Elections 2024 background links and resources



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Online absent voting applications plus postal and proxy voting rights

- GOV.UK online absent vote application
- House of Commons research library absent voting briefing
- Electoral Commission postal and proxy voting changes resources

Overseas electors

- House of Commons research library overseas electors briefing
- Worth searching The Guardian's 'electoral reform' topic for Lisa O'Carroll's reporting on these changes

Pre-election period

- Codes of Recommended Practice for Local Authority Publicity
 - England
 - Scotland
 - Wales
- LGA pre-election period advice and information

Voter ID

- <u>Electoral Commission report on the May 2023 elections in England, including</u> voter ID analysis
- House of Commons research library briefing
- LGiU report into the introduction of voter ID and effect on election teams
- <u>Electoral Commission democratic engagement resources</u>, which includes:
 - Resources for anonymous voters
 - o Accessible formats: audio, braille, BSL, easy read and plain text

Accessibility

- <u>Electoral Commission guidance for Returning Officers on what must, should</u> and could be provided at polling stations to support voters
 - My Vote My Voice campaign from Mencap, United Response and others
- RNIB voting and elections information and resources

New UK Parliamentary constituencies

 House of Commons Library research briefing, including maps showing how current constituencies relate to new ones



EU citizen voting and candidacy rights

- Electoral Commission overview
- House of Commons library research briefing

Further changes

- Scottish Government electoral reform consultation response
- Senedd reform proposed changes and timeline
- <u>Electoral Commission guide to imprints on digital campaign material</u>
- House of Commons Library research briefing on imprints on election and campaign material

Additional Electoral Commission resources

- <u>Democratic engagement resources and YouTube channel</u>
- Roll Call engagement resource updates sign-up
- <u>Public engagement strategy and registration plan outlines</u> available for each nation giving guidance, ideas and templates
- <u>Public attitudes research</u>
- Attitudes to voter registration research report including motivational mindsets

General resources

- Democracy Club information polling stations and candidate listings
- Greater London Authority #NoVoteNoVoice campaign with co-created resources
- LGA Debate not Hate campaign
- LGA Civility in Public Life campaign, including social media engagement guidance for candidates
- Government Communications Service RESIST 2 disinformation toolkit
- House of Commons Library briefings on:
 - Who can vote in UK elections
 - Armed Forces voting
 - o Prisoners' voting rights
 - Recall petitions