

# You can vote if you're homeless

You can vote in the general election on 12 December, if:

You live in the UK and over 18 years old; and you are

A British or Irish citizen; or

A citizen of the Commonwealth nations of Malta & Cyprus; or

A Commonwealth citizen who has leave to remain in the UK; or

who does not require leave to remain in the UK.

## You must register before 26 November

If you have a fixed address such as a long stay hostel, you can register online: [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

You will need your NI number and date of birth.

If you don't have a fixed address, you can still register but you must fill in a paper registration form.

You can give details of where you spend lots of your time, this could be a day centre or night shelter, or an address near a bus stop, a park bench or a shop doorway. You can also use an address where you have lived in the past, or are staying temporarily, such as a friend's sofa.

Once you have completed the form you will need to return it to your local electoral registration officer.

You can download and print the form from:

[www.expertfocus.co.uk/voting](http://www.expertfocus.co.uk/voting)

# What happens next?

When you have registered to vote you will be sent a polling card which will give you details of where you go to vote. If you do not receive your card or have lost it, pop into your local council offices and they will give you all the details you need

## On the day

Go to your local polling station: **you don't need any form of id.**

If you have your polling card, hand it to a staff member. They will give you a ballot paper. If you haven't received or have lost your polling card, tell them your name, your NI number and that you are voting as a homeless person. They will find your details on the register.

## Have your say

- It's time we started having different conversations about street homelessness.
- It's time we stopped walking by people who are homeless
- It's time for homeless people to have their say.

## How can the public help

If you know someone who's homeless, please pass on this leaflet.

Can you print off a copy of the registration form for them?

Do you have time to help them to complete the form?

Can you look up the details of their local electoral office?

