



# **Elections 2015: The TUSC results**

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# Overview

A TOTAL of 748 candidates contested the elections on May 7th under the Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition (TUSC) umbrella, polling a combined total of 118,125 votes.

There were 135 prospective parliamentary candidates approved by the TUSC national steering committee who appeared on the ballot paper under one of the TUSC registered descriptions. TUSC contested 12 of the 40 parliamentary constituencies in Wales (30%), 113 of the 533 seats in England (21%), and ten of the 59 Scottish constituencies (17%).

There were 613 TUSC candidates approved who stood in the local elections held on the same day, contesting seats in 111 councils.

Of these candidates 592 stood in the local authorities in England which had scheduled elections this year – there were TUSC candidates in 98 of the 279 district councils (35%) in this category. In addition there were seven TUSC candidates who contested council by-elections on May 7th in authorities where there were no scheduled elections. And lastly there were 14 TUSC candidates contesting seats in eight parish council elections, one of whom, Simon Roberts, was elected unopposed onto Fleetwood Town Council.

In addition, the Leicester Independent Councillors Against Cuts ‘rebel councillor’ Barbara Potter stood on TUSC’s anti-austerity platform in the city’s Mayoral election on the same day.

## Trade unionists standing for TUSC

Once again the trade union roots of the TUSC election challenge was reflected in the composition of the candidates. One in twelve TUSC general election candidates were members of the RMT transport workers’ union, one of the constituent organisations, of course, of TUSC. But there were also a similar number of National Union of Teachers’ members standing as parliamentary candidates, including three members of the union’s national executive – more than for any other party.

There were 26 general election and local council candidates who were members of the Communication Workers’ Union members, 18 PCS members, and 24 members of the University and College Union. From the big Labour-affiliated unions, there were 118 Unison members standing for TUSC and 196 members of Unite.

## A unifying banner

As well as the RMT, the other constituent organisations of TUSC – the Socialist Party, the Socialist Workers Party, and the Independent Socialist Network – were well represented in the election challenge. And once again there were a significant number of candidates – 148 – who, when completing the TUSC Authorisation Application form question, ‘are you a member of a political party or group?’ entered ‘none’. This broke down into 14% of the parliamentary candidates and 20% of the council candidates.

The rebel councillors in Leicester, Barbara Potter and Wayne Naylor, stood under the name Leicester Independent Councillors Against Cuts, registered by the national steering committee at their request as an official TUSC description, to preserve their independent identity while being part of TUSC (including using the TUSC Against Cuts emblem). While sadly Wayne and Barbara were unable to hold their seats in a contest overshadowed by the general election, their anti-cuts challenge has laid firm roots across the city. Barbara polled 3,028 votes in her stand for the directly-elected city mayor.

Overall, this campaign really did live up to TUSC's founding declaration of "enabling trade unionists, community campaigners and socialists to resist electorally the pro-austerity consensus of the establishment parties" under a common, unifying banner.

There were also members of more socialist organisations than those currently participating on the national steering committee who stood as TUSC candidates – as has been the case since TUSC's formation. There was political breadth around the agreed TUSC core policies. This year there were candidates standing under the TUSC umbrella who were members of the Walsall Socialist Group, the Harrow Independent Labour Group, the United Socialist Party, the Communist Party of Britain (CPB), and Left Unity, all with the rights guaranteed in the TUSC rules to promote their own organisation in their election campaign as they so wished (see <http://www.tusc.org.uk/16861/14-11-13/How-TUSC-Functions> on the TUSC website).

## **Other left candidates**

However, there were some left organisations who did not participate. While the TUSC national steering committee has invited Respect, the National Health Action Party, Lewisham People Before Profit, the Socialist Labour Party (SLP) and the CPB to join our coalition with the full rights of a participating organisation – and the Scottish TUSC steering committee made a similar invitation to the Scottish Socialist Party (SSP) – these parties stood candidates separately on May 7th including, in some cases, in a direct clash with candidates standing as TUSC. Their results are listed in Table Four at the end of this report.

Also included are the results recorded by members of the Left Unity party who stood on May 7th. Left Unity too has been approached on a number of occasions since its formation over two years ago to become a participating organisation within TUSC, which it has so far declined.

But on the other hand it did meet with TUSC last year and agreed to register a joint description to enable Left Unity members who wished to contribute to the broader TUSC election challenge to do so, while retaining the Left Unity name on the ballot paper. Seven parliamentary candidates and six council candidates applied to use the joint description and they are indicated as such in this report.

## **Media coverage**

The BBC and Ofcom produce guidance policy for election coverage, including a minimum threshold of the number of candidates a party must stand before they qualify for 'fair coverage'. This year, for the first time, TUSC reached the seat number threshold and got the coverage that guaranteed, including of course the party election broadcast.

But the 'statutory minimum' was it, and consciously so. For example, when we proposed to the BBC's chief political advisor Ric Bailey that TUSC should at least be part of the Challengers' TV Debate post-debate discussions – perhaps equivalent to the opportunity afforded to the DUP's Nigel Dodds for the April 2nd leaders' debate or a Newsnight item – the reply was clear. "The BBC will give the party at least the minimum level of coverage set out in the guidelines", Ric Bailey wrote, but "additional coverage will be a matter of editorial judgement for programme editors". Their 'judgement', strictly 'objectively arrived at' of course, was that there should be none.

