

# Mayoral and GLA elections 2016 materials pack

## Lesson plan 3 – Register to Vote

### Lesson 3 – Register to Vote – Webquest version

#### Aims:

- To generate discussion on voting and in particular women's voting rights globally.
- To raise awareness of students' eligibility to vote in the mayoral election in May
- To encourage students to register to vote

**Notes on levels:** This is suitable for E2/E3 learners with IT facilities. The lesson can be made more challenging for higher level learners by adding activities researching the history of women's suffrage in different countries (after Activity 2) and asking students to write a summary of their research. An additional task can also be added for higher level learners in Activity 3 to find out more about the history and countries of the Commonwealth.

**Language points:** This lesson is more focused on skills development: Developing scanning reading skills, reading for detail and filling in an online form.

#### Resources and suggested stages:

##### Resources – Webquest worksheet

Activity 1. Students discuss questions in Activity 1 in groups and then come together as a class to share their ideas and opinions. Teacher records a variety of opinions of the board and encourage students to discuss further.

Activity 2. Ask the students if they know the voting age in the UK and their country? Is it the same or different? Students use a search engine to find the answers. (Teacher - use the link below to check voting ages around the world).

Activity 3. Ask the students 'Can you vote in the London Mayoral Election?' Students who think 'yes' stand on one group, students who think 'no' in another group and 'not sure' stand in another group. Teacher records the numbers in each group on the board. Teacher then directs the students to Activity 3 on their worksheet and students read the information to find out if they are eligible to vote or not.

Discussion about the difference between 'registering to vote' and 'voting'.

Students read the 'register to vote' information and decide if person 1 – 10 can register to vote. (Answers: 1Y, 2Y, 3Y, 4Y, 5N, 6Y(Commonwealth country), 7N, 8Y, 9Y(Commonwealth country), 10N)

Activity 4. Students who are eligible now click on the link to register to vote using the online form / students not eligible to vote can fill in the paper form.

#### Links:

<http://www.londonelects.org.uk/im-voter/how-register-vote>

Voting ages around the world <http://chartsbin.com/view/re6>

Interactive timeline of women's right to vote <http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/interactive/2011/jul/06/un-women-vote-timeline-interactive>

Online voter registration <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

For more paper copies of the voter registration form <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/voter-registration-forms-paper-versions>

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### Webquest

#### Activity 1:

Discuss in your group

What is voting?

Do you think people should vote? Why or why not?

Have you ever voted before, in the UK or in your country?

Share your ideas with the rest of the class

#### Activity 2:

Using a **search engine**, research and write answers to the questions below.

What is the voting age in the UK?

What is the voting age in your country?

Use the link <http://tinyurl.com/lwnfjze> to find out when women could first vote in your country.

Country?

When did women get the right to vote in your country?

When did women get the right to vote in the UK?

**Activity 3.** Use the link <http://www.londonelects.org.uk/im-voter/how-register-vote> to go to the London Elects website and find out who can **register to vote** for elections in the UK. Can the following people **register to vote**? Write **yes** or **no**.

1. Sahra has a British passport, lives in London and is 16 years old?
2. Mikael has a Polish passport and is 54 years old?
3. Ruben is 17 years old, comes from Columbia but has a Spanish passport?
4. Hani is 19 years old, has an Italian passport and is Somali?
5. Borislav has a Turkish passport, is 53 years old and has been in London 10 years?
6. Reema is 36 and has a Bangladeshi passport?
7. Sali is from Palestine and hasn't got a passport.
8. Ahmed is 78, he's lived in London for 25 years and has a Dutch passport?
9. Gabriel is 21, he's been in London for 3 months and is from Sierra Leone?
10. Katerina is 45 and has a Ukrainian passport?

**Activity 4:** You are now going to fill in an online registration form to register to vote in UK. Click on the link <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote> and fill in the form with the correct information.