

Why meet your MSP?

- Connect and build a personal relationship.
- Show each other your humanity.
- Counter corporate lobbyists.
- Show commitment and dedication.
- Have a dialogue not an exchange of statements.

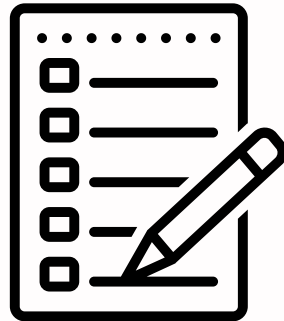
Always remember

- **Don't worry about the meeting too much!** Think of it as you would meeting with a colleague.
- You don't need to achieve everything you want in one meeting, this is the start of a process not the end.
- If you can talk about why rewilding is relevant to you and your community it will have extra impact.
- Remember to listen to them and hear their ideas, we want this to be a collaborative conversation.

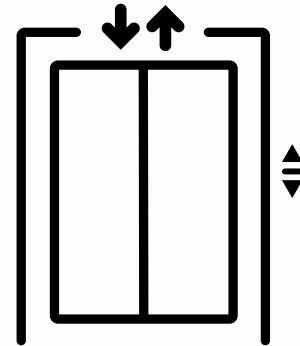
Writing to your local Politician

1. Briefly introduce yourself, any relevant details (such as if you've met this politician before), and the main topic you want to discuss
2. Politicians appreciate their work and commitment to the local area being recognised, you could thank them for work they have done on a particular issue.
3. Highlight the main points you want to make, this will be recieved best if presented as 2-3 short points with their backgrounds, key facts, and why it should be important to your MSP and the local area.
4. What do you want the politician to take from this email? Whatever this action is, a request for an initial meeting or another specific action, note it in **bold** here.
5. Remember to thank the politician and to sign off with your name and area of residence (MPs, MSPs, and other politicians will only work with those in their area/constituency)

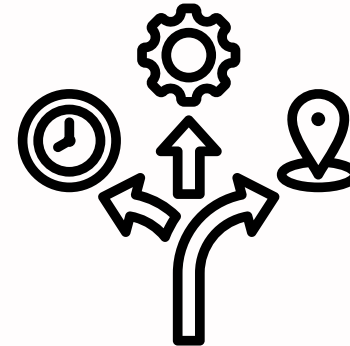
Meeting with your MSP Top Tips



Prepare an agenda in as much detail as you like - you may want to share this with the MSP



Think about an elevator pitch to start your meeting: who you are, what your issue is, and why it matters



Listen to their thoughts and opinions, and be flexible in the conversation - but not your values or beliefs



Include your SMART asks, referencing common ground motivations and co-benefits, adapting as you learn



Focus on positive solutions, not demands or accusations, and be thoughtful in your verbal and body language



Leave with a commitment, no matter how small, and end with something memorable



Look after yourself - you don't need to accommodate rude or offensive behaviour, and can leave



Make notes either during or soon after of key points, follow up quickly, and let us know how it went!