There was an almost total boycott of TUSC in the national print media. The Guardian, for example, carried features covering Al Murray's campaign in Thanet, the Class War candidate in Chingford (where TUSC was standing), the National Health Action Party, the Cannabis is Safer Than Alcohol candidates, Bez from the Happy Monday's and his 'Reality Party', and even the artist Bob and Roberta Smith's stand against Michael Gove in Surrey Heath. But outside the letters pages there was just three one sentence mentions, in passing, of TUSC. Even the Morning Star declined a request to interview a TUSC spokesperson. The best that can be said is that TUSC polled a far bigger share of the vote than its share of media coverage.

# Summary points

Table One presents the TUSC results in England by region, aggregated on a local authority basis, while Tables Two and Three list the results in Scotland and Wales. Excel spreadsheets are available of the results in each constituency and ward, including the votes of the other candidates.

Significant features of the results include:

- The total vote for all TUSC candidates on May 7th was 118,125, comprised of 36,420 votes for the parliamentary candidates, 78,677 votes for the council candidates, and 3,028 votes for the Leicester mayoral candidate.
- The best parliamentary scores were for Dave Nellist in Coventry North West (1,769 votes, 3.9%) and Jenny Sutton in Tottenham (1,324, 3.1%). But as anticipated, there was an almost uniform incidence of 'split voting' with many voters, afraid of the now realised prospect of another Tory government, supporting TUSC but only being prepared to vote for the local council candidate at this stage.
- In Coventry, for example, while 3,052 people voted for the TUSC parliamentary candidates, 4,389 voted for the TUSC local election candidates in the city. While in Barnsley TUSC won 937 votes in two of the three parliamentary constituencies but 2,434 votes were cast for the TUSC candidates contesting just under half of Barnsley's council seats.
- Southampton rebel councillor Don Thomas was re-elected for his Coxford ward, which he holds with the TUSC national steering committee member Keith Morrell, with a 37.2% share of the vote, exactly 1,000 votes ahead of Labour.
- In seven councils, TUSC's score was over 3,000 votes, led by Leicester (5,158, plus 3,028 for the mayor), Coventry on 4,389, Doncaster (4,104), Liverpool (3,486), Medway (3,402), Southampton (3,351), Manchester (3,214) and 3,053 in Sheffield.
- In a further 17 councils TUSC polled over 1,000 votes, from Brighton & Hove (2,684), Salford (2,535), Barnsley (2,434), Kirklees (2,094), Bristol (1,917), York (1,820), Birmingham (1,745), Wakefield (1,627), Nottingham (1,577), Walsall (1,354), Leeds (1,352), Bolsover (1,341), North East Lincolnshire and Stoke-on Trent (both with 1,084 votes), Plymouth (1,025), Knowsley (1,010), to Portsmouth, with 1,003 votes.
- The best average percentage share of the vote score across a council in which TUSC stood in at least a third of the seats was achieved in Barnsley, with an average of 6.3%. In Doncaster TUSC candidates averaged a 4.6% share of the vote, Coventry 3.5%, York 3.4%, Southampton and Walsall 3.3%, Stoke and Nottingham 3%, and Medway 2.9%.
- Across the 592 wards contested by TUSC in the scheduled elections, just under one tenth of the total, the mean average vote for TUSC candidates was 2.5%.
- In one in four of the council wards where TUSC fielded a candidate on May 7th, TUSC either outpolled the Liberal Democrats or they couldn't find a candidate.
- In one in five of the council wards where there was a TUSC candidate, TUSC similarly outpolled the Greens. So what would impact could TUSC have made if it had been given a one in five share of the media coverage even the Greens received?

# A note on statistical methods

Excel spreadsheets are available of the results for TUSC candidates for each council where a seat was contested, grouped into regions. These include a figure for the percentage of the vote won by TUSC in each ward.

How this later figure is worked out is straightforward in a contest for one seat – the percentage figure for the TUSC candidate being the percentage of all the votes cast.

But what about multi-seat contests, where two or three councillors were elected from the same ward? Particularly, for example, where the council only publishes the votes cast for each candidate but not the turnout, or the size of the electorate? How to present such results, particularly where a party fields just one candidate in a two or three-seat contest, is a controversial question of psephology.

TUSC has now been using the same method to calculate votes in multi-seat wards since 2011, which has the advantage of allowing a comparison across different year's election results.

In an example from the elections of that year, in Leicester's Rushey Mead ward the single TUSC candidate polled 272 votes, ahead of one Liberal Democrat candidate but behind the other two. It was a fact that 4.9% of the 5,524 people who voted in Rushey Mead used one of their three votes for TUSC. But they actually cast a total of 13,917 votes (which meant that 2,655 potential votes were not used). So how should TUSC's share of support in the ward be calculated? It could have been presented as a percentage of the total votes cast, 1.9%. On the other hand, if all the ward's candidates' votes were presented as a percentage of the 5,524 actual voters, the total number of votes would be 300%.

So the method used is to record the TUSC vote (or the highest TUSC vote in a multi-candidate ward) as a percentage of the aggregate of the highest votes of all the parties contesting the ward, the highest vote being taken as a maximum expression of a particular party's support.

In the Rushey Mead example there wasn't much deviation from the percentage of ballots cast method. The aggregate of the highest Labour vote (2,789), the highest Independent (1,039), the Tories' highest vote (861), the top Lib Dem vote (556), and TUSC's 272 votes, came to a total of 5,517. On this calculation, TUSC again polled 4.9% in the ward.

