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WHY A CAMPAIGN FOR MORE DEMOCRACY?

Many people agree that giving away your vote at an election once every few years, then having no say during the years between, can never produce good democracy.

Adding in some **direct democracy (DD)** enables every citizen who wants to get involved to take part in deciding about important public issues while keeping tabs on MPs and government. The "**tools**" for this have been tried and tested – they include:

citizens' proposal (initiative) which can lead to a ballot of the whole electorate

veto-referendum

constitutional referendum

recall of elected officials

Politicians are in the main opposed to this type of democracy. Parties and government act to hinder reform so to achieve progress will need lobbying and campaigning.

To get these "tools" of democracy introduced we need a **new Democracy Act** so if we want better democracy we must elect only MPs who agree to support this sort of reform.

HOW TO CAMPAIGN

You can help to promote democracy reform in the run-up to elections and by-elections. Three by-elections have been announced and will probably be held in November 2012, these are:

CORBY http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Corby_by-election,_2012

MANCHESTER CENTRAL http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manchester_Central_by-election,_2012

PENARTH http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cardiff_South_and_Penarth_by-election,_2012

Ask parliamentary candidates to (if elected) support or introduce a new Bill for direct democracy in the House of Commons.

You can write to or 'phone candidates, attend "hustings" meetings or MP surgeries and make suggestions, contact local news media and radio, use Internet, Facebook and Co. to ask friends and contacts for support and so on.

Please let us know via info@iniref.org how candidates or sitting MPs react, also tell us about your experiences and any news media reactions.

See our **ELECTION GUIDE** <http://www.iniref.org/carta.htm> for more ideas, tactics, ways to contact politicians etc.. Also for NON-VOTERS and UNDECIDED

Much background info. may be found at **index** <http://www.iniref.org> and **latest** <http://www.iniref.org/latest.html>

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