



ISLAND-WIDE VOTING 2020

TEACHER RESOURCE PACK



2018 REFERENDUM

Glossary

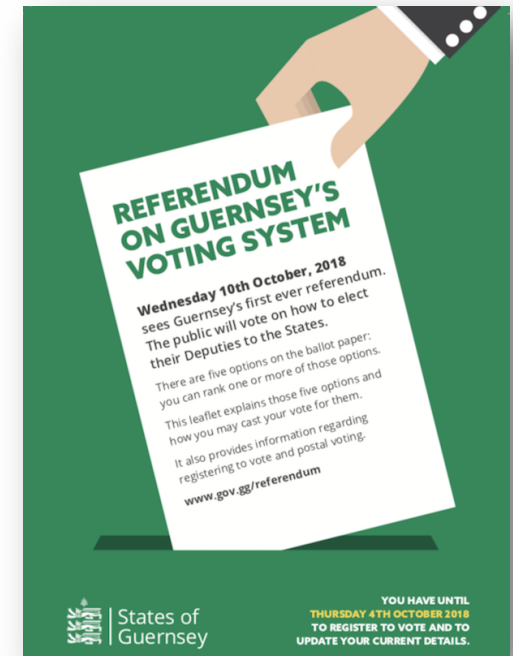
Referendum - This is where everyone on the Electoral Roll is invited to vote on a particular proposal.

In 2018 Guernsey's first **referendum** asked those on the Electoral Roll to vote on how electing deputies should work.

Voters chose that 38 deputies should be elected island-wide, every four years.

This means there will be a greater choice of candidates. There will also be more choice about how to vote and where to vote.

***Did you know?** The spread of COVID-19 caused the States to postpone the General Election from June 2020 until June 2021. However, as lockdown restrictions were lifted at a much faster rate than anticipated the States agreed to appoint Wednesday 7 October 2020 as the date for the General Election.*



2020 will mark the first year that island-wide voting was introduced. Guernsey will be classed as one district and those on the **Electoral Roll** will be able to choose from all the candidates and vote for up to 38.



WHAT IS ISLAND-WIDE VOTING?

Glossary

Electoral Roll - This is a list of all the people who can vote at elections. Everyone over the age of 16 has the right to vote as long as they live in Guernsey and don't have a criminal record. You must first enrol on the Electoral Roll before you can vote.



WHAT IS DIFFERENT?

Glossary

Electoral district - This is a list of all the people who can vote at elections. You must first enrol on the Electoral Roll before you can vote.

Ballot paper – This is the official form where you mark who you want to vote for.

- Before you could only vote for 5 or 6 people who were in your **electoral district**. Now you can vote for up to 38 on an island-wide basis. Guernsey used to be divided into seven electoral districts, each with the same populations. They were: St. Peter Port South, St. Peter Port North, St. Sampson, Vale, Castel, West and South East.
- The **ballot paper** will be much larger than in previous elections as you can vote for more candidates.
- You will have to fill in a small oval shape on the ballot paper to indicate who you want to vote for rather than a traditional 'X,' as the ballot papers will be read by electronic counting machines.
- Due to the complexities of casting 38 votes, the election will take place over the course of four days rather than one.



HOW DOES ISLAND-WIDE VOTING WORK?

To vote, each time there's an election you must register to be on the Electoral Roll. You can register online or by using the household registration form which gets sent to every home in Guernsey.

Once voting opens, you will be given one ballot paper at the polling station or if you requested postal voting it will be sent to your home. You can vote for up to 38 candidates. You fill in a small oval shape to indicate who you want to vote for. If you requested a postal vote you can fill out the ballot paper at home and post it back or you can hand it in at a polling station.

There will be **super-polling stations** where everyone can go to and cast their vote and there will be a **parish polling station** which you can go to cast your vote if you live in the parish the polling station is located.



Glossary

Super-polling station - This is where every islander on the Electoral Roll can go to vote regardless of the parish they live in.

Parish polling station – This is where islanders on the Electoral Roll can go to vote but only if they are residents of the parish the station is located in.

Did you know? 118 candidates are running in the 2020 General Election.



WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR VOTE?

The 38 deputies with the most votes then become deputies. Then the deputies decide who does what on each **committee**. For example one deputy may have more experience or be more passionate about education so will be assigned a position on the Education, Sports and Culture Committee.

There is one Senior Committee, six Principle Committees and several other Community Boards, Authorities and Commissions.

Glossary

Government committees – Departments that specialise in different areas of running the government.



***Did you know?** If two candidates tie for 38th place or there is a 2% or less difference between the 38th and 39th place to become a deputy then there will be a recount in case there was a counting error. If it isn't solved by a recount then the candidates who are tied or have a close amount of votes will have to draw lots (like tossing a coin) to decide who gets elected. The other alternative is to hold another election involving just those candidates.*



GOVERNMENT COMMITTEES

Policy & Resources

This is the senior committee. Responsibilities include organising the work of the States, including the objectives and leading the planning process.