This method is neither a 'correct' nor 'incorrect' way of presenting the support there for TUSC. It is just another method, with its limitations openly acknowledged.



# Elections 2015: Regional breakdown of TUSC results Eastern Region

Below are the TUSC election results for the Eastern region, with five parliamentary candidates and 31 local council candidates who contested seats in 12 authorities.

The table for the TUSC council election results shows the number of TUSC candidates in the first column, followed by the number of wards (with a figure for the percentage of wards contested by TUSC in each council given, rounded to the nearest five percentage point, in column three).

The fourth column gives the aggregate vote for all the TUSC candidates, and the last column shows the mean average share of the vote in the wards contested in each authority.

## General election results

Local authority	Constituency	Candidate's name	Vote	
Harlow	Harlow	David Brown	174	0.4%
Milton Keynes	Milton Keynes North	Katie Simpson	163	0.3%
Stevenage	Stevenage	Trevor Palmer	175	0.4%
Watford	Watford	Mark O'Connor	178	0.3%
Welwyn Hatfield	Welwyn Hatfield	Richard Shattock	142	0.3%
			<b>832</b>	

## Local election results

	No. of candidates	No. of wards	% of wards	Aggregate vote	Ave share of vote
Basildon	2	2	15%	97	1.1%
East Hertfordshire	1	1	5%	48	1.5%
Huntingdonshire	1	1	5%	52	1.1%
Milton Keynes	1	1	5%	64	1.0%
Peterborough	1	1	5%	131	2.9%
Stevenage	11	11	85%	566	1.6%
St Albans & District	1	1	5%	28	0.7%
Three Rivers	1	1	5%	33	0.9%
Watford	7	7	60%	231	0.9%
Welwyn Hatfield	2	2	10%	61	1.0%
		<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>1,311</b>

## Town and parish council elections

	No. of candidates	No. of wards	Aggregate vote	Ave share of vote
Abbots Langley PC	1	1	147	4.0%
Hatfield TC	2	2	264	6.1%
		<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>411</b>



## Elections 2015: Regional breakdown of TUSC results East Midlands

Below are the TUSC election results for the East Midlands region, with nine parliamentary candidates and 58 local council candidates who contested seats in 11 authorities. In addition, the Leicester Independent Councillors Against Cuts 'rebel councillor' Barbara Potter won 3,028 votes standing in the city's Mayoral election also held on May 7th.

The table for the TUSC council election results shows the number of TUSC candidates in the first column, followed by the number of wards (with a figure for the percentage of wards contested by TUSC in each council given, rounded to the nearest five percentage point, in column three).

The fourth column gives the aggregate vote for all the TUSC candidates, and the last column shows the mean average share of the vote in the wards contested in each authority.

### General election results

Local authority	Constituency	Candidate's name	Vote	
Chesterfield	Chesterfield	Matt Whale	202	0.4%
Derby	Derby South	Chris Fernandez	225	0.6%
Leicester	Leicester East	Michael Barker	540	1.1%
	Leicester South	Andrew Walton	349	0.8%
	Leicester West	Heather Rawling	288	0.8%
Lincoln	Lincoln	Elaine Smith	344	0.7%
Mansfield	Mansfield	Karen Seymour	324	0.7%
Nottingham	Nottingham North	Cathy Meadows	160	0.5%
	Nottingham South	Andrew Clayworth	230	0.5%
			<b>2,662</b>	

### Local election results

	No. of candidates	No. of wards	% of wards	Aggregate vote	Ave share of vote
Ashfield	2	2	15%	151	2.6%
Bolsover	4	4	20%	1,341	23.5%
Chesterfield	4	4	20%	576	4.3%
Derby	6	6	35%	643	2.0%
Gelding	1	1	5%	94	2.7%
Harborough	1	1	5%	215	4.7%
Leicester	22	19	85%	5,158	3.8%
Lincoln	6	6	55%	330	1.4%
Mansfield	3	3	10%	120	3.4%
North Kesteven	1	1	5%	162	3.2%
Nottingham	8	8	40%	1,577	3.0%
	<b>58</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>10,367</b>	





# Elections 2015: Regional breakdown of TUSC results London

Below are the TUSC election results for London, with 26 parliamentary candidates and five candidates contesting council by-elections in four London boroughs. Candidates marked with an asterisk appeared on the ballot paper using the joint Left Unity-TUSC registered description.

