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## North East Election News



Inclusion North will update you in 2024 on what elections are happening, how you can vote and what different politicians are saying about important issues.



Did you know that 2024 is going to be a big year for elections?



In the North East we will all have the chance to vote in 3 elections. Some of us will have the chance to vote in 4 elections.



So what are the different elections and what do you need to do to make sure you have the right to vote if you want to?



Well over the next few weeks we will be making sure you have the information you need.



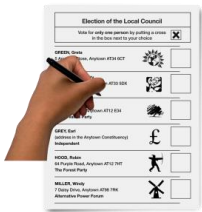
We will be doing our election news in Easy Read and on video, pointing you in the direction of the accessible information that is out there to help you get involved.



## What elections are happening and when are they?



This depends on where you live.



On 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024, if you live in any of these areas, your Council is having local elections - Hartlepool, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Sunderland.



On 2<sup>nd</sup> May we can all vote for who we want to be our local Police and Crime Commissioner.



On 2<sup>nd</sup> May we can also vote in the Mayoral Combined Authority elections. Some of us will vote in the Tees Valley election and some of us will vote in the North East election.



Before 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025 there will be a General Election. We can all vote on who we want our Member of Parliament to be and this can influence which political party runs the Government.



We will explain lots more about all this over the next few weeks.



## Are you registered to vote?

The first thing you need to do to be able to vote is to Register. You must be aged 18 or older to vote.

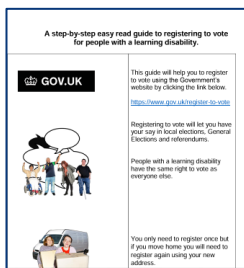


When you are registered to vote, you are on the list of people that are contacted about every election.



So how do you register to vote?

You can register to vote online, you can print off a paper form to fill in or you can get in touch with the Electoral Registration Office in the area where you live and ask for support.

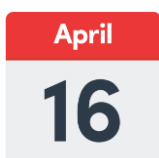


The Government have made an Easy Read leaflet about how to register to vote. You can find this on our website with lots of other useful resources.



## Our top tips for voting and elections

Don't forget, if you have moved home, changed name or changed nationality you need to register again.



The deadline to register to vote is midnight on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Don't leave it too late.