

TEACHER USER GUIDE

Thank you for taking an interest in empowering your students through using these Greater London Authority / Shout Out UK political literacy resources to develop their knowledge on civic and democratic rights!

You have two options on formats to use with your students:

- a tutor or assembly session of approximately 15 minutes, or
- one hour workshop.

All the resources cover the same Political Literacy topics, answering the following learning questions:

- Why is it important to know your civic and democratic rights?
- What is the difference between civic and democratic rights and how can you exercise these rights?
- How can you have your voice heard in the voting system, if eligible?
- How can you continue to have your voice heard by your representatives beyond an election?

The slides for all options cover these same points, however these concepts are developed further in different ways in the one hour workshops. For this, you can choose from the following options:

OPTION 1: Registering to vote and using your democratic voice

This option explores in depth how to register to vote. Students are expected to have the opportunity to register to vote in this session. There are also explanations of the different types of registers, what counts as accepted Voter ID and the different ways in which people can vote. This option also includes a mini quiz on Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about voting. This option requires devices with internet connection.

OPTION 2: Getting your voice heard beyond the ballot box

This option explores in depth how to engage with elected representatives. Students explore issues that matter to them and which representatives are most appropriate to contact. A writing frame is provided to allow students to directly engage in how to take action on an issue that matters to them. An email or letter to their representative could be sent at the end of the lesson.

OPTION 3: Exercising your civic and democratic rights

This option explores the impartial online resources that are available for everyone. The main activity for this option is a digital scavenger hunt where students have limited websites they can use to find answers to questions. Through this activity, students can actively explore tools that might be helpful to them now and in the future, on their democratic journey. This option requires devices with internet connection.

The slide decks for these sessions are adaptable and you can copy and paste different activities depending on the length of your sessions. This could also aid the development of future sessions and activities you might want to use as a follow on from the main session. To this end, here is where you can find the following activities:

In-depth exploration on how to vote - Option 1 slide deck, slides 11-16

Mini quiz on FAQs about voting - Option 1 slide deck, slides 22-35

Preparing to write to representatives - Option 2 slide deck, slides 11-14

Digital democracy scavenger hunt - Option 3 slide deck, slides 14-16

We hope you enjoy these resources. In keeping with the spirit of democracy, we would love to hear from you. Please consider filling out this brief survey so we can continue to improve our work and help empower Londoners with their civic and democratic rights!

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