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## General election results

Local authority	Constituency	Candidate's name	Vote	
Barking & Dagenham	<b>Barking</b>	Joseph Mambuliya	183	0.4%
Brent	<b>Brent Central</b>	John Boyle	235	0.5%
Croydon	<b>Croydon Central</b>	April Ashley	127	0.2%
	<b>Croydon North</b>	Glen Hart	261	0.5%
Ealing	<b>Ealing North</b>	David Hofman	214	0.4%
Enfield	<b>Edmonton</b>	Lewis Peacock	360	0.9%
	<b>Enfield North</b>	Joe Simpson	177	0.4%
Greenwich	<b>Greenwich &amp; Woolwich</b>	Lynne Chamberlain	370	0.8%
Hackney	<b>Hackney South &amp; Shoreditch</b>	Brian Debus	302	0.6%
	<b>Tottenham</b>	Jenny Sutton	1,324	3.1%
Harrow	<b>Harrow East</b>	Nana Asante	205	0.4%
Hillingdon (and Harrow)	<b>Ruislip Northwood &amp; Pinner</b>	Wally Kennedy	302	0.6%
	<b>Uxbridge South &amp; Ruislip</b>	Gary Harbord	180	0.4%
Hillingdon	<b>Kingston &amp; Surbiton</b>	Laurel Forgarty	174	0.3%
Kingston-upon-Thames	<b>Streatham</b>	Unjum Mirza	164	0.3%
Lambeth	<b>Dulwich &amp; West Norwood</b>	Steve Nally	248	0.5%
Lambeth (and Southwark)	<b>Lewisham Deptford</b>	Chris Flood	286	0.6%
Lewisham	<b>Lewisham West &amp; Penge</b>	Martin Powell-Davies	391	0.8%
Lewisham (and Bromley)	<b>East Ham</b>	Lois Austin	230	0.4%
Newham	<b>Bermondsey &amp; Old Southwark</b>	Kingsley Abrams*	142	0.3%
Southwark	<b>Camberwell &amp; Peckham</b>	Nick Wrack*	292	0.6%
Sutton	<b>Sutton &amp; Cheam</b>	Pauline Gorman	79	0.2%
Tower Hamlets	<b>Bethnal Green &amp; Bow</b>	Glyn Robbins*	949	1.8%
	<b>Poplar &amp; Limehouse</b>	Hugo Pierre	367	0.7%
Waltham Forest	<b>Walthamstow</b>	Nancy Taaffe	394	0.9%
Waltham Forest (and Redbridge)	<b>Chingford &amp; Woodford Green</b>	Len Hockey	241	0.6%

**8,197**

## Council by-elections

	No. of candidates	No. of wards	Aggregate vote	Ave share of vote
Greenwich	1	1	80	0.9%
Kingston	2	2	73	0.7%
Lambeth	1	1	99	1.3%
Newham	1	1	70	0.9%
	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>322</b>	



## Elections 2015: Regional breakdown of TUSC results Northern

Below are the TUSC election results for the Northern region, with five parliamentary candidates and 33 local council candidates who contested seats in six authorities.

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### General election results

Local authority	Constituency	Candidate's name	Vote	
Darlington	Darlington	Alan Docherty	223	0.5%
Gateshead (and South Tyneside)	Jarrow	Norman Hall	385	1.0%
Newcastle	Newcastle East	Paul Phillips	170	0.4%
North Tyneside	North Tyneside	Tim Wall	304	0.6%
Sunderland	Washington & Sunderland West	Gary Duncan	341	0.9%
			<b>1,423</b>	

### Local election results

	No. of candidates	No. of wards	% of wards	Aggregate vote	Ave share of vote
Carlisle	8	8	45%	299	1.4%
Darlington	1	1	5%	107	3.3%
Gateshead	9	9	40%	605	1.8%
Newcastle-upon-Tyne	7	7	25%	381	1.2%
North Tyneside	3	3	15%	261	1.6%
Sunderland	5	5	20%	448	2.1%
		<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>2,101</b>



# Elections 2015: Regional breakdown of TUSC results North West

Below are the TUSC election results for the North West region, with 14 parliamentary candidates and 114 local council candidates who contested seats in 21 authorities. Candidates marked with an asterisk appeared on the ballot paper using the joint Left Unity-TUSC registered description.

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## General election results

Local authority	Constituency	Candidate's name	Vote	
Bolton	<b>Bolton West</b>	John Vickers	209	0.7%
Cheshire West & Chester	<b>Ellesmere Port &amp; Neston</b>	Felicity Dowling*	192	0.4%
	<b>Weaver Vale</b>	Joseph Whyte	94	0.2%
Liverpool	<b>Liverpool Riverside</b>	Tony Mulhearn	582	1.3%
	<b>Liverpool Wavertree</b>	Dave Walsh	362	0.9%
Manchester	<b>Manchester Central</b>	Alex Davidson	270	0.6%
	<b>Manchester Gorton</b>	Simon Hickman	264	0.6%
	<b>Wythenshawe &amp; Sale East</b>	Lynn Worthington	215	0.5%
Manchester (and Trafford)	<b>Rossendale &amp; Darwen</b>	Simon Thomas	103	0.2%
Rossendale (and Blackburn)	<b>Salford &amp; Eccles</b>	Noreen Bailey	517	1.2%
Salford	<b>Worsley &amp; Eccles South</b>	Steve North	380	0.9%
Sefton	<b>Bootle</b>	Pete Glover	500	1.1%
	<b>Warrington South</b>	Cllr Kevin Bennett	238	0.4%
Warrington	<b>Leigh</b>	Stephen Hall*	542	1.2%
Wigan			<b>4,468</b>	

## Local election results

	No. of candidates	No. of wards	% of wards	Aggregate vote	Ave share of vote
<b>Blackpool</b>	2	2	10%	<b>193</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
<b>Burnley</b>	1	1	5%	<b>155</b>	<b>6.1%</b>
<b>Cheshire West</b>	4	4	10%	<b>230</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
<b>Halton</b>	3	3	15%	<b>320</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
<b>Knowsley</b>	4	4	20%	<b>1,010</b>	<b>7.6%</b>
<b>Lancaster</b>	2	2	5%	<b>206</b>	<b>2.9%</b>
<b>Liverpool</b>	26	26	85%	<b>3,486</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
<b>Manchester</b>	26	26	80%	<b>3,214</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
<b>Oldham</b>	1	1	5%	<b>94</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
<b>Pendle</b>	1	1	5%	<b>99</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
<b>Rochdale</b>	1	1	5%	<b>69</b>	<b>1.6%</b>

