



VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

Primary KS2



Be informed.



Be curious.



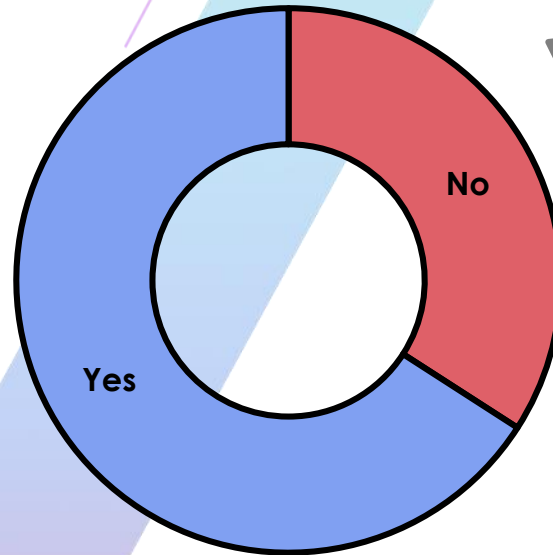
Be heard.

Feedback: “Do we need to learn more about boundaries?”



“If we understand the concept of boundaries we can apply it to different situations. If we don't know about boundaries we might offend people. We need to respect people's boundaries so everybody can feel comfortable in the world.”

Stanton Community Primary School



Yes
65.9%

No
34.1%

“Even though we learnt a lot about boundaries in the lesson today, there is so much more that we can learn about it.”

Broadford Primary School (Teacher)

“I didn't realise people might have different boundaries so I think it is good to keep talking about this because you might upset people otherwise.”

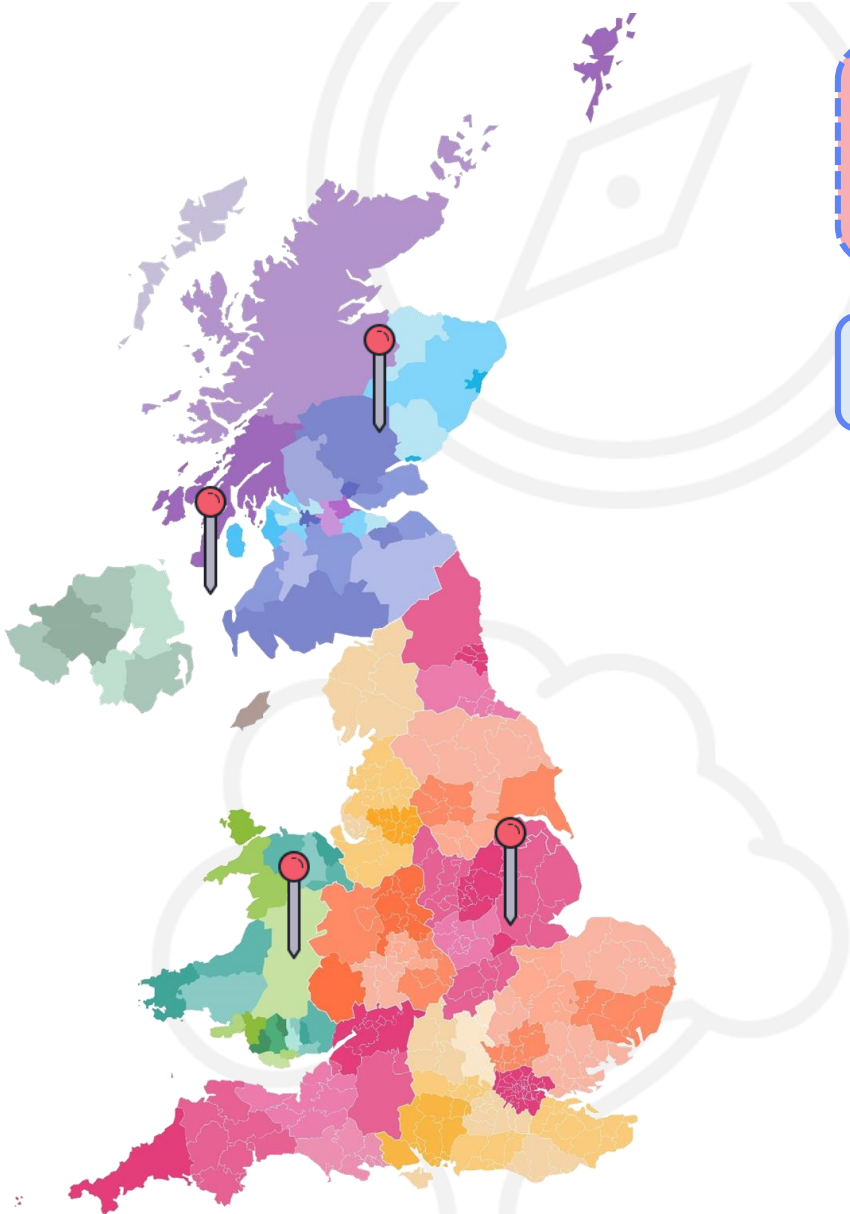
Gidea Park Primary School

“Boundaries are very important because other people may or may not be comfortable with the same things you are.”

