

# how to help boost voter turnout

# community guide

Our communities are what we make them. They are where we live, our places of work, our social clubs, our colleges or universities, our faith groups.

There are many ways we can reach out to our local community and support others on polling day.

Here are some ideas we can **all** get involved in:

- **Put up a poster with voting day information** - in the local shop, library, community centre, school notice board, apartment block front door - find a visible spot to share information
- **Knock on your neighbours**- make it clear you aren't canvassing! But ask if they might need support on the day; someone to go with them to the polling station, watch or walk the dog, or simply to confirm where the local polling station is.
- **Share information in your group chat** - many neighbourhoods have group chats and forums. Why not share information about polling day?
- **Offer to act as proxy** - If you know of someone who may not be able to vote in person, why not offer to act as their proxy to vote? People with disabilities, learning difficulties or other circumstances may not be able to attend in person but have a desire to vote.
- **Offer to act as companion** - similarly, for a range of reasons, people may wish to have someone come with them to the polling station - for example, if the weather is particularly unpleasant, the route unsafe or if special assistance is needed to vote. The simple act of attending with someone could make an enormous difference.
- **Offer lifts or set up a carpool** - in a winter election, public transport may be reduced or under pressure, it is cold and wet, and may put many off going out. If you have a car and time, why not offer lifts (this happened in 2017, many organised via Twitter!) or set up a carpool in advance, to get as many to the polling stations as possible?
- **Offer babysitting/caring support** - voting doesn't take long. If you can spare an hour to look after someone's children or relatives, you might make it possible for someone to go out to vote.
- **Hold a Polling Party** - we don't get a winter election every day - have a gathering for people after they've voted!

**Remember: if you support one person to exercise their right to vote, you have made a difference.**

To find material and resources you may find useful, visit [network.vote](https://network.vote) online