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# North West

## Local election results continued

	No. of candidates	No. of wards	% of wards	Aggregate vote	Ave share of vote
Salford	20	20	100%	2,535	2.7%
Sefton	1	1	5%	156	2.7%
St Helens	1	1	5%	80	1.6%
Stockport	1	1	5%	66	0.6%
Tameside	4	4	20%	394	1.9%
Warrington	4	4	20%	564	2.6%
Wigan	2	2	10%	224	2.1%
Wirral	6	6	25%	632	1.7%
Wyre	2	2	10%	270	6.9%
	<b>112</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>13,997</b>	

## Town council elections

	No. of candidates	No. of wards	Aggregate vote	Ave share of vote
Fleetwood TC	2	2	319	21.2%
	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>319</b>	



## Elections 2015: Regional breakdown of TUSC results South East

Below are the TUSC election results for the South Eastern region, with five parliamentary candidates and 48 local council candidates who contested seats in five authorities.

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### General election results

Local authority	Constituency	Candidate's name	Vote	
Brighton and Hove	Hove	Dave Hill	144	0.3%
Medway	Gillingham & Rainham	Jacqui Berry	273	0.6%
	Rochester & Strood	Dan Burn	202	0.4%
Medway (and Tonbridge & Malling)	Chatham & Aylesford	Ivor Riddell	125	0.3%
Shepway	Folkestone & Hythe	Seth Cruse	244	0.4%
			<b>988</b>	

### Local election results

	No. of candidates	No. of wards	% of wards	Aggregate vote	Ave share of vote
Brighton & Hove	13	13	60%	2,684	2.5%
Canterbury	3	1	5%	325	1.7%
Medway	22	22	100%	3,402	2.9%
Shepway	6	3	15%	729	2.9%
	<b>44</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>7,140</b>	

### Town council elections

	No. of candidates	No. of wards	Aggregate vote	Ave share of vote
Folkestone TC	4	4	808	6.4%
	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>808</b>	



## Elections 2015: Regional breakdown of TUSC results Southern

Below are the TUSC election results for the Southern region, with eight parliamentary candidates and 44 local council candidates who contested seats in eight authorities.

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### General election results

Local authority	Constituency	Candidate's name	Vote	
Eastleigh	Eastleigh	Declan Clune	114	0.2%
Oxford	Oxford East	James Morbin	108	0.4%
Portsmouth	Portsmouth North	Jon Woods	231	0.5%
	Portsmouth South	Sean Hoyle	235	0.6%
Reading (and West Berkshire)	Reading West	Neil Adams	83	0.2%
Southampton	Southampton Itchen	Sue Atkins	233	0.5%
	Southampton Test	Nick Chaffey	403	0.9%
Spelthorne	Spelthorne	Paul Couchman	228	0.5%
			<b>1,635</b>	

### Local election results

	No. of candidates	No. of wards	% of wards	Aggregate vote	Ave share of vote
Basingstoke & Deane	1	1	5%	41	1.1%
Bracknell Forest	3	2	10%	218	2.5%
Eastleigh	2	2	10%	42	0.5%
New Forest	2	2	5%	334	4.5%
Portsmouth	14	14	100%	1,003	1.1%
Southampton	16	16	100%	3,351	3.3%
Spelthorne	4	2	15%	475	2.8%
Wokingham	2	2	10%	25	0.3%
	<b>44</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>5,489</b>	



## Elections 2015: Regional breakdown of TUSC results South West

Below are the TUSC election results for the South West region, with nine parliamentary candidates and 74 local council candidates who contested seats in 17 authorities. The candidate marked with an asterisk appeared on the ballot paper using the joint Left Unity-TUSC registered description.

The table for the TUSC council election results shows the number of TUSC candidates in the first column, followed by the number of wards (with a figure for the percentage of wards contested by TUSC in each council given, rounded to the nearest five percentage point, in column three).

The fourth column gives the aggregate vote for all the TUSC candidates, and the last column shows the mean average share of the vote in the wards contested in each authority.

### General election results

Local authority	Constituency	Candidate's name	Vote	
Bristol	Bristol East	Matt Gordon	229	0.5%
	Bristol North West	Anne Lemon	160	0.3%
	Bristol South	Tom Baldwin	302	0.6%
Exeter	Exeter	Edmund Potts*	190	0.4%
Gloucester	Gloucester	Sue Powell	115	0.2%
Plymouth	Plymouth Moor View	Louise Parker	152	0.4%
South Gloucestershire	Kingswood	Richard Worth	84	0.2%
Taunton Deane	Taunton Deane	Stephen German	118	0.2%
Teignbridge	Newton Abbot	Sean Brogan	221	0.5%
			<b>1,571</b>	