Royal Alexandra & Albert School



Starter: Where are you?



Where are you? (1 min)
Take a look at this map. Can you match the pins to each of these nations?

England

Northern Ireland

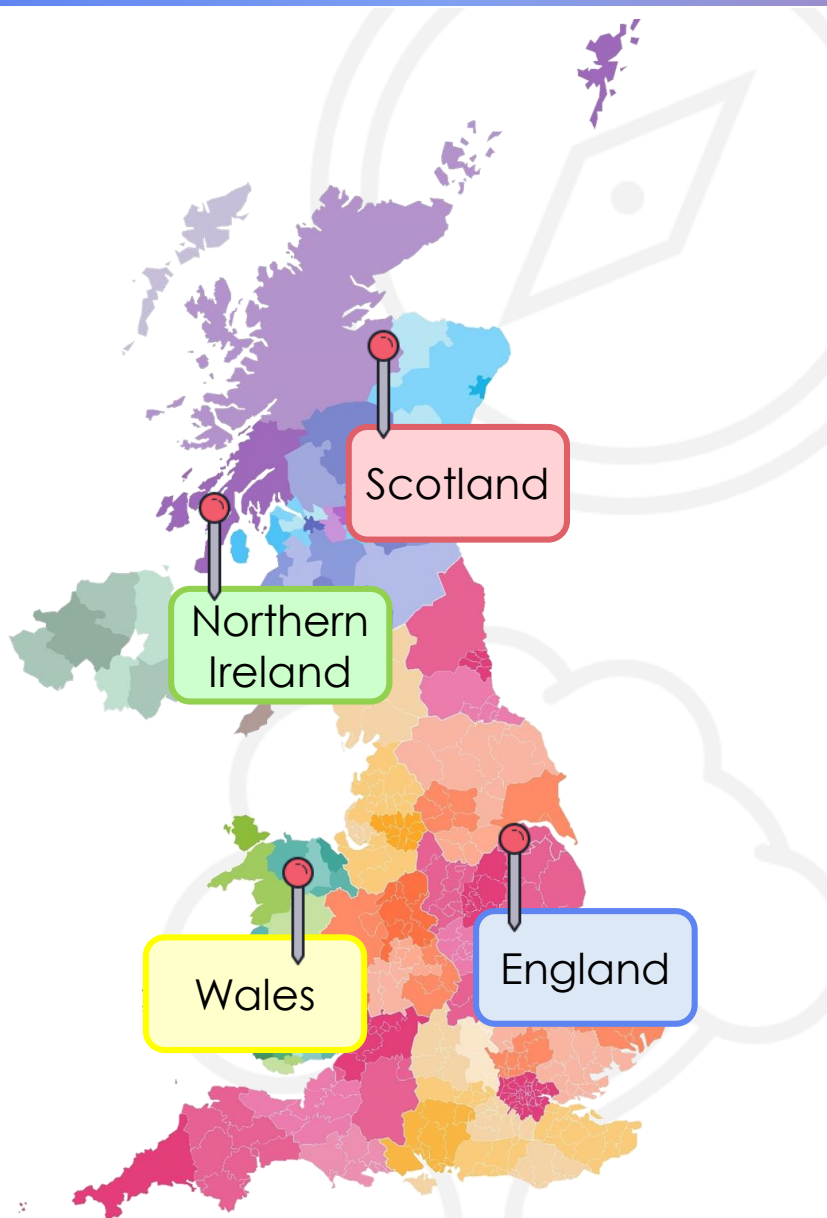
Scotland

Wales





Starter: Where are you?



Where are you? (1 min)

Take a look at this map. Can you match the pins to each of these nations?

These four nations make up the **United Kingdom (UK)**.

Each of these **nations** is made up of small areas called **councils**. There are more than **300 councils** in the UK.



Look closely at the map. **The white lines** show where all the **different councils** are!

