

DEMOCRACY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Vote **James Smith** for a new kind of MP



I want a future where everyone has a real voice in our democracy, and where our leaders truly listen to citizens. Where government isn't something that's done to people, but something that we can all build together.



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Are you ready for Something New?

We're a new kind of political party. We're here to bring British democracy into the 21st Century.

We know you're frustrated with traditional politics, but most politicians think that means you don't care about the world. We know that's wrong. We know you care more deeply than ever before, but that our institutions don't hear you.

Our manifesto is unique. It's the only manifesto where you can go to the website, click edit, and put in your own ideas. It's like Wikipedia, but for a vision of a better future. We are creating a manifesto that reflects the future you want, your ideals. We know that the best ideas come from all of us, working together.

Help write the manifesto at somethingnew.org.uk/manifesto

NATIONAL POLICIES

Build world-beating public services, owned by the public and run for their benefit. **Protect the NHS** from privatisation, and from politicians.

Reform voting systems to better represent people, and replace the House of Lords with randomly chosen citizens' panels.

Replace fossil fuels with **renewable and nuclear energy**, and commit to fossil-free road transport by 2030.

Safeguard our basic freedoms, and stop intelligence services spying on us, as if we are all terror suspects.



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LOCAL POLICIES

Support renewable energy instead of fracking or oil drilling.

Oppose expansion of Gatwick Airport (or others) due to climate harm.

Encourage reform and transparency in Horsham District Council.

Help communities plan housing development, not just object to it.

About James

I'm a software engineer, and father of two young girls. I have lived in the Horsham constituency for the last 10 years; first in Rudgwick, then more recently in Horsham itself.

I'm not a politician, and have never stood for election before, but I decided to stand up and get involved because I was frustrated about the lack of choice on offer. Nobody seemed to be representing the way I saw the world, with optimism and a real vision of a better future.

I've spent my career trying to use the power of the web to deal with the big problems around us, and now there is a movement growing that will take democracy forward, into the 21st century. After all, we don't need to send our representatives to Westminster on a horse any more; we can all share our own ideas on things we care about. I'm proud to be part of that movement with Something New.

Transparency & Accountability

I have signed the MyMP pledge (mymp2015.org.uk) and the West Sussex County Times free speech charter. I will listen to and vote on behalf of my constituents, not be told how to vote by parties or lobbyists. Something New has committed to never having a party whip, and to let all candidates vote freely. We also publish all our spending and donations openly for everyone to see: havesomenew.io/money



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Career

2015: Web Developer, Open Data Institute (London)
2012: Platform Evangelist, AMEE (London)
2007: Software Team Leader, SEOS Ltd. (Burgess Hill)
2003: PhD Computer Graphics & Animation (Surrey)
1998: MEng Information Systems Engineering (Surrey)

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Learn more about James

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