

An easy read guide to the 2017 Local Elections



On **Thursday 4th May 2017** people in many parts of the country will vote for their local council.



It's important to vote in local elections because councils have responsibility for things like social care.



Not all councils have their elections at the same time.

If you have local elections you will get a letter near to election day.

In your local area the Council has a number of responsibilities depending on the type of council.



The Council is likely to be in charge of:

- Transport
- Fire Service
- Environment
- Arts and culture
- Housing
- Roads
- Education
- Social care
- and other issues





The deadline to register to vote is **Thursday 13th April.**

You can register to vote here:
<https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>



When you have registered, you can vote in the Local Election on **Thursday 4th May 2017.**



You will get more information in the post about where to vote when you register!



You may be given more than one ballot paper if there is more than one election on the same day.



Remember, people with a learning disability have as much right to vote as anyone else.

Don't let anyone else tell you differently!



Call Mencap Campaigns if you would like more information: 0207 696 5583.