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Your Vote is Important



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In Spreading the News this month ...



Later this year there will be a General Election to choose a new Government



Rupsa, and some of her friends, have been looking at what they need to do ...



... to be ready to Vote in the General Election



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To get started, here are some of the questions Rupsa and her friends have been asking ...



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1. Why should I Vote?



We should all think about Voting because we are Self Advocates and make our own choices and decisions



- Choices such as what clothes to wear ...



- Decisions such as what to have for dinner ...



- Big choices and decisions such as where to live



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So we should be making a
very big decision ...



- Such as who we want as our MP in Parliament



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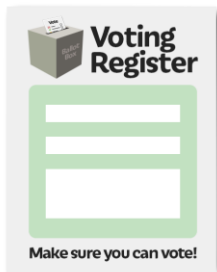
2. How do I know I can vote?



Rupsa and her friends have found out these things about who can vote ...



- I can vote if I am 18 years of age, or older ...



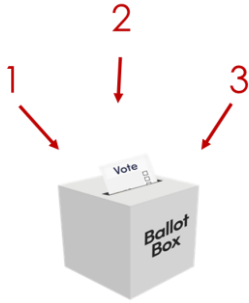
- I can vote if I have registered to vote ...



- My disability does not stop me from voting

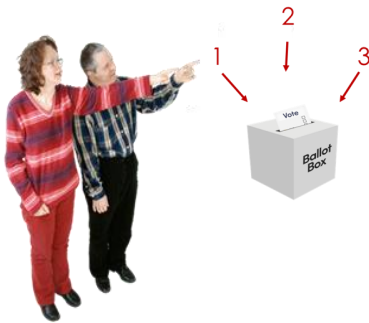


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3. How do I Vote

There are 3 different ways you can Vote



You can choose whichever way is best for you ...



1. Vote in person ...
on the day



2. Vote by post ...
before the day



3. Vote by Proxy
this means ...
telling someone else
how to Vote for you



4. How do I register to Vote?



Before you can Vote ...

... your name must be on
the Electoral Register



You can put your name on
the Electoral Register by using
the Government Register to
Vote link ...



[Register to vote - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)



You might want to ask
someone you trust to help
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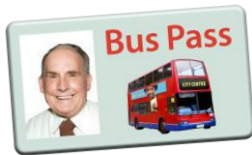
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5. Is there anything else I need to know right now?



To Vote in person ... on the day
You must take Photo ID with you



These are some of the Photo ID
you can use ...

- Older Persons Bus Pass
- Passport
- Driving Licence



You can see a full list of the
Photo ID you can use on
this link

click



[Accepted forms of photo ID | Electoral Commission](#)



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If you do not have any of these
Photo ID ...



You can apply for ...
a Voter Authority Certificate



Use this link to get your
Voter Authority Certificate

[Apply for photo ID to vote \(called a 'Voter Authority Certificate'\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-to-vote)



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Ok ... now you know how to get ready to Vote



Your Vote is Important ... you are choosing who you want as your MP in Parliament



In the next Spreading the News we will tell you...



1. How you Vote in person ... on the day



2. How you Vote by post ... before the day



3. How you Vote by Proxy this means ... telling someone else how to Vote for you



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You can also find all the information you need to know about voting ...



...on the My Vote My Voice website www.myvotemyvoice.org.uk

It is all in Easy read



Look on the My Vote My Voice website with someone you trust

click



... click the link

<https://www.myvotemyvoice.org.uk/>