### Local election results

	No. of candidates	No. of wards	% of wards	Aggregate vote	Ave share of vote
Bournemouth	1	1	5%	68	1.4%
Bristol	23	23	100%	1,917	1.3%
Exeter	6	6	45%	138	0.6%
Forest of Dean	1	1	5%	119	4.7%
Gloucester	3	3	20%	141	1.2%
Mid Devon	1	1	5%	481	16.9%
North Devon	4	4	15%	373	4.2%
Plymouth	19	19	100%	1,025	0.9%
South Gloucestershire	2	2	5%	372	3.2%
South Hams	1	1	5%	439	6.4%
Stroud	6	6	35%	295	1.9%
Taunton Deane	1	1	5%	93	3.0%
Teignbridge	1	1	5%	189	7.0%
Tewkesbury	1	1	5%	36	3.1%
	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>5,686</b>	



## Town and parish council elections

	No. of candidates	No. of wards	Aggregate vote	Ave share of vote
Barnstaple TC	2	2	492	12.4%
Braunton PC	1	1	196	5.5%
Ilfracombe TC	1	1	343	14.2%
	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,031</b>	



## Elections 2015: Regional breakdown of TUSC results West Midlands

Below are the TUSC election results for the West Midlands, with 13 parliamentary candidates and 79 local council candidates who contested seats in 12 authorities.

The table for the TUSC council election results shows the number of TUSC candidates in the first column, followed by the number of wards (with a figure for the percentage of wards contested by TUSC in each council given, rounded to the nearest five percentage point, in column three).

The fourth column gives the aggregate vote for all the TUSC candidates, and the last column shows the mean average share of the vote in the wards contested in each authority.

### General election results

Local authority	Constituency	Candidate's name	Vote	
Birmingham	Birmingham Erdington	Ted Woodley	212	0.6%
	Birmingham Perry Barr	Robert Punton	331	0.8%
	Birmingham Yardley	Eamonn Flynn	135	0.3%
Coventry	Coventry North East	Nicky Downes	633	1.5%
	Coventry North West	Dave Nellist	1,769	3.9%
	Coventry South	Judy Griffiths	650	1.5%
Dudley	Dudley North	Dave Pitt	139	0.4%
North Warwickshire	North Warwickshire	Eileen Hunter	138	0.3%
Nuneaton & Bedworth	Nuneaton	Paul Reilly	194	0.4%
Rugby	Rugby	Pete McLaren	225	1.0%
Stoke-on-Trent	Stoke-on-Trent South	Matt Wright	372	1.0%
Walsall	Walsall North	Pete Smith	545	1.5%
Worcester	Worcester	Pete McNally	153	0.3%
			<b>5,496</b>	

### Local election results

	No. of candidates	No. of wards	% of wards	Aggregate vote	Ave share of vote
Birmingham	17	17	40%	1,745	1.0%
Coventry	18	18	100%	4,389	3.5%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	4	4	25%	196	2.3%
Rugby	6	6	45%	353	1.7%
Sandwell	1	1	5%	89	1.6%
Stafford	4	4	15%	258	2.1%
Stoke-on-Trent	12	12	30%	1,084	3.0%
Walsall	8	8	40%	1,354	3.3%
Warwick	1	1	5%	156	2.8%
Worcester	3	3	25%	167	1.2%
Wyre Forest	4	3	20%	469	2.3%
	<b>78</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>10,260</b>	

**Town council elections**

	No. of candidates	No. of wards	Aggregate vote	Ave share of vote
Kenilworth TC	1	1	241	6.1%
	1	1	241	



# Elections 2015: Regional breakdown of TUSC results Yorkshire & Humberside

Below are the TUSC election results for Yorkshire and Humberside, with 19 parliamentary candidates and 125 local council candidates who contested seats in 14 authorities.

The table for the TUSC council election results shows the number of TUSC candidates in the first column, followed by the number of wards (with a figure for the percentage of wards contested by TUSC in each council given, rounded to the nearest five percentage point, in column three).

The fourth column gives the aggregate vote for all the TUSC candidates, and the last column shows the mean average share of the vote in the wards contested in each authority.

## General election results

Local authority	Constituency	Candidate's name	Vote	
Barnsley	Barnsley Central	Dave Gibson	573	1.6%
	Barnsley East	Ralph Dyson	364	0.9%
Doncaster	Don Valley	Steve Williams	437	1.0%
	Doncaster Central	Mehwash Akram	421	1.0%
	Doncaster North	Mary Jackson	258	0.7%
Kingston-upon-Hull	Hull West & Hessle	Paul Spooner	171	0.6%
Kirklees	Batley & Spen	Dawn Wheelhouse	123	0.2%
	Huddersfield	Mike Forster	340	0.8%
Leeds	Leeds Central	Liz Kitching	330	0.7%
	Leeds West	Ben Mayor	205	0.5%
North East Lincs	Cleethorpes	Malcolm Morland	215	0.5%
	Great Grimsby	Val O'Flynn	173	0.5%
Rotherham	Rotherham	Pat McLaughlin	409	1.1%
Selby	Selby & Ainsty	Ian Wilson	137	0.3%
Sheffield	Sheffield Brightside & Hillsborough	Maxine Bowler	442	1.1%
	Sheffield South East	Ian Whitehouse	185	0.4%
	Sheffield Heeley	Alan Munro	238	0.6%
Wakefield	Wakefield	Mick Griffiths	287	0.7%
York	York Central	Megan Ollerhead	288	0.6%
			<b>5,596</b>	

