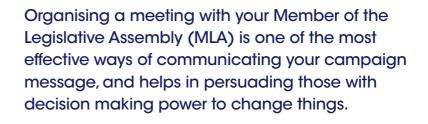


Campaigning toolkit

Meeting with members of the Northern Ireland Assembly





@	After the meeting, follow-up with an email confirming what was agreed, specifying the date, time and names of attendees. Once you have made initial contact with your MLA, think of ways to keep your campaigning in their minds. Sence
	At the end of the meeting, confirm the key action points that have been agreed and write them down. Thank them for their time and let them know that you'll follow up in writing.
(Keep focused during the meeting on the campaign issues and why they are so important – if you feel comfortable doing so, share your personal experiences; these are compelling and support your ask.
E	It is useful to write down your key points. Make sure you have the facts to hand, eg how many people in your area are living with MND. You can get these statistics from campaigns@mndassociation.org - your RCDA can also provide further local examples and knowledge.
,	Prepare what you are going to say, and be clear what action you are hoping the MLA will take after you meet them, eg attend/speak at a local event, take action on a campaign, speak/write to other local decision makers or media etc.
2.	Please let the campaigns team campaigns@mndassociation.org , your Regional Care Development Adviser (RCDA), and the Northern Ireland Branch mndanl@hotmail.com know your meeting arrangements. We can help you to prepare, and knowing that a meeting has taken place will inform future contact with that MLA. If in doubt as to who your regional team are, please visit our website: www.mndassociation.org/staff-contacts
	Contact your MLA's office to arrange an appointment or go to their drop-in surgery. Surgeries are opportunities for constituents to voice their concerns and are often advertised in local papers and in libraries.
	You will be represented by six MLAs for your local constituency. Depending on the issue, you may wish to approach all of them, or prioritise the more supportive or influential members.
	You can find out who your Assembly members are by typing your postcode into the website www.writetothem.com or by going to http://aims.niassembly.gov.uk/default.aspx



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