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**The UK Labour Party's  
Digital Design Guidelines**

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# Briefs

## Creative or Artworking?

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### Artwork

Design work to deliver visuals for fast turn around, usually same day, and are expected to create work in a time efficient manner. Examples of which are general announcements, quotes or PMQs.

These jobs are essential to campaign working for newsworthy and instantaneous posting and the design processes reflect the need for time efficiency, capacity and brand control.

In order to uphold strong, structured and clear visuals that can adhere to digital brand guidelines where delivered. Designers use templates for artwork briefs from a branded cache. These are developed specifically for fast turn around, relevant for use and kept consistent to the brand so to manage capacity.

## What type of brief is yours?

To get the best out of design it is important to know exactly what type of work you are briefing in. This guide will help.



### Creative

Design will work with digital content over a sustained period of time to develop designs or a concentrated mini-brand for your campaign to aide effective visual communication.

The wealth and benefit of creative in a digital campaign with focused visuals curated for specific audiences, targeted to engage and draw in more viewers. Bringing variety and freshness to the overall look and feel to our social media feeds.

When a Designer works on a creative brief, they will work directly with you and your team assisting with creative idea generation and visual outputs developing them through to finalisation. They will be there for the entire creative process and instrumental in visualising how best to direct the design output.

# Logos

## Wordmarks and Clearspace

**Labour Party**  
National

**Scottish Labour**

**Welsh Labour**

 Labour

Scottish  Labour

Welsh Labour  Llafur Cymru

**Do:**

- Make sure the Labour logo is either on the **left** or the **centre**
- **Place logo on all Party items**
- Leave breathing space around the logo

**Don't:**

- Separate the rose from the logo.

**Logo Sizes:**

- The minimum size for print is **38mm**
- At least **150px** for digital



# Logos

## Election Wordmarks and Clearspace

### Labour Party

National



### Scottish Labour



### Welsh Labour



#### Do:

- Make sure the Labour logo is either on the **left** or the **centre**
- **Have the logo on all Party items**
- Leave breathing space around the logo

#### Don't:

- Separate the rose from the logo
- Use ballot icons **on anything other than ballot items**

#### Logo Sizes:

- The minimum size for print is **38mm**
- At least **150px** for digital



\*Welsh vote materials include vote elsewhere 38mm/200px

# Typography

## How type should be displayed on digital/web

### Licensing:

Lota is the preferred typeface for digital content and, where possible, you should endeavour to gain a font license when using this typeface. If you are unable to do so, Open Sans is an appropriate alternative which can be downloaded from Google fonts and is a part of the Labour brand. Any questions please speak to the Design Team at [designstaff@labour.org.uk](mailto:designstaff@labour.org.uk)

### Do:

- Use on all digital/web/video items
- Use **Bold** or **Black** for titles as it establishes typographic hierarchy and controls pacing of how information is taken on by viewer
- Use **ALL CAPS** when designing for Tory Attack as it creates a typographic distinction between positive and negative messaging

### Don't:

- Use Lota font typeface on print materials, all print is in Open Sans

# Lota Grotesque Alt 3

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO

PQRSTUVWXYZ

1234567890

### Light

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN  
OPQRSTUVWXYZ  
1234567890

### Regular

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN  
OPQRSTUVWXYZ  
1234567890

### Bold

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN  
OPQRSTUVWXYZ  
1234567890

### Semi Bold

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN  
OPQRSTUVWXYZ  
1234567890

### Black

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN  
OPQRSTUVWXYZ  
1234567890

# Colour Breakdowns

## Labour Red

This is the primary brand colour and should be the predominate colour when producing Labour content or positive messaging.

**LABOUR RED**

C: 0 M:100 Y: 69 K: 0  
R: 228 G: 0 B: 59  
#E4003B

**LABOUR RED 30%**

C: 0 M:100 Y: 69 K: 30  
R: 175 G: 10 B: 44  
#9F0029

**LABOUR RED 50%**

C: 0 M:100 Y: 69 K: 50  
R: 139 G: 12 B: 33  
#72001D

## Positive messaging

Combining the dominant red with the secondary colours reinforces consistent and positive messaging.

**Do:**

- Always use Labour Red as main brand colour
- (if possible) Make sure Secondary Colour matches relevant Policy area.