## Local election results

	No. of candidates	No. of wards	% of wards	Aggregate vote	Ave share of vote
Barnsley	9	9	45%	2,434	6.3%
Bradford	5	5	15%	334	1.0%
Calderdale	2	2	15%	223	2.8%
Doncaster	14	13	60%	4,104	4.6%
Harrogate	1	1	5%	60	2.0%
Kingston-upon-Hull	2	2	10%	115	1.3%
Kirklees	16	16	70%	2,126	1.5%

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# Yorkshire & Humberside

## Local election results continued

	No. of candidates	No. of wards	% of wards	Aggregate vote	Ave share of vote
Leeds	14	14	40%	<b>1,352</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
North East Lincolnshire	15	15	100%	<b>1,084</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
Rotherham	2	2	10%	<b>492</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
Selby	1	1	5%	<b>186</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
Sheffield	27	27	95%	<b>3,053</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
Wakefield	9	9	45%	<b>1,627</b>	<b>2.6%</b>
York	8	8	35%	<b>1,820</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
	<b>125</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>19,010</b>	



## Elections 2015: TUSC results in Scotland

Below are the election results recorded by the Scottish Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition (Scottish TUSC), with 10 parliamentary candidates. The candidate marked with an asterisk appeared on the ballot paper using the joint Left Unity-TUSC registered description.

### General election results

Local authority	Constituency	Candidate's name	Vote	
Aberdeen	Aberdeen North	Tyrinne Rutherford	206	0.5%
Dundee	Dundee East	Carlo Morelli	104	0.2%
	Dundee West	Jim McFarlane	304	0.7%
	Edinburgh East	Ayesha Saleem	117	0.2%
Edinburgh	Edinburgh North & Leith	Bruce Whitehead*	122	0.2%
	Glasgow Central	Andrew Elliott	119	0.3%
Glasgow	Glasgow North East	Jamie Coccozza	218	0.6%
	Glasgow North	Angela McCormick	160	0.4%
	Glasgow South	Brian Smith	229	0.5%
	Paisley & Renfrewshire North	Jim Halfpenny	193	0.4%
Renfrewshire			<b>1,772</b>	



## Elections 2015: TUSC results in Wales

Below are the TUSC election results for Wales, with 12 parliamentary candidates and two candidates contesting council by-elections in one local authority.

The table for the TUSC council election results shows the number of TUSC candidates in the first column, followed by the number of wards. The fourth column gives the aggregate vote for the TUSC candidates, and the last column shows the mean average share of the vote in the wards contested.

### General election results

Local authority	Constituency	Candidate's name	Vote	
Bridgend	<b>Bridgend</b>	Aaron David	118	0.3%
Bridgend (and Rhondda Cynon Taf)	<b>Ogmore</b>	Emma Saunders	165	0.5%
Caerphilly (and Newport)	<b>Caerphilly</b>	Jaime Davies	178	0.4%
Caerphilly	<b>Islwyn</b>	Joshua Rawcliffe	151	0.4%
Cardiff	<b>Cardiff Central</b>	Steve Williams	110	0.3%
	<b>Cardiff South &amp; Penarth</b>	Ross Saunders	258	0.6%
	<b>Cardiff West</b>	Helen Jones	183	0.4%
	<b>Llanelli</b>	Scott Jones	123	0.3%
Carmarthenshire	<b>Aberavon</b>	Owen Herbert	134	0.4%
Neath Port Talbot	<b>Pontypridd</b>	Esther Pearson	98	0.3%
Rhondda Cynon Taf	<b>Gower</b>	Mark Evans	103	0.2%
Swansea	<b>Swansea West</b>	Ronnie Job	159	0.5%
			<b>1,780</b>	

### Council by-elections

	No. of candidates	No. of wards	Aggregate vote	Ave share of vote
Swansea	2	2	184	2.0%
	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>184</b>	







## Elections 2015: Candidates not in the TUSC umbrella

The Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition is a coalition. Members of organisations who appear on the ballot paper under the TUSC umbrella have the right, guaranteed in the TUSC rules, to run their own election campaign, including promoting their own organisation as they so wish (see <http://www.tusc.org.uk/16861/14-11-13/How-TUSC-Functions> on the TUSC website).

Despite the flexible approach adopted by TUSC, however, there are some left organisations who have not yet decided to participate in the coalition. While the TUSC national steering committee has invited Respect, the National Health Action Party, Lewisham People Before Profit, the Socialist Labour Party (SLP) and the Communist Party of Britain (CPB) to join our coalition with the full rights of a participating organisation – and the Scottish TUSC steering committee made a similar invitation to the Scottish Socialist Party (SSP) – the above parties stood candidates separately on May 7th including, in some cases, a direct clash with candidates standing as TUSC. Listed below are their results.

Also included are the results recorded by members of Left Unity who stood on May 7th. Left Unity too has been approached on a number of occasions since its formation to become a participating organisation within TUSC, which it has so far declined to do. But it did meet with TUSC last year and agreed to register a joint description to enable Left Unity members who wished to contribute to the broader TUSC election challenge to do so, while retaining the Left Unity name on the ballot paper. Seven parliamentary candidates and six council candidates applied to use the joint description and they are indicated as such in the Left Unity results listed below.

Where applicable, the tables for the council results show the number of the party's candidates in the first column, followed by the number of wards. The third column gives the aggregate vote for the candidates, and the last column shows their mean average share of the vote in the wards contested in each authority.

### Communist Party of Britain

Below are the general election results for the Communist Party of Britain, with nine parliamentary candidates.

