

## Voting in the General Election on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### What is happening?



On Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> June British people can vote in the General Election. British people will be voting to decide who should be their local Member of Parliament (MP).

The party who has the most Members of Parliament (MPs) will form the next Government.

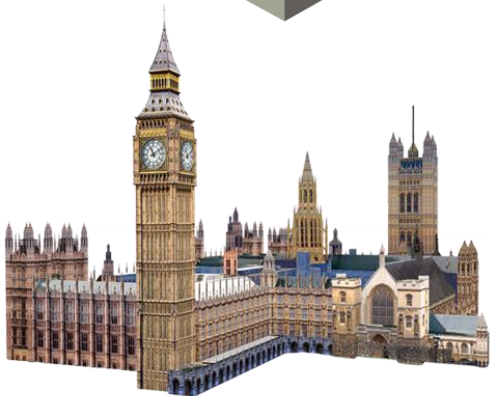
The Government are the group of people who make big decisions about the country.



The leader of the party which has the most Members of Parliament (MPs) will be the Prime Minister and will be the leader of the Government.

Deciding who to vote for is a big question. There is lots of information being talked about from the different sides. It can be confusing!

Different organisations have made information to support people to understand about what voting in the General Election means and how we can vote. We have links to information in this document.



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### Who can vote in the General Election?

Anyone who is over the age of 18 and is registered to vote can vote in the General Election.

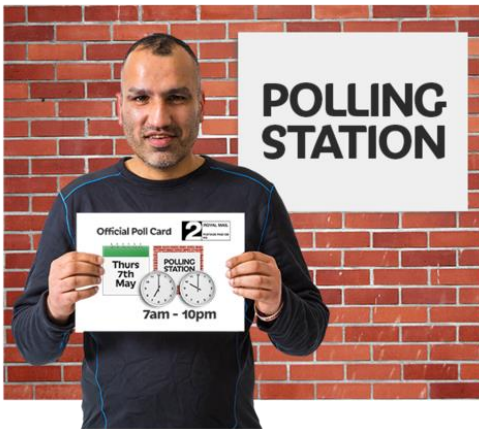
Registering to vote means putting your name and address on a list of people who can vote where you live. This is also called the electoral roll.

### Important dates to remember

An important date to remember is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. If you want to vote this is the date when you must be registered to vote by. You cannot vote in the General Election if you have not registered to vote.

Some of the guides that we have put the links to in the Information section tell you how you can check to see if you are registered and how to register if you are not.

One way you can register to vote is online by going here <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>



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### How do I vote?



Once you are registered to vote you can choose to vote in different ways for example in person, in the post or by proxy. Proxy means someone else voting on your behalf.

To vote by post you must apply to do this by the 23<sup>rd</sup> May. You must send your postal vote so that it arrives by election day the 8<sup>th</sup> June.

The guides we have linked to below have lots more information on how you can vote.

### Support at the polling station

If you vote in person you will go to a polling station. There will be staff there who can help you to vote if you need it or your support staff can help you to vote. Polling station staff and your support staff should not tell you who to vote for.

Remember everyone who is registered to vote is allowed to vote. If someone is preventing you from voting or you cannot access your polling station you can call the Electoral Commission 0333 103 1928.





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### Information

Here we have links to different organisations information, please let us know if the links below have changed or are not working.

If you know about other information that we should include please let us know and we can add it in! –

### United Response

United Response have an easy to use website which

- Explains more about politics and why voting is important
- How to register to vote
- How to vote in the General Election

<http://www.everyvotecounts.org.uk/>

United Response have several Easy Read information booklets that you can download here <https://www.unitedresponse.org.uk/every-vote-counts-resources> On that page you can also find a guide for supporters.

United Response have also published a General Election special of their Easy Read newspaper. [Click here to read it.](#)

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### Mencap

Mencap have created an Easy Guide to voting in this election. The guide has several sections and tells you

- What voting is
- How to vote in the General Election
- What different words and terms mean.

There is also a guide for supporters and a guide on how you can talk to your local candidates and ask those questions before the election.

You can download all the guides here - <https://www.mencap.org.uk/get-involved/campaigning/voting-and-registering-vote>

### Your Vote Matters

This website gives you information about where your local electoral office is. If you have questions about where you are registered to your local electoral office can help you.

<https://www.yourvotematters.co.uk/>



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### Dimensions

Dimensions have created an accessible voting passport that you can take with you to help you vote during the General Election. The passport has information you can fill in about yourself and some information about your right to vote.

You can download the passport here - <https://t.co/zutML11aa0>

### The Electoral Commission

The Electoral Commission are the group that makes sure that elections happen properly in the UK. Their website has lots of information about elections and voting <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/>

They also have a fact sheet for disabled voters you can [click here to download it.](#)

If you would like information about how to register vote in other languages or in audio [you can click here.](#)



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### What do the different parties think about issues?

To find out more about what different parties think about different issues you can read their manifestos.

Below are links to the main parties' websites. You can look on the party websites to find the manifestos or to read about what the parties think about issues. You may need support to use the websites they are not all easy to use.

The Conservative website is <https://www.conservatives.com/>

The Labour website is <http://www.labour.org.uk/index.php/home/>

The Green Party website is <https://www.greenparty.org.uk/>

The Liberal Democrat website is <http://www.libdems.org.uk/>

There may be candidates from different parties or independent candidates who are running to be the Member of Parliament in your local area. You can find out more about these candidates by Googling their names.



**Vote**

-  Labour
-  Conservatives
-  Lib Dems
-  Green
-  UKIP
-  Independent



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### Blogs

You can visit Leonard Cheshire's website to read a blogs about the [election here](#) or to read a blog about what questions you can ask candidates [click here](#).

Disability Horizon have a blog on the history of disabled people voting. [Click here to read it.](#)

BBC ouch radio show had an episode about disabled voters click here to listen to it. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05228fc>

### Where can I find out more?

If you are on twitter you can follow the hashtags #LDVote and #GE2017. Lots of people are sharing links to information and to videos.

Inclusion North will be sharing information through our twitter and in our bulletin before the election. If you have any information or events you want us to share with people let us know!

Email us [Info@inclusionnorth.org](mailto:Info@inclusionnorth.org) or call us 0113 2444 792