**Don't:**

- Combine too many colours at once

## Secondary

These secondary colours seek to compliment the Labour brand with complementary shades linked to the current policy areas.

**JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS**

C: 0 M:100 Y: 30 K: 0  
R: 229 G: 0 B: 100  
#E50064

**INTERNATIONAL**

C: 30 M: 100 Y: 0 K: 15  
R: 164 G: 11 B: 114  
#A40B72

**ECONOMY, BUSINESS AND TRADE**

C: 0 M: 75 Y: 92 K: 0  
R: 235 G: 91 B: 33  
#EB5B21

**WORK, PENSIONS AND EQUALITY**

C: 100 M: 5 Y :61 K: 63  
R: 0 G: 77 B: 64  
#004D40

**GREEN FOR WEB**

C: 67 M: 2 Y: 46 K: 0  
R: 79 G: 181 B: 158  
#4FB59E

**EARLY YEARS, EDUCATION AND SKILLS**

C: 0 M: 38 Y: 85 K: 0  
R: 248 G: 172 B: 51  
#F8AC33

**HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**

C: 67 M: 0 Y: 22 K: 0  
R: 65 G: 187 B: 203  
#41BBCB

**BLACK**

C: 100 M: 100 Y: 100 K: 100  
R: 0 G: 0 B: 0  
#000000

**WHITE**

C: 0 M: 0 Y: 0 K: 0  
R: 255 G: 255 B: 255  
#FFFFFF

**ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND CULTURE**

C: 45 M: 0 Y: 100 K: 0  
R: 162 G: 198 B: 23  
#A2C516

**HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORT**

C: 90 M: 50 Y: 25 K: 36  
R: 4 G: 80 B: 113  
#045071

# Imagery

## How to use photography in Labour's design

### Resources:

#### Licensed Accounts:

<https://www.paimages.co.uk/>  
<https://www.gettyimages.co.uk/>  
(Creative License only)

#### Political Resource:

Keir Flickr  
Wikipedia  
UK Parliament Official MP Portraits  
[https://www.flickr.com/photos/uk\\_parliament/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/uk_parliament/)  
(CC2.0 with attribution)

#### Free Stock Imagery:

<https://www.pexels.com/>  
<https://pixabay.com/>

### Do:

- Make sure if we've taken a photo of someone we gain permission to use their photo.
- Use colourful overlays to positively contrast the message

### Don't:

- **Show faces** if we're using photos of members of the public in stock imagery  
(Creative License only)

## Positive Imagery

When using images for positive Labour messaging it is important to use full colour and bright, positive and people centric imagery.



## Negative Imagery

When using images for negative or attack messaging use black and white imagery with a high contrast. This is done to reinforce the negative impact of the messaging.





# Ratios

## Social Media sizes and Positioning

Full examples of use and best practice later on, in this document.

## Logo Positioning

These are the ratios that are often used when producing assets for our digital campaigns.

When considering branding, the following logos and positions work best to for overall brand consistency, uniformity and control.

The logo always sits on the left with either strapline, hashtag or call to action on the right. When we don't have additional content the logo sits in the centre.

By giving breathing space to the logo and respective graphic it stops content from feeling busy and squashed in.

### Do:

- Make sure the Labour logo is either on the **left** or the **centre**
- Where possible keep to a 50px margin
- Export as a PNG at Screen (72 ppi)