Constituency	Candidate's name	Vote	
Birmingham Hodge Hill	Andy Chaffer	153	0.4%
Croydon North	Ben Stevenson	125	0.2%
Glasgow North West	Zoe Streatfield	136	0.3%
Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	Rob Griffiths	186	0.6%
Newcastle-upon-Tyne East	Mollie Stevenson	122	0.3%
North Devon	Gerry Sables	138	0.3%
Plymouth Sutton & Devonport	Laura-Jane Rossington	106	0.6%
Sheffield Central	Steve Andrew	119	0.3%
Torfaen	Mark Griffiths	144	0.4%
		<b>1,229</b>	<b>0.4%</b>

## Left Unity

Below are the election results for Left Unity, with ten parliamentary candidates and 25 local council candidates who contested seats in twelve councils. Candidates marked with an asterisk appeared on the ballot paper using the joint Left Unity-TUSC registered description.

### General election results

Constituency	Candidate's name	Vote	
Bethnal Green & Bow	Glyn Robbins*	949	1.8%
Bermondsey & Old Southwark	Kingsley Abrams*	142	0.3%
Bristol West	Stuart Weston	92	0.1%
Camberwell & Peckham	Nick Wrack*	292	0.6%
Ellesmere Port & Neston	Felicity Dowling*	192	0.4%
Edinburgh North & Leith	Bruce Whitehead*	122	0.2%
Exeter	Ed Potts*	190	0.4%
Leigh	Stephen Hall*	542	1.2%
Stockport	John Pearson	175	0.4%
Vauxhall	Simon Hardy	188	0.4%
		<b>2,884</b>	<b>0.6%</b>

### Local election results

	No. of candidates	No. of wards	Aggregate vote	Ave share of vote
Bath & NE Somerset	2	1	53	0.8%
Brighton & Hove	2	2	509	1.5%
Bristol	1	1	113	1.7%
Exeter*	3	3	76	0.7%
Lambeth by-election*	1	1	99	1.3%
Leeds*	1	1	103	1.1%
Maidstone	1	1	17	0.4%
Milton Keynes	1	1	113	1.7%
Northampton	1	1	217	5.5%
Norwich	1	1	37	0.9%
Sefton	1	1	66	1.1%
Stockport	2	2	95	0.8%
Wigan	8	8	990	2.3%
		<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2,488</b>

## Lewisham People Before Profit

Below are the general election results for the two parliamentary candidates representing Lewisham People Before Profit.

Constituency	Candidate's name	Vote	
Lewisham Deptford	Helen Mercer	666	1.4%
Lewisham East	Nick Long	390	0.9%
		<b>1,056</b>	<b>1.2%</b>

## National Health Action Party

Below are the general election results for the National Health Action Party, with twelve parliamentary candidates.

Constituency	Candidate's name	Vote	
Banbury	Roseanne Edwards	729	1.2%
Camberwell & Peckham	Rebecca Fox	466	0.9%
Maidstone & The Weald	Paul Hobday	583	1.2%
Old Bexley & Sidcup	Bob Gill	1,216	2.6%
Oxford West & Abingdon	Helen Salisbury	723	1.3%
Stafford	Karen Howell	1,701	3.4%
Surrey South West	Louise Irvine	4,851	8.5%
Sutton & Cheam	Dave Ash	345	0.7%
Truro & Falmouth	Rik Evans	526	1.0%
Witney	Clive Peedell	616	1.0%
Worthing East & Shoreham	Carl Walker	1,243	2.4%
Wyre Forest	Richard Taylor	7,211	14.6%
		<b>20,210</b>	<b>3.2%</b>

## Respect

Below are the election results for Respect, with four parliamentary candidates and six local council candidates who contested seats in Bradford.

### General election results

Constituency	Candidate's name	Vote	
Birmingham Hall Green	Shiraz Peer	780	1.7%
Birmingham Yardley	Teval Stephens	187	0.5%
Bradford West	George Galloway	8,557	21.2%
Halifax	Asama Javed	465	1.1%
		<b>9,989</b>	<b>6.1%</b>

### Local election results

	No. of candidates	No. of wards	Aggregate vote	Ave share of vote
Bradford	6	6	5,867	14.4%%
	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5,867</b>	

## Scottish Socialist Party

Below are the general election results for the four Scottish Socialist Party parliamentary candidates.

Constituency	Candidate's name	Vote	
Edinburgh South	Colin Fox	197	0.4%
Glasgow East	Liam McLaughlin	244	0.5%
Glasgow South West	Bill Bonnar	176	0.4%
Paisley & Renfrewshire South	Sandra Webster	278	0.6%
		<b>895</b>	<b>0.5%</b>

## Socialist Labour Party

Below are the general election results for the eight parliamentary candidates fielded by the SLP.

<b>Constituency</b>	<b>Candidate's name</b>	<b>Vote</b>	
<b>Aberavon</b>	Andrew Jordan	352	1.1%
<b>Arfon</b>	Katherine Jones	409	1.5%
<b>Clywd West</b>	Bob English	612	1.6%
<b>Cynon Valley</b>	Chris Beggs	533	1.7%
<b>Newport East</b>	Shangara Singh	398	1.1%
<b>Pontypridd</b>	Damien Biggs	332	0.9%
<b>Torfaen</b>	John Cox	697	1.8%
<b>Ynys Mon</b>	Liz Screen	148	0.4%
		<b>3,481</b>	<b>1.3%</b>