



The Labour Campaign for International Development is a group of Labour supporters committed to ensuring that the Labour Party acts to support a world without poverty & injustice.

Labour Campaign for International Development aims to:

1. To lobby the Labour Party and the Labour Government to keep international development high on the agenda, and raise awareness on international development issues among Party members.
2. To re-engage people who have turned to single issues campaigns back into the Labour Party and the political process, by demonstrating that it is only the Labour & Co-operative Parties who can deliver on international development.
3. To provide members with opportunities to network and influence Labour Party policy on international development and in particular, shape the manifesto for the next General Election.
4. To share the ideas & policies, events and campaigns of organisations within the Labour movement working on international development
5. To share the ideas & policies, events and campaigns of civil society organisations working on international development.
6. To support and build links with Labour and Co-operative movements around the global campaigning against poverty.

Labour's Record

A Labour Government has made the Britain a world leader at the forefront of fighting global poverty:

- We created the independent Department for International Development
- We have trebled of development aid, a commitment to increasing it to 0.7% of GNI by 2013, and sure UK aid is used to reach people in poverty rather than to pursue narrow business interests.
- Shown international leadership in forging a commitment from G8 countries to increase aid by \$50bn per year, and the cancelling of the debts of the world's poorest countries.

Achieving results:

- helped lift 3 million people out of poverty each year.
- helped to get some 40 million more children into school.
- Polio is on the verge of being eradicated and 3 million people are now able to access life-preserving drugs for HIV and AIDS.
- improved water or sanitation services for over 1.5 million people.

How Labour's aid commitments should be strengthened in 2010

The gains of the last 13 years must not be squandered. In times of financial difficulty and climate stress, the world's poor suffer more than ever from crises not of their making. Labour must continue to stand by them, strengthening its commitment in 2010 by:

- **Making 0.7% of UK income target legally binding** – the International Development Bill should be passed before the General Election, and the manifesto should include a commitment to ensure climate change adaptation funding is strictly additional to existing aid promises.



- **Enhancing the effectiveness of aid** – ensure funding is targeted at realising the rights of communities most in need, supports the development of effective states and active civil societies, and is not diverted towards serving commercial or foreign policy interests.
- **Introducing a Financial Transaction Tax**, with half of the proceeds used as an innovative and additional source of finance for development and climate change, again including a commitment in the General Election Manifesto

Big Choice Election – the Conservative threat

The Conservatives, lead by a shadow Development Minister who is a known Thatcherite, would will impose disastrous, ill thought out and ideological policies on some of the world's poorest people.

The Conservatives slashed overseas aid in half when they were last in power. And despite Cameron's fluffy words, 96% of Conservative candidates seeking to become MPs at the next election want to see aid cut.

Some of the damaging things they have been proposing: (which have been slated by major NGOs and the UN)

- David Cameron plans to imposing private sector solutions in health and education. They would promote 'voucher' schemes, and subsidise private schools.
- The Tories would divert British aid for fighting poverty to tackle climate change.
- Leading Tories would slash aid spending and abandon our promises to the world's poorest people.
- Tory plans for an 'online vote' to decide which countries should get aid would see poor people and countries treated like contestants on X-Factor or Big Brother, evicted on the basis of a beauty contest.

Take action & get involved with LCID!

We're a growing organisation and we'd love to have you involved. Here are a few ways you can do:

- Join our mailing list – sign up at LCID.org.uk
- Become a Fan on Facebook – [Facebook.com/LabourCID](https://www.facebook.com/LabourCID) & follow us on Twitter [@LabourCID](https://twitter.com/LabourCID)
- Sign up to the campaign to make 0.7% spending on aid UK law – go to GlobalPovertyPromise.com
- Read our blog at LCID.org.uk
- Tell 5 friends about Labour's record on international development
- Help support you local Labour parliamentary candidate – email hello@laid.org.uk

“Tackling poverty is one of the greatest causes of our time. The Labour Party and the Labour Government has been on the frontline in the fight against global poverty and now the Labour Campaign for International Development will provide a way in which members who care about the issue can keep informed, contribute policy and help keep it high on the agenda.”

- Gordon Brown