

Is it important to vote and why?

Prepare your students for the vote at 16

NEW free citizenship, English and British values (democracy) resources from the [Electoral Commission](#).

With the Government's plans to lower the voting age to 16 for all UK elections, are your students prepared? Help them to understand the process and prepare them to use their future voting power with confidence.

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Why use these resources?



Ready-to-teach:

Fully editable PowerPoint slides with detailed teacher notes.



Curriculum aligned:

Mapped to the English curriculum and supports teaching British values - democracy.



Oracy focused:

Built-in links to the **Voice 21 Framework**.



National competition:

A clear project goal with the 60-second democracy challenge.

[Download your free resource pack here](#)

Two strands to engagement

The programme is delivered in two high-impact lessons:



Creating a power map:
Identifying the points of difference between local councils and national Parliament.



Engaging “**Parliament!**” or “**council!**” quiz to reinforce learning.



Your voice, your vote:
A dedicated workshop to enter the competition.

The 60-second democracy challenge



Students enter by producing a 60-second pitch (video, podcast, or written speech/poem/rap).

Great prizes. £250 of vouchers for the winner and £250 in vouchers for their school. **Plus**, £150 in vouchers for both runners-up and their schools. **Plus**, winning entries will be collated into a national showcase and promoted across social media.

Completely impartial resources. The Electoral Commission is the independent body which oversees elections. They work to promote public confidence in the democratic process and ensure its integrity. This project aims to increase knowledge and understanding of democracy and confidence to participate and provide opportunities for young people to debate robustly but respectfully.

[Take part in the competition](#)