Home Affairs

Responsibilities include crime prevention, law enforcement, fire and rescue, prison and immigration.

Health & Social Care

Responsibilities include adult social care, welfare and protection of children, the prevention of illnesses, mental health, care of the elderly and environmental health.

Environment & Infrastructure

Responsibilities include farms, animal imports/exports, states vet, traffic signs, driving licences, road closures and environmental policy.

Employment & Social Security

Responsibilities include pensions, social housing, health and safety in the workplace and social inclusion like disability.

Education, Sport & Culture

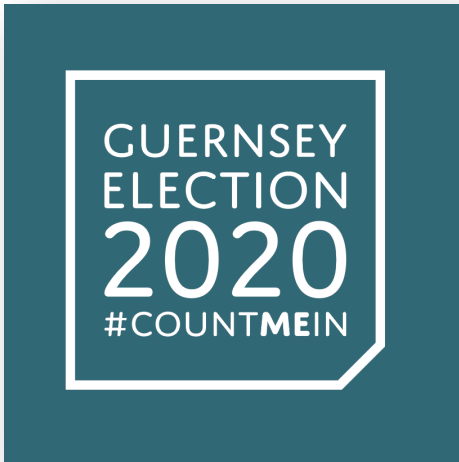
Responsibilities include education, apprenticeships, sport, libraries, museums, galleries and Liberation Day.

Economic Development

Responsibilities include promotion and development of all sectors of business (e.g. tourism, retail, digital and finance), air and sea links, competition and living marine resources (e.g. fishing).



WHERE CAN I VOTE?



DATE	WHERE TO VOTE
Saturday 3 October 8am to 8pm	St Sampson's High School · The Princess Royal Performing Arts Centre
Sunday 4 October 8am to 8pm	St Sampson's High School · The Princess Royal Performing Arts Centre
Tuesday 6 October 8am to 8pm	The voter's parish polling station · The Princess Royal Performing Arts Centre
Wednesday 7 October 8am to 8pm	The voter's parish polling station · The Princess Royal Performing Arts Centre



2020 GUERNSEY GENERAL ELECTION KEY DATES

Midnight **21 August** - Registrations for the electoral roll closes.

9am **1 September** - Nomination entries open for those wanting to stand for election.

4pm **4 September** - Nomination entries close for those wanting to stand for election.

10 September - Candidates announced.

25 September - Applications for postal voting close.

8am-8pm **3-4 October** - Super-Polling stations open.

8am-8pm **6-7 October** - All stations open.

8 October - Votes counted.

16 October - Deputies are sworn in and start service.



HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

If you're not 16 yet, you can still participate in the election process by:

- Reading up on political issues
- Figuring out where you stand and which campaigns you support
- Get out and talk to people about political issues
- Voice your opinions to your school and to your peers
- Accompany your parent/guardian when they go to vote





QUIZ TIME



QUESTION 1

WHEN IS THE 2020
GUERNSEY GENERAL
ELECTION?



QUESTION 2

HOW MANY DEPUTIES
GET ELECTED EVERY
FOUR YEARS?



QUESTION 3

FROM WHAT AGE CAN
YOU VOTE?



QUESTION 4

WHAT IS THE NAME OF A LOCATION WHERE EVERY ISLANDER ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL CAN GO TO VOTE REGARDLESS OF THE PARISH THEY LIVE IN?



QUESTION 5

WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE OFFICIAL FORM WHERE YOU MARK WHO YOU WANT TO VOTE FOR?



ANSWERS

1. 7 October 2020
2. 38
3. 16
4. Super-polling station
5. Ballot paper



TASK – WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE ABOUT GUERNSEY?

Think about what you would change about Guernsey and then write a short pitch and present your ideas to your class. The presentation should be between 5-10 minutes. It can be done in groups or individually.

You must include:

- What you would change
- Why you would change it
- How you would go about making the change
- What the benefits would be

At the end of the presentation there will be a Q&A session where classmates can ask questions about the ideas.





TASK – CREATING A CAMPAIGN

In teams, think of five ways you would promote your campaign if you were running to be a deputy.

Be creative and think of ways you could reach a wide, varied audience.

Then discuss your ideas with your class and explain why your ideas would be effective.



TASK – PROMOTING YOUR CAMPAIGN

Imagine you are running to be a deputy. Create a poster to promote why islanders should vote for you.

You must include:

- Why people should vote for you
- What is important to you
- What differences you could make

Try and make it creative, visually appealing and attention grabbing. Your posters could then be displayed in your classroom.





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