### Facebook

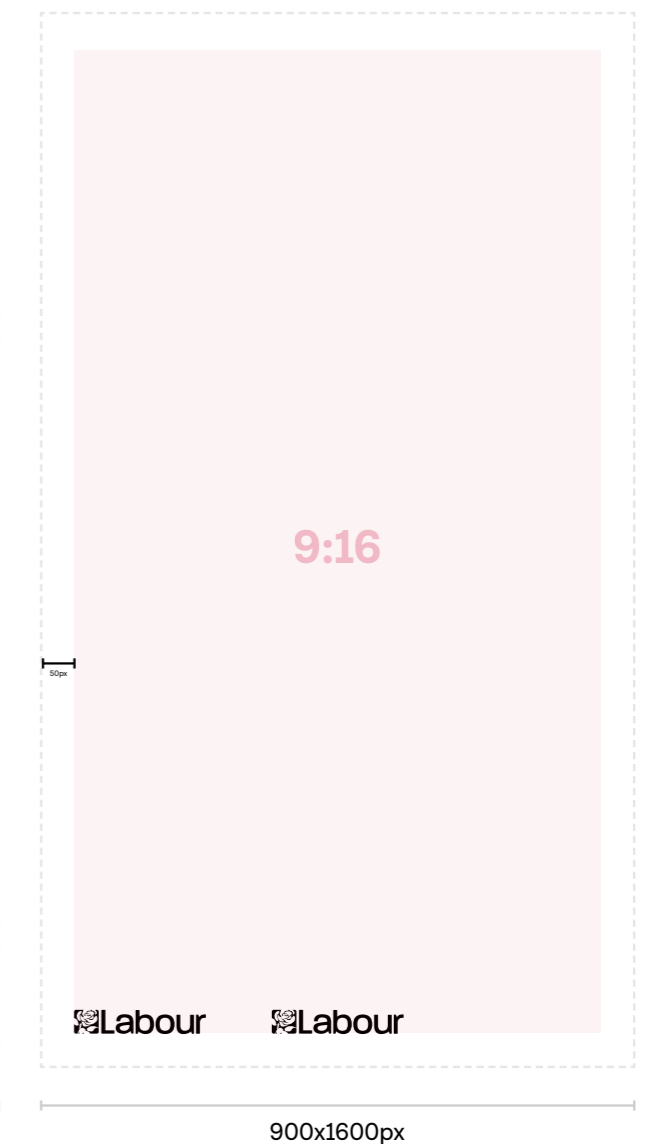
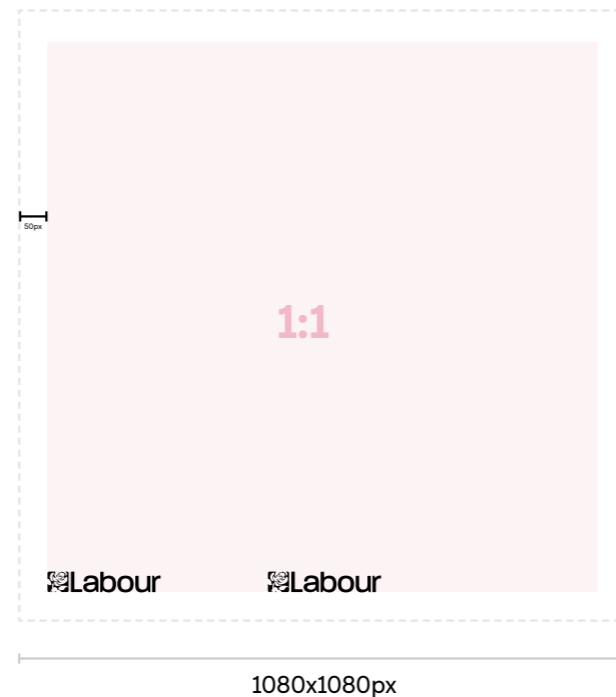
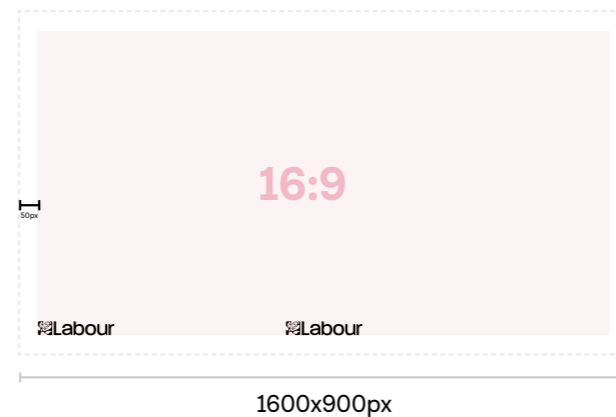
4:5, 1:1 & 16:9