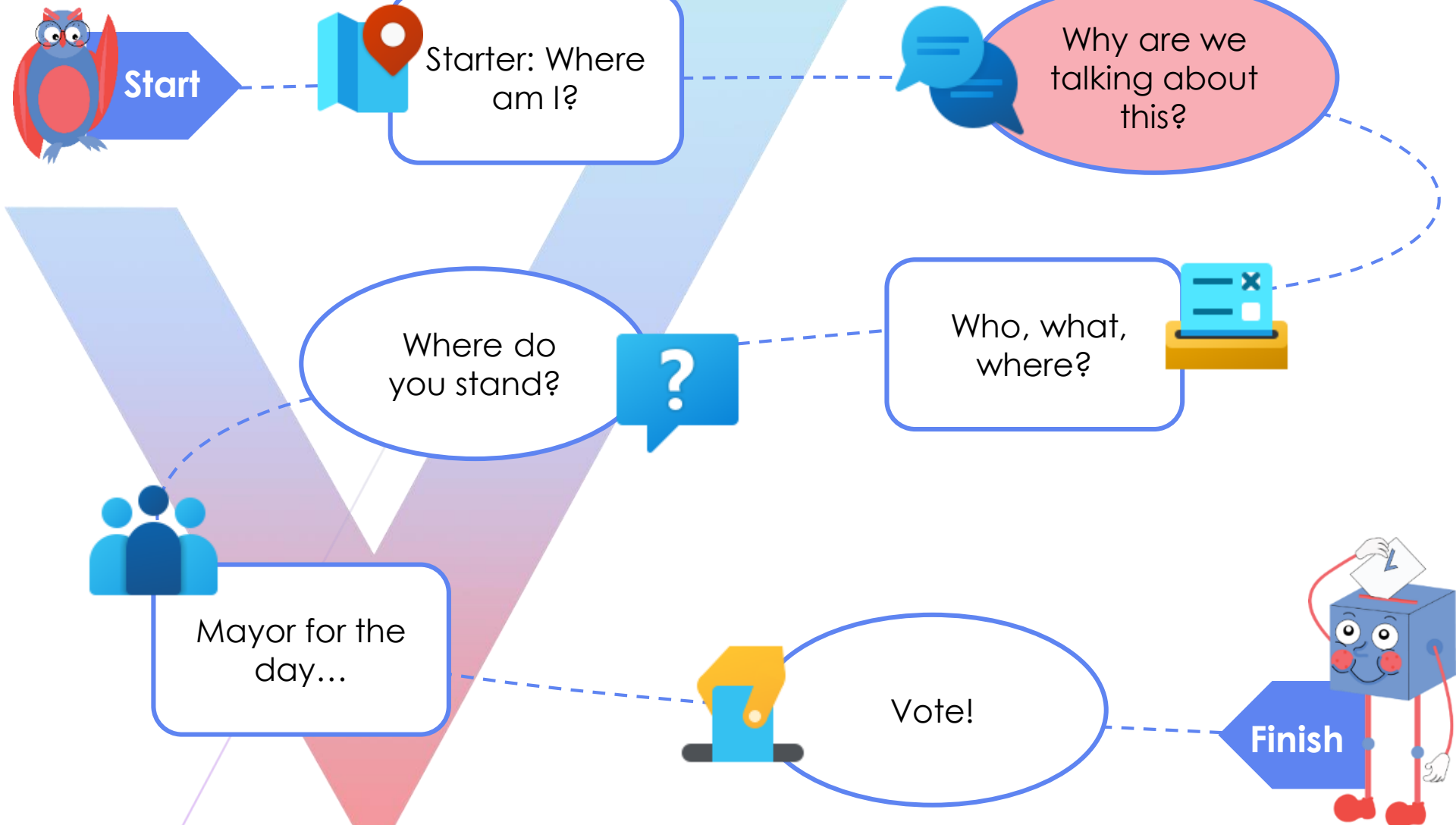
What's your council? (1-2 mins)

Do you know what your local council is called? If you're not sure, ask your teacher!

Do we take local elections seriously?



Our learning journey for this week!





Why are we talking about this?

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Take a minute! (1 min)

Do you know what is happening on Thursday 6th May around the United Kingdom (UK)?

On this date, **48 million people** around the UK **could vote** in the **local elections!**

But **who** will people be **voting for**? Well, it **depends where you live...**

In England, **Mayors, local councils, Police & Crime Commissioners,** and one **MP** in **Hartlepool** will be voted for. You can vote if you are **over 18.**

In Scotland, **129 Members of Scottish Parliament (MSPs)** will be voted for. You can **vote** if you are **over 16.**

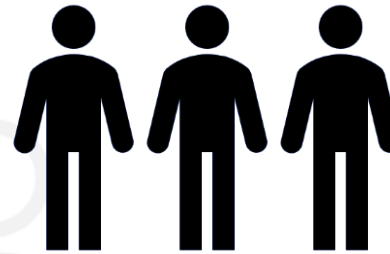
In Wales, **60 Members of the Senedd (MSs)** will be voted for. You can **vote** if you are **over 16.**



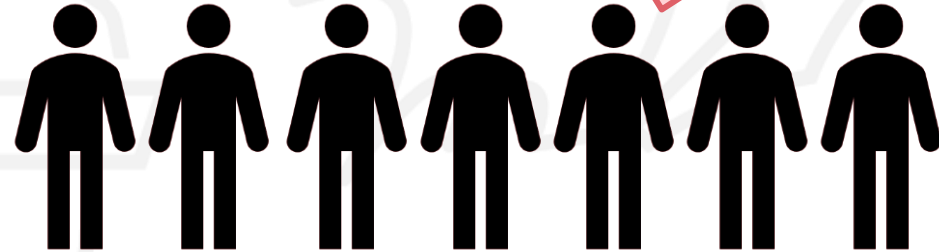
Why are we talking about this?

