

Scottish Parliament election – democratic engagement resources

On Thursday 6 May there will be a Scottish Parliament election which anyone aged 16 or over can participate in. The Electoral Commission has created a range of resources that you can use to share important information about the election with the people you work with.

Anyone who wants to vote in the election must ensure they are registered to vote by **midnight on Monday 19 April**. You can register now at gov.uk/register-to-vote - it only takes five minutes.

Polling places will be safe places to vote, but voters also have the option to vote by post, or by proxy, where they choose someone they trust to vote on their behalf. More information about voting by post or by proxy is [available here](#).

Voter registration resources

Running a bath? Or waiting for your kettle to boil? Our Got5? registration campaign reminds voters that they need to be registered if they want to vote, and that it only takes five minutes. You can use our digital and print [voter registration resources](#) to highlight the importance of registering by midnight on 19 April.



Voter information resources



We've created a range of digital and print [voter information resources](#) which you can use to highlight the different voting options, what to expect when voting during COVID-19 and how to cast your vote. There are also animations, which cover how to complete the ballot papers and voting in person during COVID-19.

We're also delivering a [voter information booklet](#) to all households in Scotland which includes important information about voting in the election.

We want to ensure that everyone can access the information they need to cast their vote with confidence on Thursday 6 May, so the information included in the booklet is also [available on our website](#) in BSL (British Sign Language), audio, Easy read, large print Polish, Arabic and Gaelic. You can also request a copy in braille by calling 0800 3 280 280.



'Welcome to your vote' resources

If you want to raise awareness amongst newly-enfranchised foreign citizens or young people, you can use our ['Welcome to your vote' digital and print resources](#).

We also recently launched [voting resources for New Scots](#) and [political literacy resources for 14-18 year olds](#) to help new voters develop their confidence around voting.

If you have any questions about encouraging the people you work with to vote in the election, or you would like to request an online information session for your staff/volunteers, please email Catherine Heggie from the Electoral Commission (CHeggie@electoralcommission.org.uk).