### Instagram

4:5, 1:1 & 9:16

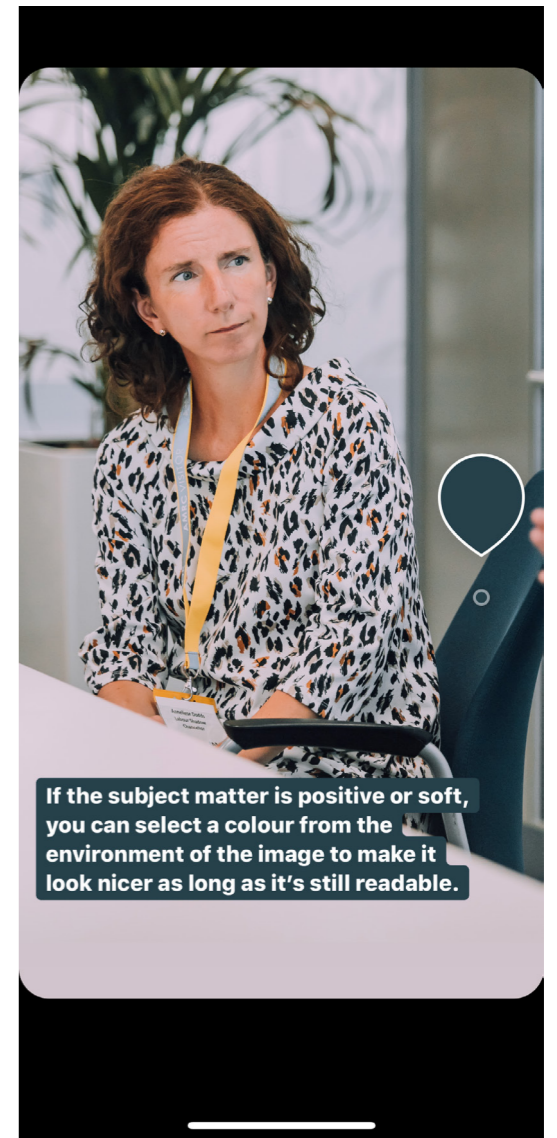
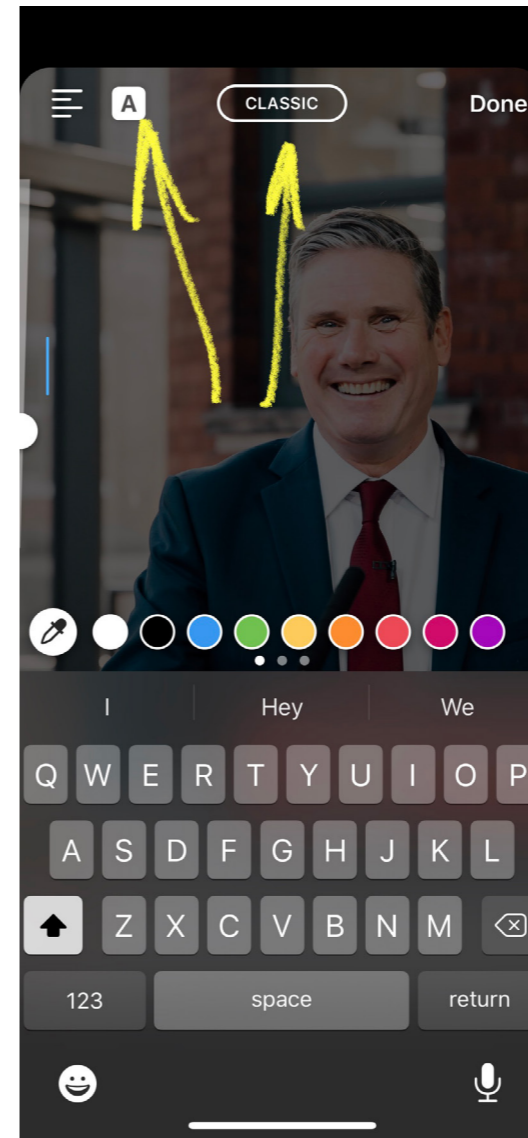
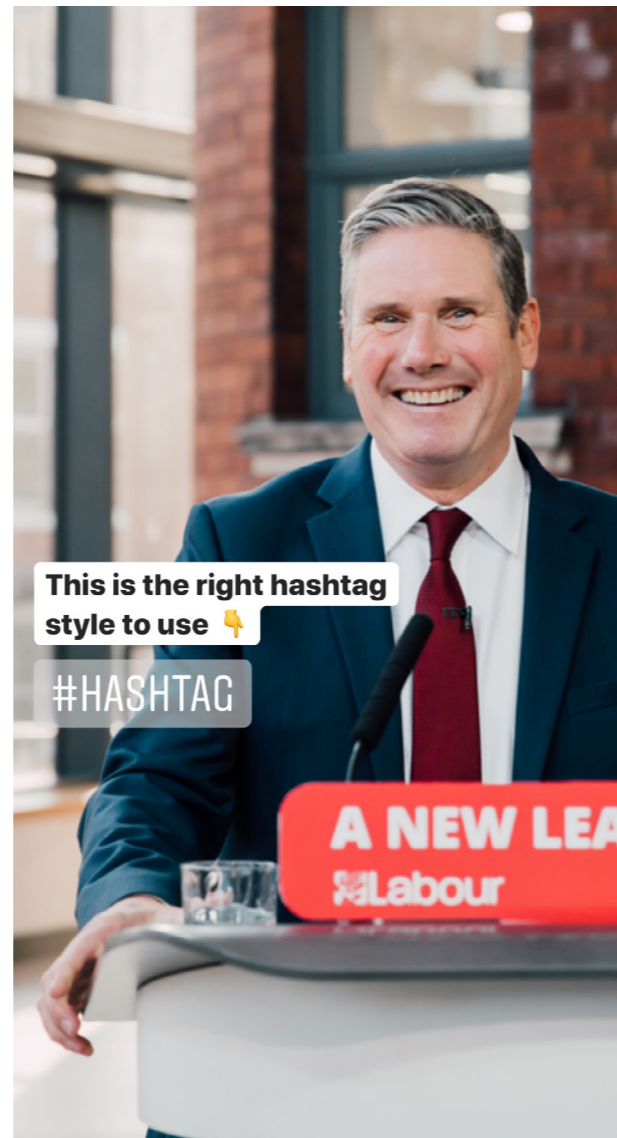
### Twitter

