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- The right to vote embodies the essence of active **Citizenship and Choice** and reflects a commitment to equality and justice as enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRC) Article 12.



Promote the Vote aims to support people with social care needs to understand that they have the right to vote and to participate in local and national elections.

Access to democracy is important , the role of social care professionals in facilitating this cannot be overstated. (When Social Care Professional engage individuals in conversations about voting, they are 5 times more likely to participate in the electoral process.)

Adult Social Care are making a commitment to **“Promote the Vote.”**

We are you to do the same.



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**What are the Barriers to
people Voting ?**



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**How could you support
people to access their right
to Vote ?**



PROMOTE

THE VOTE!

- **Let's do it!** This may seem big and overwhelming, but we don't need complex plans and big gestures - small steps can lead to big things.
- Think about Activities/ Conversations you could have with your service users to support them and raise awareness.
- Incorporate Voting Needs into your Care planning and Reviews
- Use the Voter Passport
- **Have the conversation!** If each one of us commits to having conversations with people about their right to vote and commits to incorporating the discussion and support people may need in their support plan the impact would be incredible.

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This is my voting passport 2024

For people who may require help at the polling station.



My name is:

I need reasonable adjustments to support me to vote in this election.

The support I need is: Put a tick in the boxes that are right for you

	To stay with my support worker/carer <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/>
	Someone to show me a large print ballot paper <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/>
	Someone to go into the polling booth with me <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/>
	Someone to read out the candidates on the ballot paper <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/>

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	Someone to show me where to put my ballot paper <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/>
	I need things explained in a slow, clear way <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/>

Please list any other support you may need to help you vote:

I would like the above support from:

- A member of the polling station staff
- My companion, whose name is:
- My companion is eligible to vote in the UK
- My companion is not eligible to vote in the UK and will need to work with the Presiding Officer to support me

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- **Small Actions = Big Impact.**
 - We would love to hear your Ideas -
Please contact us at :
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 - Or please speak to one of the Team.