

A guide to meeting your MP

How to discuss tax dodging by the super-rich and the UN Tax Convention.



What to expect

Your MP has now received the email you sent them requesting a meeting (in-person or online) about tax dodging and the UN Tax Convention. Someone in their office will reply.

If your MP agrees to meet, [arrange a time](#) that is convenient to you. If they direct you to one of their drop-in sessions, have the chat there.

If they refuse to meet, please [express polite disappointment and let us know by email](#).

How to prepare

You don't need to be an expert on tax or politics – far from it! But if you'd like to prepare for the meeting, you could:

- [Read our article](#) on the UN Tax Convention.
- [Think](#) about how tax dodging might relate to you; tax dodging means less money for the UK government, which means less funding for public services. Are you seeing the closure of local public services in your area?
- [Reflect](#) on it personally. How do you feel about the fact that you have to pay tax, if you work, while the super-rich pay nothing on their extreme wealth?

Key Facts

Countries lose £388 billion each year to tax dodging by big corporations and the super-rich. This money could be funding our public services and action on climate.

The UN Tax Convention is a ground-breaking treaty being negotiated at the UN over the next 2 years. It could make it much easier to tax multinationals and the ultra-wealthy. If every country around the world joins the convention, the billionaire won't have anywhere to go to keep tax dodging.

The UK is one of 9 countries that voted against the UN Tax Convention last year.

What to say

- [Introduce yourself](#): When you get to the meeting, introduce yourself, mention that you live in your MP's constituency, and thank them for meeting you.
- [Be polite, patient and friendly](#): it will make your MP much more likely to listen to you! If you voted for them, mention that.
- [Explain why you're there](#): that you're unhappy that big corporations and the super-rich are dodging taxes, depriving the government of money it needs for public services and action on climate – and any other reasons you have.
- [Tell them](#) that you're disappointed that the UK government has been voting against the UN Tax Convention – a ground-breaking new treaty which would make it much easier to tax big corporations and the super-rich.
- [Encourage them](#) to [read War on Want's briefing](#) for more info and to speak out in favour of the UN Tax Convention.
- [Remember: you don't need to be an expert in tax dodging!](#) Your MP probably isn't either. Your job is to show them it's an issue you care about.

FAQs

[What's the point? My MP won't care.](#)

Even if your MP doesn't respond, if they know that their constituents care about an issue, they are more likely to care about it.

[I don't have enough time or can't meet my MP for other reasons.](#)

Thank you for caring about this issue. If you can't meet your MP, don't worry – there are lots of other ways to get involved. You can:

- [Email them again](#) about tax dodging and the UN Tax Convention
- Share this issue on social media so we can grow the movement
- Join online and in-person events, if/when you can, to show your support

Keep us posted

We're here to help. Email Nuri Syed Corser – Senior Economic Justice Campaigner at nsyedcorser@waronwant.org. Please let us know when you get a reply from your MP or if you need support in preparing for the meeting – Nuri is happy to have a quick call to talk you through it. Tell us how the meeting went.

Thank you for standing up for tax justice. We look forward to hearing from you!