16:9



# IG Stories

## Brand formatting for posting stories to Instagram



# Gradients

## Variety & Flair in Design

### Resources:

Free gradient resource site  
<https://gradienthunt.com/>

### Adding Gradients

Using gradients adds extra depth to images, variety and flair to our graphics which helps our branding feel more visually curated and art directed.

#### Do:

- Use positive, fresh, policy relevant colours, transitions and tones when using a gradient
- Overlay or multiply on images to help them pop and give them extra depth

#### Don't:

- Use colours that are not complimentary or clash

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# Icons

## Communicating with iconography

### Resources:

Icon resource site

<https://thenounproject.com/>

Font Awesome icon typeface

<https://fontawesome.com/>

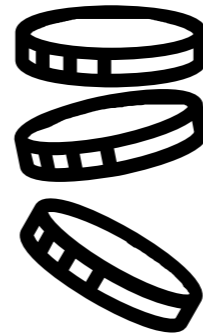
### Using Icons

When communicating information quickly it is sensible to use symbols and icons which visualise imagery swiftly.

#### Do:

- Use modern, clean, policy relevant icons when representing the topic

# Font Awesome



# Negative Messaging

## Attack Branding

To emphasise the difference in messaging these colours should be used for negative messaging. We want to create consistency and variety in our channels and this is a strong way to do this.

### Do:

- Always use a variant of the these blues
- Keep the visual tone gloomy/negative
- Use the attack typeface
- Use the negative imagery style
- Mix up styling with image multiplied on colour
- Use the Drop Box to Highlight key messaging

### Don't:

- Use the exact Tory Brand Blue (as it is lighter and more positive)

### Image treatment



### Typeface

**BEBAS KAI REGULAR**  
**ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ**  
**1234567890**

### Dropbox

**#CANCELTHECUT**

### TORY ATTACK 1

R: 33 G: 74 B: 143  
 #214a8f

### TORY ATTACK 2

R: 18 G: 43 B: 89  
 #122B59

### TORY ATTACK 3

R: 15 G: 28 B: 41  
 #0F1C29

### BLACK

C: 100 M: 100 Y: 100 K: 100  
 R: 0 G: 0 B: 0  
 #000000

### WHITE

C: 100 M: 100 Y: 100 K: 100  
 R: 139 G: 12 B: 33  
 #FFFFFF

# Templates

## Designing for speed & fast turn around

Generic artwork templates for policy graphic options with text and imagery

## Artwork briefs

For brand control and consistency we have set up templates in advance to be populated easily for quick turnaround work.

Templating is efficient and allows for creative delegation and capacity management.

### Do:

- Use templates for quick turn around jobs such as PMQs or sudden quote statics

### Don't:

- Rely only on these. Variety is key. These are not a substitute for the value and benefit of organically and creatively produced content.



