action. Our first loyalty is to the people we represent. Together we help influence Government at all levels to improve life for our residents. Be part of an effective, Country-wide team with a strong local and national voice.

Please join us, help increase the voice of Independent Councillors working for residents.

*Marianne*



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The Independent Network creates a sense of cohesion and identity for Independent candidates. By using the IN with integrity and pride, we can establish national credibility for independent candidates.

We enable the electorate to vote Independent with greater confidence. An Independent vote is a vote for a better and more representative Government.

Candidates can use the Network to share knowledge and work cooperatively in the best interests of the electorate.

The Independent Network promotes a fairer system in which Independents can compete with political parties. We promote Independent politics and encourage the electorate to acknowledge the success and influence Independents are having in local Government and Parliament.

Be part of a network of experts to cover all that affects our residents. Join our campaign for effective local democracy throughout the Country at elections and every day.



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The Independent Network**

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**Make a difference in your area,  
become a member of  
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# Join Us



Over the past two decades, membership has halved to around 10%. Whilst the vast majority of the electorate remains Independent and interested in national and local issues, most people in the UK feel that they do not have a say in how the Country is run.

This public frustration and disillusionment with career politicians and party politics demonstrates a role for Independent candidates elected to public office.

The Big Parties are increasingly finding that instructions and personal pressure are not enough to force people to vote against their better judgement. It is time for Independents to take the lead, to draw others together round the table, unfettered and focussing on the best solutions for our residents.

The Independent Network is here to support Independents in Government at all levels. Our aim is a better, more responsive and representative democracy.



## Please support the cause for a better democracy

Standing for election as an independent can be a lonely task. Many Parities have Party Members who deliver leaflets, knock on doors, raise funds and campaign for their candidates. Independents generally have none of these resources, but often join together with other Independents to a local cause.

The Independent Network has been helping Independents get elected since 2005. Research by the electoral commission shows that voters have less trust of candidates with no logo. Voters use the logo to find the candidate they want to support. In April 2016, the Independent Network was registered with the electoral commission as a party in order to be transparent and better support candidates in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

There are advantages to being a member and candidate endorsed by the Independent Network

- Early access to electoral registers
- Use of our respected logo and name on the ballot paper, only one in each seat.
- Use the logo on your literature to demonstrate you are not isolated, but part of an important support network.
- Draw upon a wealth of experience and connections
- Our election pack of useful election materials
- Step by step guide on getting elected on a shoestring
- Help with social media to support your candidacy
- Advice, meetings and workshops on line
- Half an hour free legal support

## Numbers count in politics so, please join us!

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# Membership Form

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Post code: .....

Email: .....

Telephone: .....

Please tick:

- I want to be a **Supporter**.
- I am interested in becoming a **Candidate in my area**.
- I am a **Councillor and want to join the Independent Network**.
- I want to **Join as a Group**.

## Membership fees

- Supporter Membership £10 per annum
- Group Membership (based on 25 members) £5 per person per annum
- Endorsement/Elected Councillor Memberships £35 per annum

You can pay by electronic transfer to Lloyds Bank (email & area needed as a reference)

Sort code:30-84-85 • Account number: 34855460

### Terms & Conditions

I am over 14 and entitled to vote in the UK.  
Applications are all subject to the IN Constitution and Policies.