

EMPOWERING VOICES: YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

YOUR VOTE, YOUR CHOICE, YOUR COMMUNITY.

YOU ARE PART OF DEMOCRACY –
AND YOUR VOICE DESERVES TO BE HEARD!



We need parties to make
Easy Read
manifestos
for the General Election



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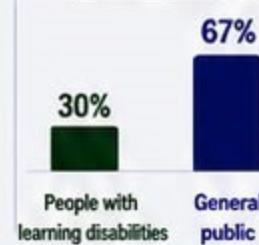
residents in Scotland
were declared with
learning disability in 2019.



Only 30%

of people in Scotland
with learning disabilities
voted in the last general
election, in comparison
with 67% of the
general public.

VOTED IN LAST
GENERAL ELECTION



Only 2/3rd

of the UK know that
people with learning
disability have the
right to vote.



EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO VOTE

- Voting is a basic human right.
- People with learning disabilities and autistic people have the same legal right to vote.
- Your voice matters – your choice helps shape your community.



WHY VOTING MATTERS

- Your opinion counts in decisions that affect your life.
- More disabled people voting means better representation.
- Voting builds confidence, independence, and participation.



EMPOWERING INDIVIDUAL TO UTILISE THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE

- 1 Learn about your rights and registering to vote
- 2 Explore party information in accessible formats
- 3 Plan with support staff your voting day
- 4 Discovering information and choices
- 5 Cast your vote privately and confidently

FUTURE PLAN

- OT planning to develop our own parliament.
- To provide opportunities related to topical news items, and work more in conjunction with Scottish assembly.
- Conduct Weekly political debate like Question time.
- PLAN to visit Scottish parliament (Edinburgh).

QUOTES

"I wanted to vote for my mother to meet her needs."

"I never knew where the six parties stood before voting."

"I changed my vote after the sessions because I knew what each party was offering."

"I feel more confident about having my say."

"Having easy-read information helped me understand each party."

"I am now more confident about voting."

"If I was First Minister, I would lower house prices and build homes for people with learning disabilities."

"I now know the difference between council and government responsibilities."

"Sessions like this are really good and informative."

"I never knew much about the Assembly before taking part."



COMMON BARRIERS



Access to read information



Sensory and physical challenges at polling stations



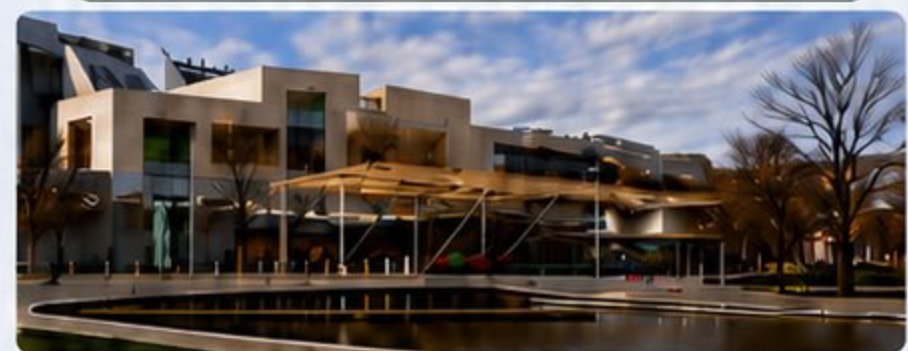
Limited staff awareness



Accessibility challenges



You deserve clear information and accessible support.



OUTCOMES

By using Goal Attainment Scaling (GAS), all 8 participants achieved their individual learning goals and demonstrated improved understanding of voting and democratic participation.

GOAL ATTAINMENT



7 out of 8 participants met or exceeded their agreed goals.

UNDERSTANDING IMPROVED



90% Improved understanding of voter registration and the voting process.

KNOWLEDGE INCREASED



90% Improved knowledge of political parties, manifestos and voting choices.



90% Greater confidence in expressing opinions and making informed decisions.



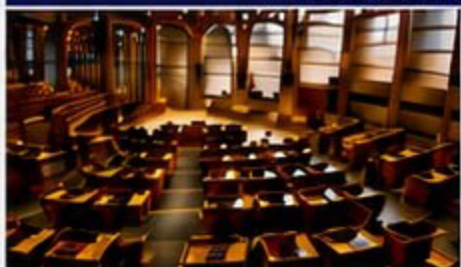
90% Enhanced awareness of rights, representation and government responsibilities.



90% Improved participation, independence and community engagement.

90% of participants met or exceeded their agreed outcomes through Goal Attainment Scaling (GAS).

YOUR VOTING JOURNEY



- ✓ Weekly learning sessions
- ✓ Easy read manifestos and resources
- ✓ Practice voting activities
- ✓ Support with planning, travel, and understanding choices
- ✓ Understand different types of voting such as postal and independent representation
- ✓ Attending meetings with Scottish assembly
- ✓ Non biased discussion
- ✓ Debates
- ✓ Feedback of their level of understanding of voting rights



YOUR RIGHT.
YOUR VOICE.
YOUR FUTURE.



TAKE PART.
BE HEARD.
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

★ BE INFORMED. BE CONFIDENT. BE HEARD. VOTE! ★



DEMOCRACY
WORKS BEST
WHEN EVERYONE
HAS THEIR SAY.



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