

HOW TO VOTE

Voting is powerful. Our elected leaders make decisions that impact our lives everyday. But the process of voting can feel complicated so Nottingham Women's Centre has written this simple guide to empower everyone to have their vote heard!



1 CHECK ELIGIBILITY

To be able to vote, you must be all of the following:

1. At least 18 years old
2. British, Irish or Commonwealth citizen
3. Live at an address in the UK

2 REGISTER TO VOTE

You need to register before you can vote. It's easiest to register online: www.gov.uk/register tovote

The electoral register is a public document. Contact Electoral Services on 0115 876 4111 if you need to vote anonymously for safety reasons.

3 CHOOSE A CANDIDATE OR PARTY

Read, watch and listen to the political candidates at local events, on social media or printed leaflets.

All the main political parties will publish leaflets and information about their vision for our society and what they would specifically do if they were elected.

4 VOTE IN PERSON

You will be sent a **poll card** telling you when and where to vote.

When you get to your polling station you will be asked for your name and address. You will then be given a ballot paper.

Take your ballot paper into a private booth. Mark your chosen answer with an X in the box. Put your paper in the ballot box. Nice and simple!

5 OTHER WAYS TO VOTE

You can apply online to vote by **post** by searching for 'gov UK apply for postal vote' in a search engine.

Your ballot paper will be sent to you in the post 1-2 weeks before the election day. You should complete and return the ballot paper before election day.

If you can't vote on election day, you can ask someone else to vote on your behalf (**proxy vote**). Apply online: www.gov.uk/apply-vote-proxy