LOGO SAT IN THE LEFT HAND CORNER

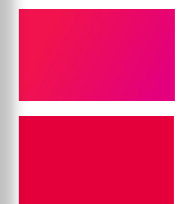


PULL OUT TEXT IN LOTA BOLD



USING OUR GRAIDENTS AND COLOUR

MULTIPLY THE COLOUR OVER A GRAYSACLE IMAGE



### THESE VISUALS ARE EXAMPLES

All templates are fluid and subject to changes due to copy, policy area, messaging style (positive or attack) etc.

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Generic artwork templates for policy graphic options with icons and gradients

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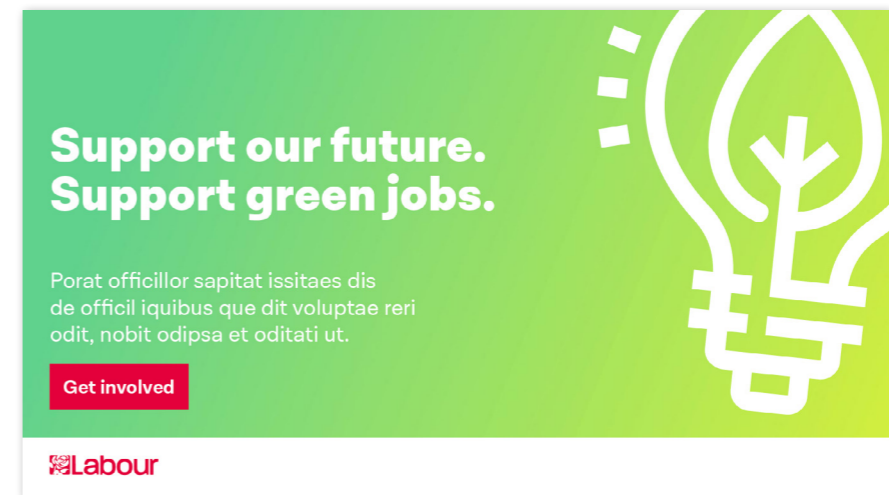
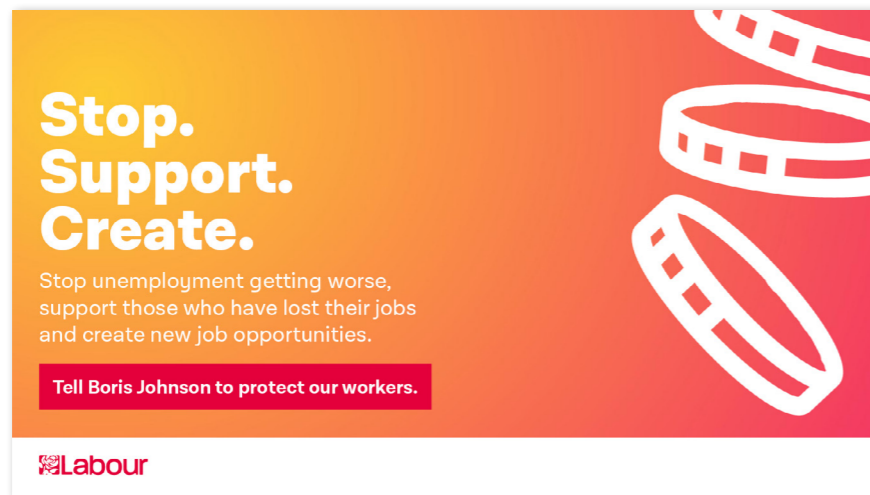
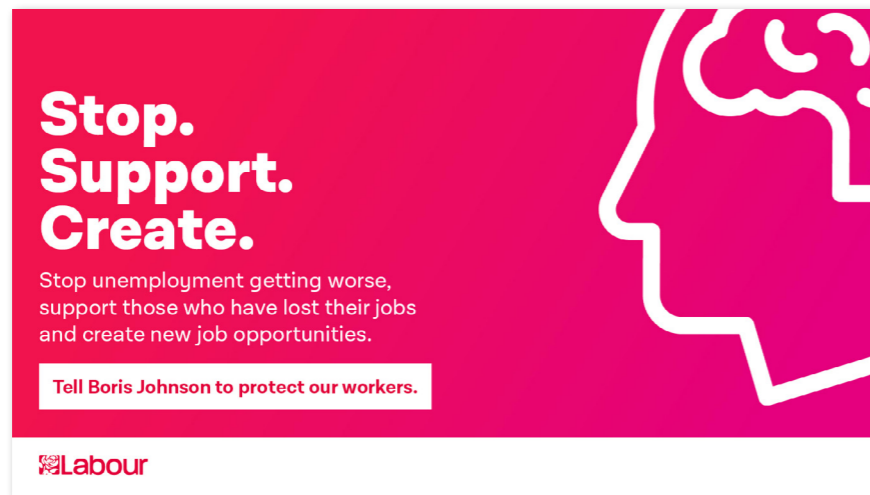
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# Templates