Local elections happen every 4 years, and **nearly every adult can vote** for the people they want to help run their **local area**.

In 2018, more than **21,000,000 (21 million) people** were able to vote, but only around **30% of them did**.



We voted!



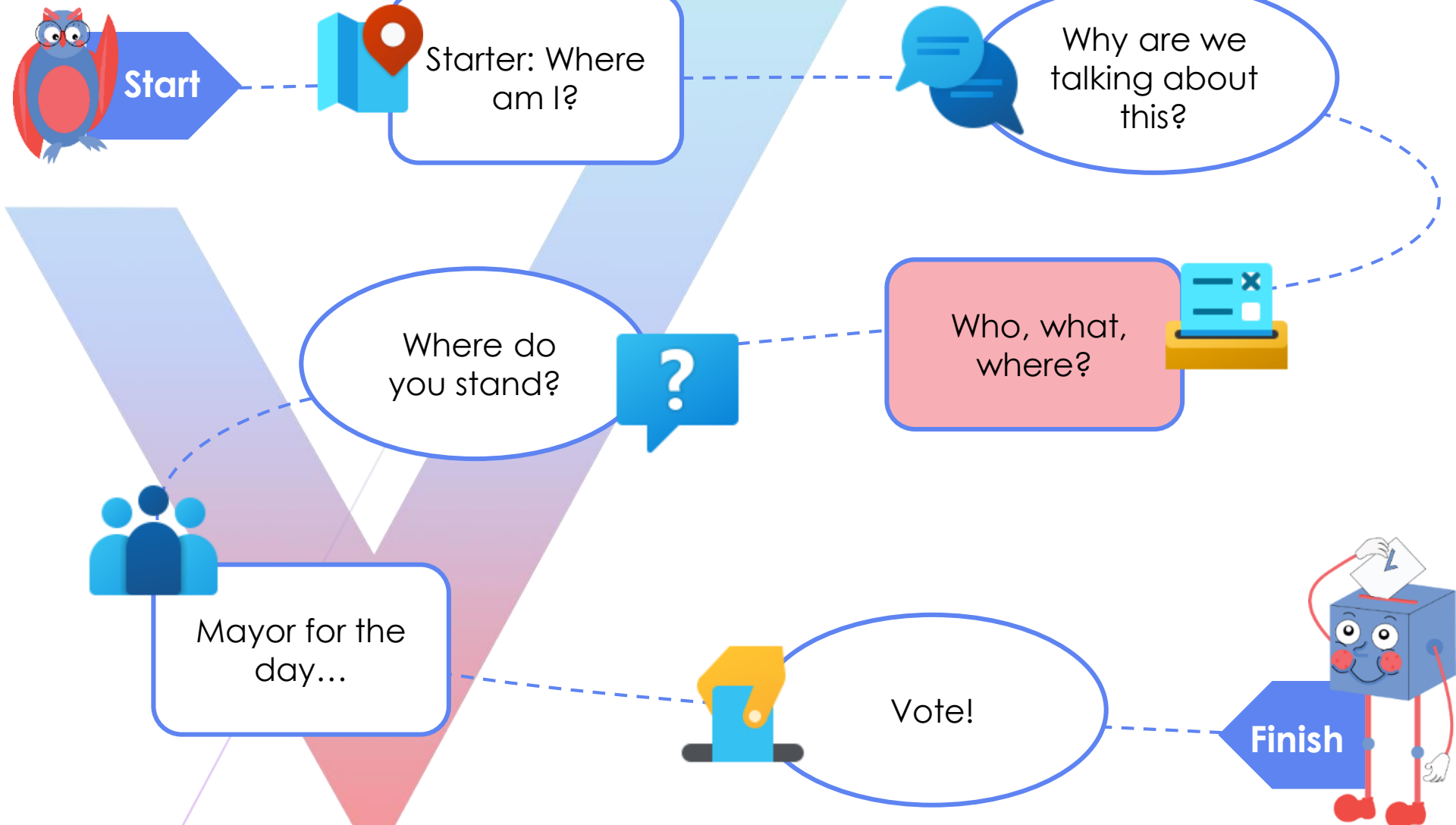
We didn't!



Some think that most people **didn't vote** because they **don't think that local elections are important**.

People might think that local elections **won't make a difference to them**. This is what you will be talking about today.

Our learning journey for this week!





Who, what, where?



Local means something that is happening **somewhere near to where you live**, usually in a smaller area like a **town** or **city**.

