

Your vote counts!

People with a learning disability have the same rights to vote as everybody else. If you are over 18, resident in the UK, and a British citizen, you can vote.

FitzRoy's quick guide to voting in the general election on 8 June 2017

Why vote?

Politicians make lots of decisions that affect your life. It is important that they know what you think. By voting you are choosing who you think the best politicians are to make decisions for you.

They make decisions on people's: ✓ rights ✓ health care ✓ benefits ✓ housing ✓ support

Get started

You need to register if you want to vote. Go to this web link and fill in the form.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/voter-registration-forms-paper-versions

Once you have filled it in you will be sent a poll card. This card means you can vote.

How to vote

There are three ways to vote:

At a polling station - Before an election you will be posted a poll card. Your poll card will tell you where your nearest polling station is. Your local polling station is where you can vote in person. Polling stations are often at churches, community centres and schools.

By post - You will be sent a form to fill out. Once you have filled it out send it to the address listed. You will then receive a ballot paper in the post, make your vote, then post it back.

By proxy - Voting by proxy means choosing someone else to vote for you. You need to fill in a form to choose who will vote for you. This person can visit a polling station or apply for a postal vote to vote on your behalf.

Get support to vote

People can

- ✓ Go to the polling station with you
- ✓ Explain the ballot options to you
- ✓ Help you fill in the ballot paper with your decision.

People can't

- ✗ Make a decision for you
- ✗ Write on the ballot paper against your wishes
- ✗ Stop you voting because you have a learning disability.

USEFUL WEBSITES:

The Conservative Party - www.conservatives.com

The Green Party - www.greenparty.org.uk

The Labour Party - www.labour.co.uk

The Liberal Democrats - www.libdems.org.uk

The UK Independence Party - www.ukip.org