



Derek,

On Thursday the country spoke, but we spoke with a distorted voice. Our system does not let us say what we really want, and whether you are heard at all depends on where you live.

Millions of votes wasted, staggering disparity between votes and seats, thousands lending their vote to the least-worst option rather than their first preference candidate - many felt 'none of the above' - we've just had another grim reminder of how broken our electoral system is.

Neither of the two major parties said anything of note about democracy during the campaign. This just isn't good enough.

With our democracy in the state it's in, we cannot afford to silence ourselves for the next five years. More than ever, we need a deeper everyday democracy, and the best way to get that is by holding a citizens' convention.

Side by side with other leading democracy organisations, we campaigned under the banner of **Up to Us** - for a citizens' convention to remake our democracy. That campaign does not stop here.

We want to show you [this short but inspiring film](#) of the first Up to Us event, when we came together at the People's History Museum in Manchester. Watch it - it's worth a few seconds of your time!



Today, 650 new and returning MPs have taken their seats in the Commons. We're pleased that among them, there are some who champion democratic reform. Many others, unfortunately, don't - at least not yet. We have to help them focus on this crucial issue. We cannot build a good society until we've improved the democratic system.

That's why we are asking you to sign a letter that we've prepared for your new MP - making the case for a citizens' convention and calling on them to back it.

All you have to do is [click here](#) and fill in your details. We want to make sure as many MPs as possible get a letter, signed by as many of their constituents as possible. We'll deliver the letter for you and we'll let you

know about it.

Parliament won't change itself - but change it must. It really is up to us!
We won't give up until it's done.

Our best, as ever,

The Team at Compass