So, **local elections** mean that **people in an area vote** for who they want to be in **charge of making decisions** about things like...



Libraries



Sport clubs



Transport



Health



Housing

Pair talk (2-3 mins)

Which of these things affect you and how?

Challenge:

Can you put these things in order of how important they are to you?



Who, what, where?



As you read about, there are **lots of different jobs** that will be voted for – **5,000** of them, in fact!

All of these **people** will work hard to **make sure** our **communities** are **safe, healthy,** and **happy.**

They will also **make decisions about how your local area is run,** such as how much **public transport** (like buses and trains) should **cost,** or whether to open more **libraries** and build **more houses.**



Who's who? (3-5 mins)

On the next slide, you will see five different jobs. In the elections, people will choose who they want to do each one in their local area. Your task is to match the description to the correct job title!

Challenge:

Do you know who any of these people are in your community?



Who, what, where?



I represent **smaller areas in Wales** called **constituencies**, and look after things like **health**.

I am a **voice for the people** when it comes to the **police!** I also try to **cut crime** in my area.



I **check and agree to laws** people suggest in **Scotland**, and **represent** my **local area**.

I am **elected** to make sure **everything runs smoothly** in my area, like **transport** or **housing**.



I am **in charge of lots of things** in my local area, from **collecting bins** to **looking after the elderly**.

Who am I?

Member of Scottish Parliament

Police & Crime Commissioner

Mayor (Elected)

Member of Senedd

Local councillor



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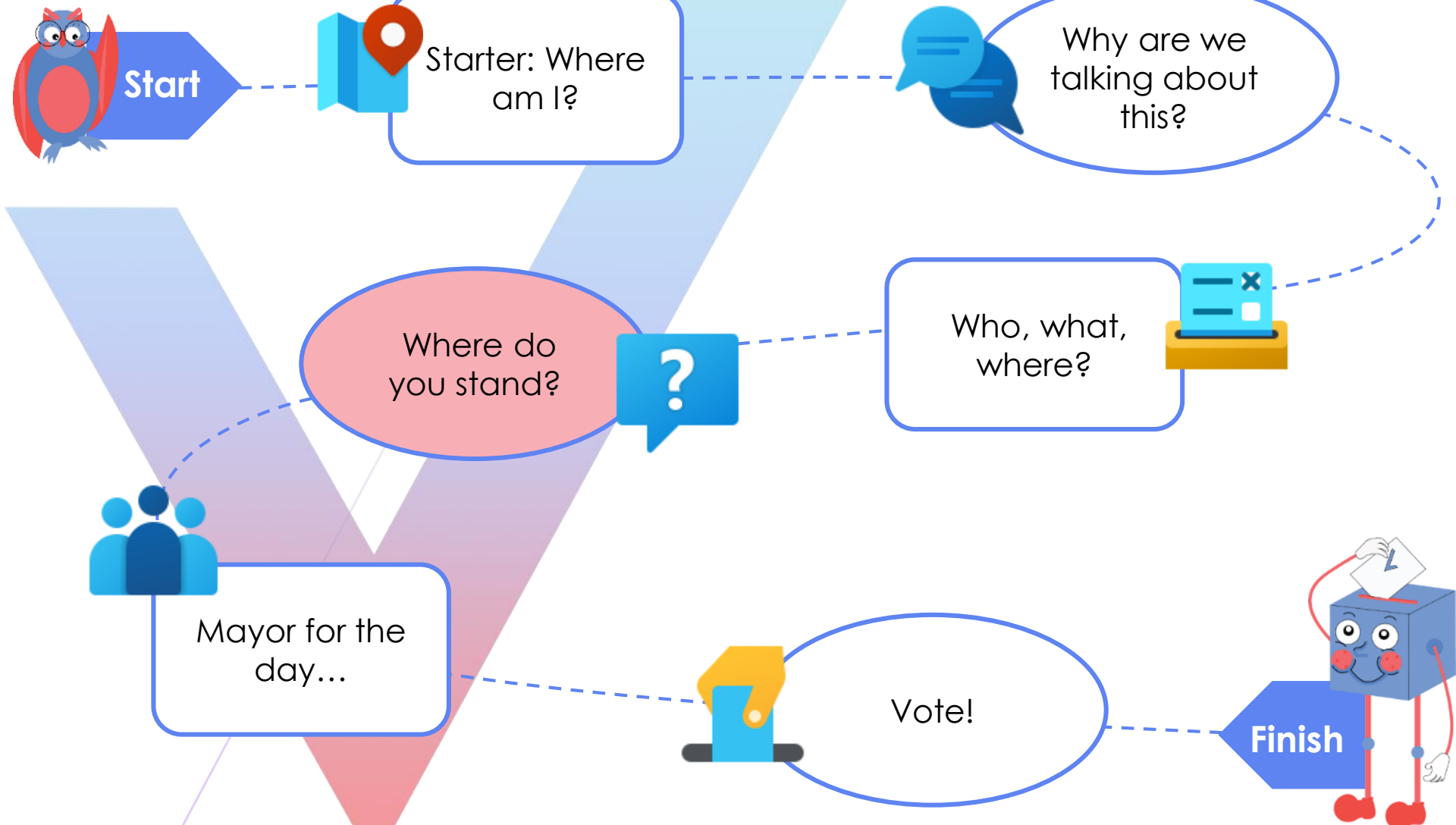
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Local councillor

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Where do you stand?



