

## Generic Constitution for Special Interest Groups

1. The official name of the organisation shall be “Trade Unionists in UKIP” – henceforth referred to as ‘the organisation’.
2. The organisation shall be affiliated to the UK Independence Party (UKIP) – henceforth referred to as UKIP. The organisation shall exist as permitted under article 6.26.2 of the UKIP Constitution.

3. The organisation fully supports the aims of the UKIP and in particular affirms its support of the following statement from the UKIP Constitution:

“The Party believes that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter “The United Kingdom”) should only be governed by her own citizens and that its governance shall at all times be conducted first and foremost in the interests of the United Kingdom and its peoples and that the only laws that should apply within the jurisdiction of the United Kingdom are those wholly made by the Parliament of the United Kingdom. To that end it shall be the policy of the Party that the United Kingdom shall cease to be a member of the European Union and shall not thereafter make any Treaty or join any international organisation which involves in any way the surrender of any part of the United Kingdom’s sovereignty. The Party further believes that the integrity of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter “The United Kingdom”) should be maintained.”

4. The organisation shall not hold any official position which directly contradicts UKIP policy. The core beliefs / aims and objectives of the organisation are:

- Create a set of Trade Union friendly policies to be included in our Party Manifesto.
- Promote the positive message UKIP has for trade union members that supports British workers.
- The UK’s membership of the European Union actually puts British jobs at risk and discriminates against British workers.

- UKIP believes that British jobs must be offered to British workers first and only advertised in the UK.
- Expose the secretive way that the Labour party attracts the Political Levy from unsuspecting Union members.
- Campaign to make the Political Levy an “opt-in” rather than “opt-out”.

5. The organisation exists to:

(a) Promote UKIP and facilitate the growth of UKIP amongst those who support both the aims of the organisation and the aims of UKIP.

(b) Provide an umbrella organisation for those within UKIP who share the organisation’s views.

6. The organisation may, from time to time, submit policy proposals to the Head of Policy or the appropriate Policy group for consideration.

7. The views of the organisation shall not be deemed to represent the views of UKIP.

8. In support of its aims, the organisation may:

(a) Hold a bank account which shall not be a registered Accounting Unit of UKIP,

(b) Collect subscriptions from its members,

(c) Produce regular publications,

(d) Produce Rules compatible with this Constitution, which shall be approved by the Party's National Executive Committee, or

(e) Carry out such other lawful activities in keeping with UKIP’s aims that the Officers of the organisation may from time to time determine.

9. Members of the organisation shall act in accordance with this Constitution and may be subject to disciplinary action as may be defined from time to time in the Rules of the organisation.

10. Membership is open to all members of UKIP who share the aims of the organisation.

11. The organisation shall hold an Annual General Meeting, the business of which shall include the appointment of Officers including but not limited to a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. These offices must be held singly. The organisation shall keep UKIP updated in writing as to the identity of its officers.

12. Amendments to this Constitution will come into force after the approval of a two-thirds majority of members of the organisation voting in a postal ballot, and shall be subject to the written approval of the UKIP Party Secretary.