## Designing for speed & fast turn around

*Generic artwork templates for quote graphic options*

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Serious/attack quote



Positive quote

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# Meta-Datas

## Designing for speed & fast turn around

Generic artwork templates for metadata graphic options



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# Templates

## Designing for speed & fast turn around

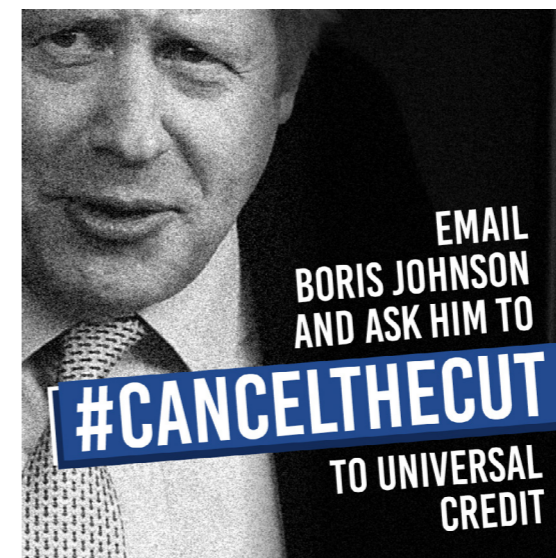
Generic artwork templates for attack graphic options

### Do:

- Use templates for quick turn around jobs such as PMQs or sudden quote statics
- Use the Attack Messaging colours and Attack Imagery guides for photos

### Don't:

- We want the negative association to be entirely focused on the opponents and the content of the attack.



# Animations

## Designing motion graphics for our digital campaigns

Using creativity to promote our digital campaigns

### Resources:

Music resource site

<https://artlist.io/>  
(Video Team to provide account details)

YouTube free audio library

<https://www.youtube.com/audiolibrary/music?nv=1>



## Animating

Creating short animations are a great way to communicate lots of information in a visually stimulating and engaging way.

Many of our animations are a part of our concentrated mini-brands and a mixture of the mini-brand colours, icons, imagery and illustrations while preserving the overall branding of Labour.

These styles are used to expand on the respective campaign messaging and fill the space between static graphics and longer form videos.

### Do:

- Use a way to communicate lots of information
- Always end with a Labour branded end card. Often these end cards include the current strapline with the Labour Logo. In periods of transition, use the generic Labour logo one
- Add music if possible to add depth and emotion to the content and messaging

### Don't:

- Make the text transitions too fast

**FIVE TIPS ON HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR MENTAL HEALTH DURING THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS**  
From Dr Rosena Allin-Khan, Labour's Shadow Minister for Mental Health

**TRY WRITING OUT A DAILY ROUTINE THAT PRIORITISES YOURSELF**  
Maybe reading a book  
Going for some exercise  
Or practising relaxation techniques like meditation

**IT'S OKAY TO BE LESS PRODUCTIVE THAN USUAL, GO EASY ON YOURSELF!**

**REACH OUT TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY**  
This could be on email, sending a text or an online call.  
Some people are even planning weekly online quizzes with their friends!

**DON'T BE AFRAID TO REACH OUT, OTHER PEOPLE MAY BE FEELING ISOLATED TOO.**

**LIMIT YOUR NEWS INTAKE**  
If the news is causing you stress and anxiety, limit your daily intake

**BE AWARE OF THE IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON YOUR MENTAL HEALTH**  
If there are accounts that make you worry or feel anxious, try unfollowing or muting them for a while,

**OR TRY LOGGING OFF COMPLETELY**

**AVOID SPECULATION AND GET RELIABLE INFORMATION**  
Trusted websites like the NHS and gov.uk should help you feel reassured and more in control.

