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## Ideas for Discussion Groups about Elections

Outside the Box and the Electoral Commission are producing a pack about elections for people with learning difficulties and people with autism and we want YOUR help.



Here are some questions you could use to talk about elections. There are also some things that other people have said to give you ideas.

### ARE ELECTIONS IMPORTANT?

" Yes, gives a chance for everyone to put their point of view across. "



" Never done anything like this before. You get to decide who should be elected. "

### DOES ANYBODY THINK ELECTIONS ARE NOT IMPORTANT?

### HAVE YOU VOTED IN THE PAST?

" Never voted in life. Don't know what to do. "

" Yes, got card in for voting, so did. "

HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT VOTING?

WHY WAS IT IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO VOTE?

" Chance to put point of view across."

WHY DID YOU VOTE?

" Mainly to get Party and MP elected"



" In local elections, wanted someone voted out to get something done about state of where I live."

HOW COULD IT BE MADE EASIER TO VOTE?

" Sign language. Support for someone that needs it."

" Would be good to have pictures and logos of the people on voting slips."



HOW DO YOU FIND OUT ABOUT AND DECIDE WHO TO VOTE FOR?

HOW DO YOU TELL MSP, MP OR COUNCILLOR WHAT YOU WANT? EVER DONE THAT?

IF WE MAKE A DVD ABOUT VOTING, WHAT WOULD BE IMPORTANT?

" On the DVD, pictures of voting paper and someone actually voting."

WHAT SHOULD BE ON DVD FOR CARERS?

" It's really important that Carers encourage citizenship."

" Raise understanding of voting."