Because of the **Coronavirus pandemic**, there is **lots of work** for the **people that are elected** to do.

That's why it's **really important** that everyone who can, **votes!** Even though you **can't vote just yet**, you can still **practice...**



Individual activity (5-10 mins)

The four things below are what people are most worried about in the UK at the moment. On the next slide, you will see some opinions about these issues and decide how much you agree with them by moving to the left or the right!



Coronavirus



Brexit



Money



The NHS



Where do you stand?



I think **dealing with the Coronavirus** in my **local area** should be the main thing that our **local councillors** do. Things like vaccinations, social distancing and protecting vulnerable people are the **most important thing**.



I agree!

I disagree!



Where do you stand?



Brexit should be what our **Mayors and local council concentrate** on now. We need to make sure that **things don't become more expensive**, and that we can go on **holiday easily**.



I agree!

I disagree!



Where do you stand?



Our leaders can **only do things if there is money**, so our **local councillors** should focus on asking the Government for more money and **making more jobs**.



I agree!

I disagree!



Where do you stand?



The **pandemic** has shown that we need to **work hard to keep the NHS safe** and **make sure everyone is healthy**. We need more doctors, nurses and hospital space.



I agree!

I disagree!



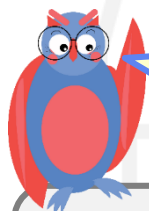
Where do you stand?



These are **just some of the things** that candidates for the elections might say, although they will probably **talk about other things too**, such as...



Libraries



Candidate: A person who wants to become a local councillor.

This is because **every local area is different**. Some **local areas** might have **lots of great libraries**, others might **not have any**.



Sport clubs



Transport

Class discussion (2-3 mins)

Take a look at these categories again. How well managed do you think each one is in your local area and why?



