



MOCK VOTING ACTIVITY:

What this is and how to use it:

This activity is designed to be used by groups. If you are leading the group, you will need to print off a copy of each voting sheet for the participants. You will also need pens or paper. You might want to download the Guide to Voting from the website to help with any questions. The activity is designed to get people thinking about the pros and cons of different parties, and also to let people try the two different systems of voting.

Facilitator's Notes

(This activity was produced by the Key Housing Politics Group in Glasgow)

Read out what each of the Parties stand for and encourage folk to have a discussion about what they would like to see done.

The 'X' Factor

Have a look at the ballot paper.

Show people the Example. Remind people they can only put 1 'X' on either grid. Point out, one grid has candidates name and the other only has the party.

People then vote and the election is declared.

Vote by Numbers.

Re-cap on candidates.

Have a look at the ballot paper.

Ask people to think about their first choice and get them to mark in a '1' beside the name.

Carry on with this for their 2nd and 3rd choice.

Remind people if there is someone they do not want elected, they leave their square blank.

What the Parties Stand For

The Shopping Party



The Shopping Party loves shopping.
If we get elected, we want everyone to go shopping at least once a week.

The Gardening Party



If we get elected we will make sure everyone gets a bit of garden that they can look after and grow lots of flowers and vegetables.

The Walking Party



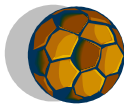
If we get elected we want everyone to get out into the fresh air for a five mile walk every week. This will make people healthier.

The Swimming Party








If we get elected we will make sure everyone has free entry to all local swimming baths. We will also provide free swimming lessons for people who can't swim.






The Football Party





If we get elected we will put football on the TV every day of the week.






The 'X' Factor - Mock Voting for the Scottish Parliament Election (Example)

The Shopping Party 	
The Gardening Party 	
The Walking Party 	X
The Swimming Party 	
The Football Party 	

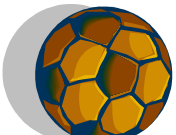
John McKay The Shopping Party 	
Teresa Green The Gardening Party 	
Iain Stewart The Walking Party 	
Fatima Olumbe The Swimming Party 	X
James MacGovern The Football Party 	

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Voting By Numbers - Mock Voting for the Local Council Election (Example)

John McKay The Shopping Party		3
Teresa Green The Gardening Party		
Iain Stewart The Walking Party		
Fatima Olumbe The Swimming Party		1
James MacGovern The Football Party		2

Voting By Numbers - Mock Voting for the Local Council Election

<p>John McKay The Shopping Party</p>		
<p>Teresa Green The Gardening Party</p>		
<p>Iain Stewart The Walking Party</p>		
<p>Fatima Olumbe The Swimming Party</p>		
<p>James MacGovern The Football Party</p>		