**FOR MORE SUPPORT, THE MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION HAS GREAT INFORMATION ON THEIR WEBSITE.**  
[MENTALHEALTH.ORG.UK/CORONAVIRUS](https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus)  
**SAMARITANS** are available to call 24/7 on **116 123**.  
Don't be afraid to pick up the phone. We will get through this, together.

**Labour** **Labour**

Set up in  
1:1 (1080x1080px)  
16:9 (1600x900px)  
9:16 (900x1600px)

# Concentrated Mini-brands

## Bespoke Creative campaigns under the Labour branding

Examples of previous digital design campaigns



### Mini-Brands

Creating concentrated mini brands are a great way to designate digital space to each campaign and draw in attention.

Our concentrated mini-brands are a mixture of the mini-brand colours, icons, imagery and illustrations while preserving the overall branding of Labour.

The style needs to be individual but still noticeably Labour.

#### Do:

- Be as creative as possible with imagery, iconography, visuals, illustrations and media
- Be creative and adventurous about how the mini-branding expands over various formats
- **Make sure the Labour branding is consistent and prevelant throughout as the main/ umbrella branding**

#### Don't:

- **Make each output inconsistent. Seeing everything together in Brand/Asset sheets relays inconsistencies in brand expansion**



### CENTURY GOTHIC PRO REGULAR



# Concentrated Mini-brands

## Bespoke Creative campaigns under the Labour branding

Examples of previous digital design campaigns



### Mini-Brands

Creating concentrated mini brands are a great way to designate digital space to each campaign and draw in attention.

It is important when considering the branding for these that the overall Labour branding sits comfortably within the mini-brand assets.

The style needs to be individual but still noticeably Labour.

#### Do:

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- Be creative and adventures about how the mini-branding expands over various formats
- **Make sure the Labour branding is consistent and prevalent throughout as the main/ umbrella branding**

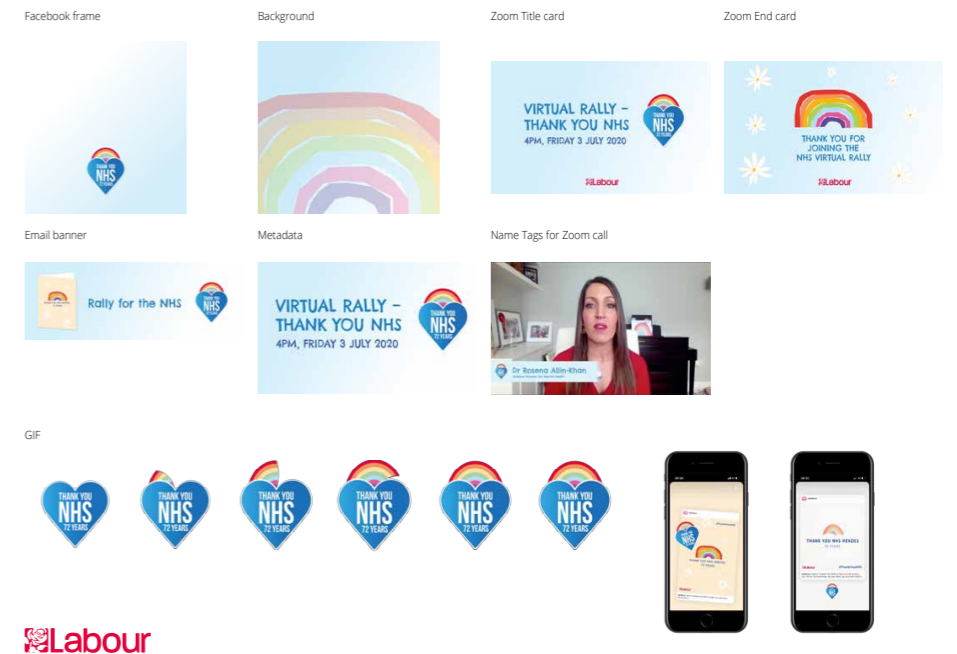
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#### NHS BIRTHDAY (THANK YOU) DESIGN ASSETS



#### NHS BIRTHDAY (THANK YOU) DESIGN ASSETS RALLY



Questions?

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