

# What is Lobbying?

Lobbying is when an individual (or a group) tries to persuade a politician in the Northern Ireland Assembly, Westminster Parliament, or Local Council, to support a particular policy or campaign. Lobbying can be done in person, by sending letters and emails, or via social media.

## Who can Lobby?

Anyone can lobby their Northern Ireland Assembly Members or Westminster MP but it is usually more effective if you can find other people who share your concerns or experiences to lobby with you as a group, or part of a community or church initiative.

## How can I Lobby for Life?

There are many ways to contact your politicians. Some of the most commonly used are: **phone, email, sending letters, Facebook, Twitter**, or by **visiting their Constituency Office** in person. Sending a personal message will have more impact than a template. It also allows you to explain your own reasons for asking for their support.

For contact details, see inside page - *"What are the Political Parties' views on abortion?"* or telephone **Precious Life** on **028 9027 8484** for further details. You can also send your politicians a message at: [www.theyworkforyou.com](http://www.theyworkforyou.com)

The **Lobby for Life** Campaign is vital to defend our pro-life laws and ensure that **every person**, from the moment of conception, continues to be protected in Northern Ireland. **Our Laws Matter** because they are progressive, modern and compassionate, and they recognise the scientific fact that the unborn child is a human being, and acknowledge the mounting evidence that abortion hurts women.

To request a **Lobby for Life Information Pack**, please contact **Precious Life**.

### YOU CAN ALSO HELP BY...

- Becoming a member of **Precious Life** or **Youth for Life NI**
- Taking part in local and national pro-life events and activities
- Distributing our pro-life information
- Donating to our life-saving campaigns

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# Lobby for Life



Tell your Politicians... **“Every person, irrespective of stage of development; abilities; disabilities; or circumstance of conception; has an intrinsic value and dignity which ground his or her right to life, and must be protected in law, policy and practice in Northern Ireland.”**



# Why do I need to Lobby for Life?

**Following the Abortion Referendum in the Republic of Ireland, there is now a concerted campaign to legalise abortion in Northern Ireland.** Pro-abortion organisations like **FPA, BPAS**, and **AMNESTY** are conspiring with politicians – both here and in Westminster – to change our pro-life laws and legalise the killing of unborn children.

With the political instability in the Stormont Assembly, MPs in Westminster are undermining the democratic process by trying to force abortion on Northern Ireland against the wishes of the people. In July 2018, these pro-abortion Westminster MPs – with support from members of **Sinn Féin, SDLP, Alliance**, and **Green Party** – published a letter calling for the killing of unborn babies to be made legal here.

Northern Ireland is the only part of the UK and Ireland where unborn children are still protected in law. But these pro-abortion politicians want to decriminalise abortion here by repealing *Sections 58 and 59* of the 'Offences Against The Person Act'. This would remove all safeguards for pregnant women, leaving them and their unborn children with no legal protection at all throughout the whole nine months of pregnancy. This would be disastrous for the health and well-being of women in Northern Ireland, and would make the womb the most dangerous place for unborn children.

**Unborn children cannot speak for themselves so they need YOU to be their voice and Lobby for Life by contacting your Politicians and asking them to protect the right to life of babies in the womb. If your Politicians cannot give you this guarantee, then tell them you cannot give them your support or vote – no matter how appealing their other policies may be.**

## REMEMBER! ...without the right to life - all other rights are meaningless



# What are the Political Parties' views on abortion?

**Alliance Party:** The Party says its members can pick and choose whether to support the killing of unborn babies. All their Members in the previous NI Assembly voted to legalise the killing of unborn babies. In July 2018, MLAs Kellie Armstrong, Naomi Long, Paula Bradshaw, Stephen Farry, and Stewart Dickson, signed a letter with pro-abortion Westminster MPs calling for the legalised killing of unborn babies - up to birth - to be forced on Northern Ireland.

**Telephone 028 9032 4274 or email [alliance@allianceparty.org](mailto:alliance@allianceparty.org)**

**DUP (Democratic Unionist Party):** The DUP say it is a pro-life party and has "stood by its commitment to family values and marriage and will continue to do so". The DUP has also pledged to establish perinatal hospice care in Northern Ireland, for parents whose unborn babies have been diagnosed with life-limiting disabilities.

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**Green Party:** The Party support the introduction of abortion-on-demand, right up to the moment of birth. They also want to set up "buffer zones" which will stop pro-life groups offering help to women outside abortion agencies. Green Party members also work alongside pro-abortion activist groups. In July 2018, MLAs Clare Bailey and Steven Agnew signed a letter with pro-abortion Westminster MPs calling for the legalised killing of unborn babies - up to birth - to be forced on Northern Ireland.

**Telephone 028 9145 9110 / email [info@greenparty.org](mailto:info@greenparty.org)**

**People Before Profit:** The Party support the introduction of abortion-on-demand, right up to the moment of birth. Party members also work alongside pro-abortion activist groups.

**Telephone 079 2768 8875**

**SDLP (Social Democratic and Labour Party):** In May 2018, the Party voted to overturn its long-standing pro-life position and allow its members to pick and choose whether to support the killing of unborn babies. The Party Leader Colum Eastwood, and other members of the Party, supported the May 2018 Referendum to remove all legal protection for unborn babies in the Republic of Ireland. In July 2018, Colum Eastwood and Claire Hanna MLA signed a letter with pro-abortion Westminster MPs calling for the legalised killing of unborn babies - up to birth - to be forced on Northern Ireland.

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**Sinn Féin:** In 2016, the Party voted in the NI Assembly for a change in the law to allow abortion of babies diagnosed with life-limiting disabilities — right up to birth. The Party campaigned in the May 2018 Referendum to remove all legal protection from unborn babies in the Republic of Ireland and legalise abortion. Their Campaign slogan after the Referendum was "The North is Next". At their 2018 Ard Fheis, Sinn Féin voted to support an abortion policy even more liberal than the British 1967 Abortion Act, permitting abortion for any reason, right up to the moment of birth. In July 2018, Party Leaders Mary Lou McDonald and Michelle O'Neill, together with Paul Maskey MP and Martina Anderson MEP, signed a letter with pro-abortion Westminster MPs calling for the legalised killing of unborn babies - up to birth - to be forced on Northern Ireland.

**Telephone 028 9034 7350 / email [sfassembly@outlook.com](mailto:sfassembly@outlook.com)**

**TUV (Traditional Unionist Voice):** The TUV say the Party is "solidly pro-life" and will continue to oppose any weakening of our pro-life laws.

**Telephone 028 9052 1461 / email [samuel.morrison@party.niassembly.gov.uk](mailto:samuel.morrison@party.niassembly.gov.uk)**

**UUP (Ulster Unionist Party):** The Party say its members can pick and choose whether to support the killing of unborn babies. Some of their Politicians are pro-life but some are pro-abortion.

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**Other Parties & Independents:** For information on other Parties' and Independent Politicians' views on abortion, please contact Precious Life - **028 9027 8484**