Health

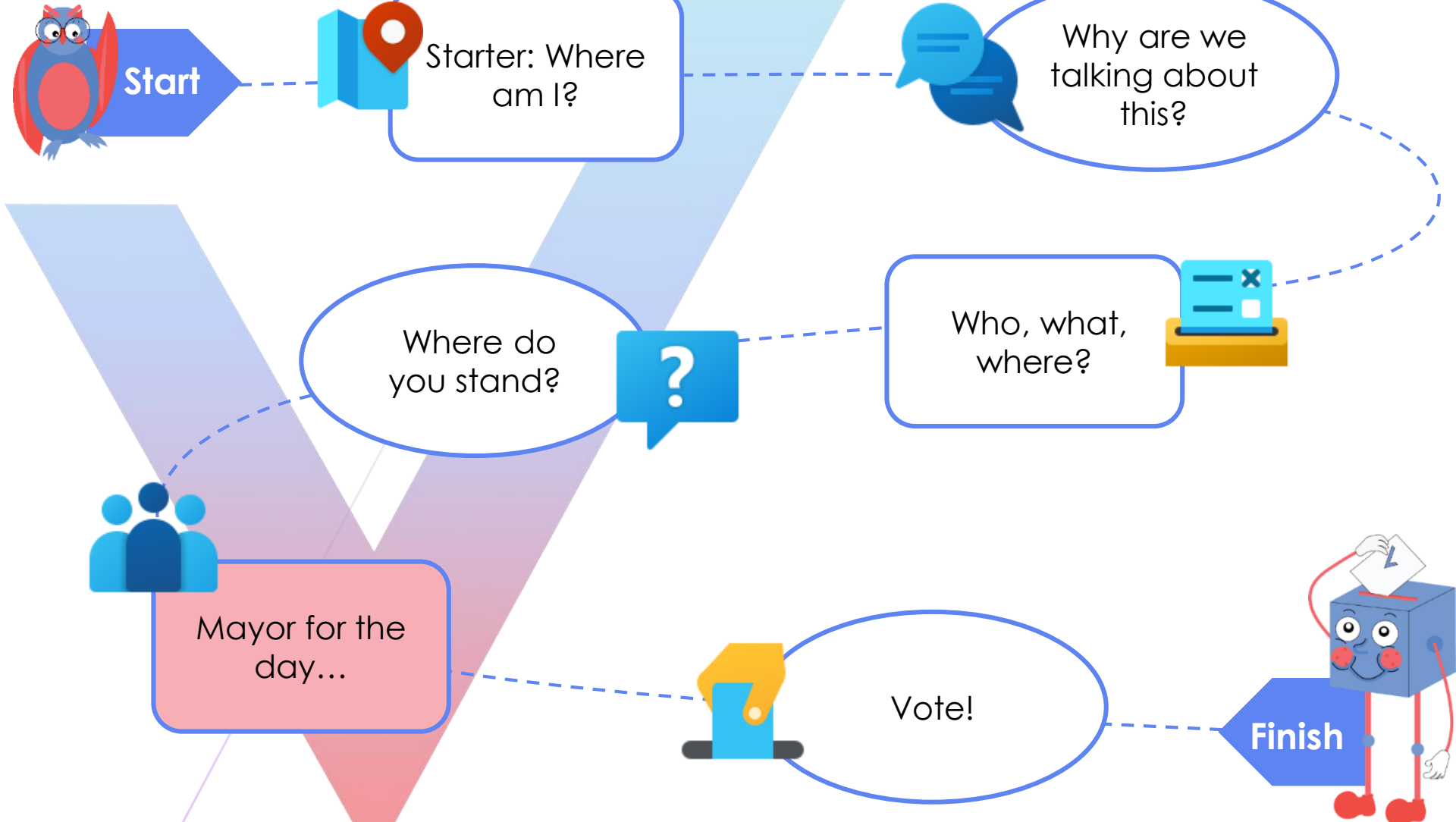


Housing

Challenge:

Give them a score out of 10, with 0 being very badly managed, and 10 being brilliantly managed!

Our learning journey for this week!





Mayor for the day...



Now you **know where you stand** on the **important issues**, it's time to decide **what you would do** if you were **Mayor for a day!**

Individual activity (5+ mins)
Can you finish the sentence below, using the categories and ideas to help?



Libraries



Sport clubs



Transport



Health



Housing

If I was Mayor for a day, I would...

Help...



Change...



Give...



Make...

