



SOCIAL DEMOCRATS

MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct sets out guiding principles and specific practices that establish the framework for ethical, collegial and inclusive conduct expected of all members of the Social Democrats, Ireland in the course of their engagements with or as representatives of the Party.

Guiding Principles

Code of engagement: In both public and internal exchanges, to abide by the values of honesty, respect, commitment, collegiality and responsibility.

Ethical Conduct: To the best of one's ability, to maintain and strengthen the trust and confidence of the public in the integrity and values of the Party.

Accountability: To be willing to be held accountable to the ethical and behavioural expectations within this code, and to understand that adherence to this code represents a condition of membership for the Party and serious violations or non-compliance regarding this code could result in disciplinary measures up to and including termination of membership.

Specific Practices

Party members

- will respect the dignity of all persons

- will contribute to the sustainability of our political movement through respectful and professional communication and action

- will not intentionally cause harm to any person by engaging in physical, mental, or social abuse or harassment.

- shall not use insulting, harassing, or otherwise offensive language or behavior

- shall not intentionally misrepresent the stated purposes, values, or policies of the Party

- will respect that diverse ideas and opinions are essential to ensuring the growth of progressive politics in Ireland

shall not commit acts such as slander or mischief that could result in civil or criminal action against themselves or the Party

shall endeavour to settle disagreements through reconciliation and restoration

shall conduct themselves in a manner which will tend to maintain and strengthen the public's trust and confidence in the integrity of the Party

will participate in the development of the Party to the best of their ability and availability

shall cooperate with the authorized structures and procedures of the party and respond in a timely manner when contacted by officers of the Party

shall conduct themselves in a professional manner during political debate, respect the legitimate democratic interests of all, and focus upon criticizing policies rather than persons;

shall work towards a politics of courtesy, consensus, cooperation and collaboration with others in areas where we share common values and beliefs

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