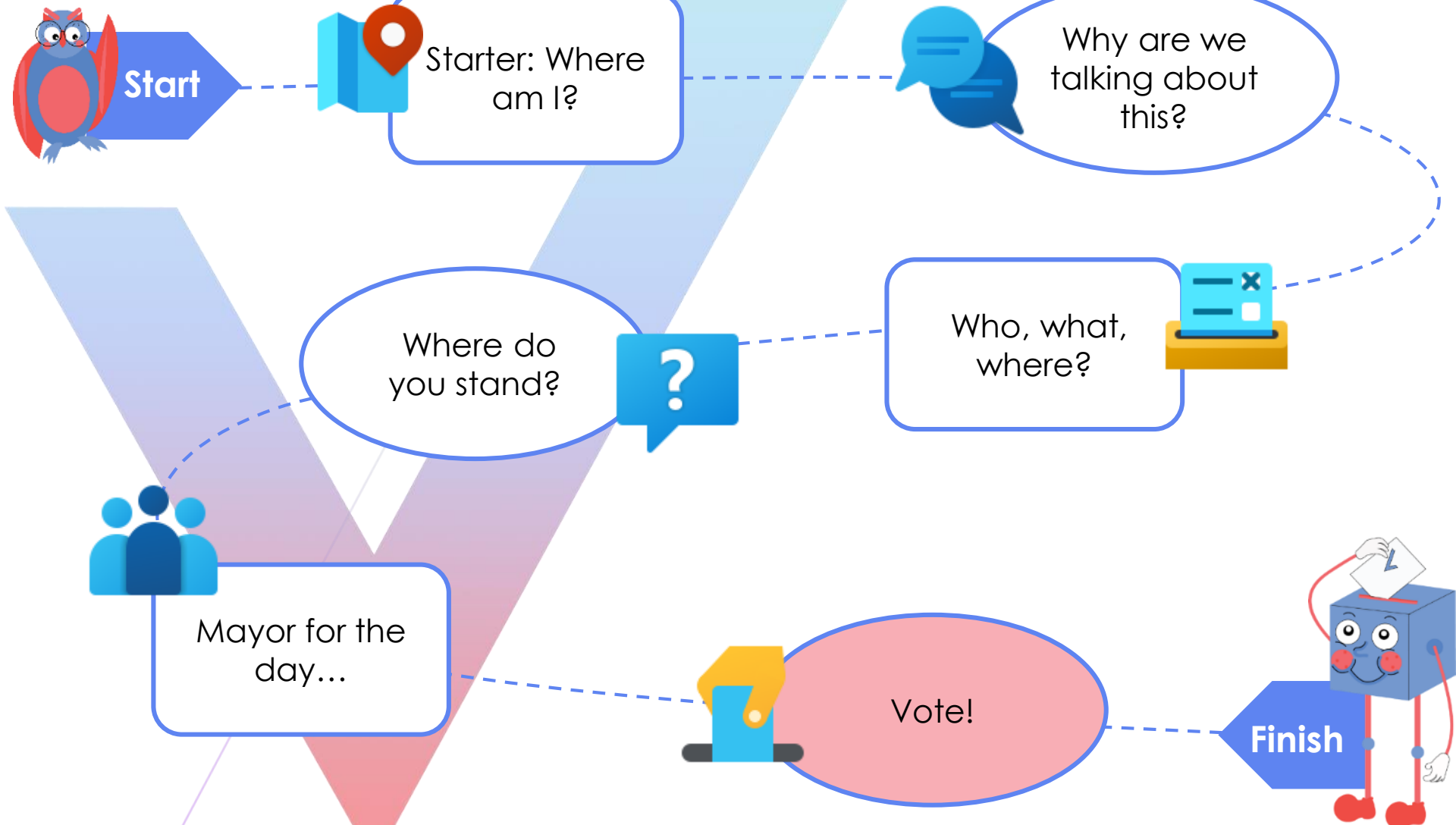


Stop...



Create...

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Call to Action!

Quick idea

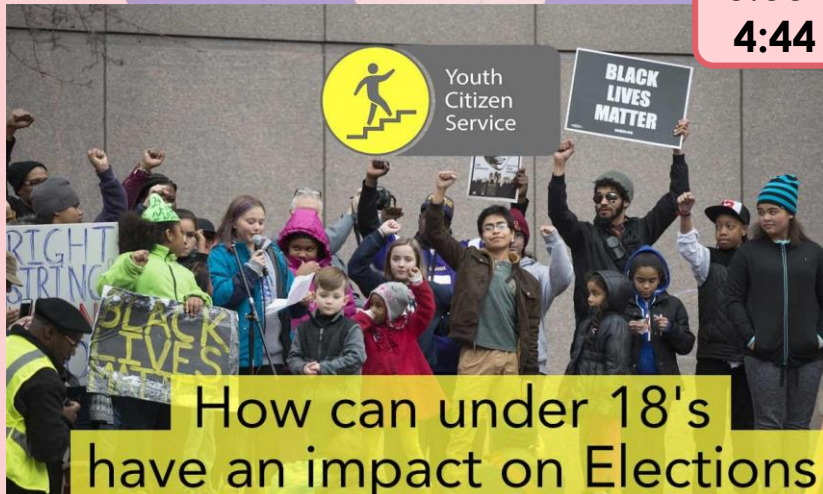
What's happening **where you are**? **Click the image** to visit The Electoral Commission's website. Here you can input your school's postcode **and see the elections happening in your area** on 6th May!



Please Note:

This will take you to **The Electoral Commission** site.

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4:44



Big idea

Our friends at the **Youth Citizen Service** have put together this **brilliant video** to show you how to **get involved in elections** and **make your voice heard**. Click the image to watch it, and **think about some of the things you would like to do** to have an **impact!** Or, you can view their **Local Elections Playlist** by clicking [here](#).

Do we take local elections seriously?



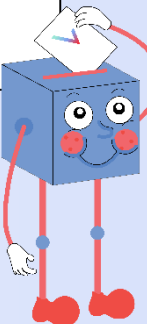
Yes

- We have learned why these elections are important today, so now we will take them seriously in the future.
- It's clear to see how important these elections are for our communities.
- After everything that's happened this year, it's even more important our local areas are nice places to live!
- ...

No

- In 2019, only 1 in 3 people used their vote! Clearly we don't take it seriously.
- Everyone just concentrates on the big elections for MPs and Prime Ministers.
- Even though the elections will be made safe, lots of people might not want to vote because of the Coronavirus.
- ...

We will be sharing your **thoughts on this topic** with **Bite the Ballot, Voting Counts, i have a voice, Democracy Matters, Youth Politics, and The Politics Project.**

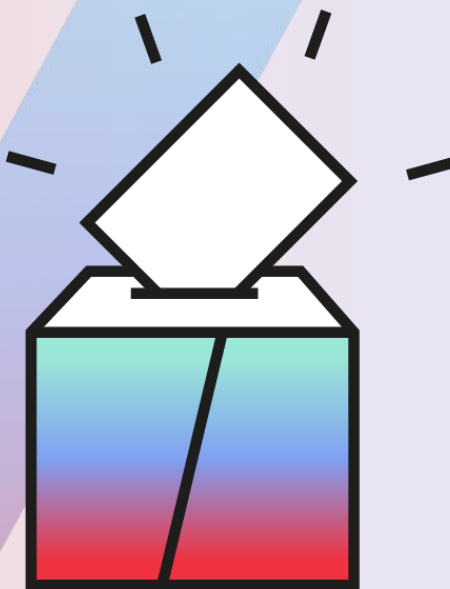




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