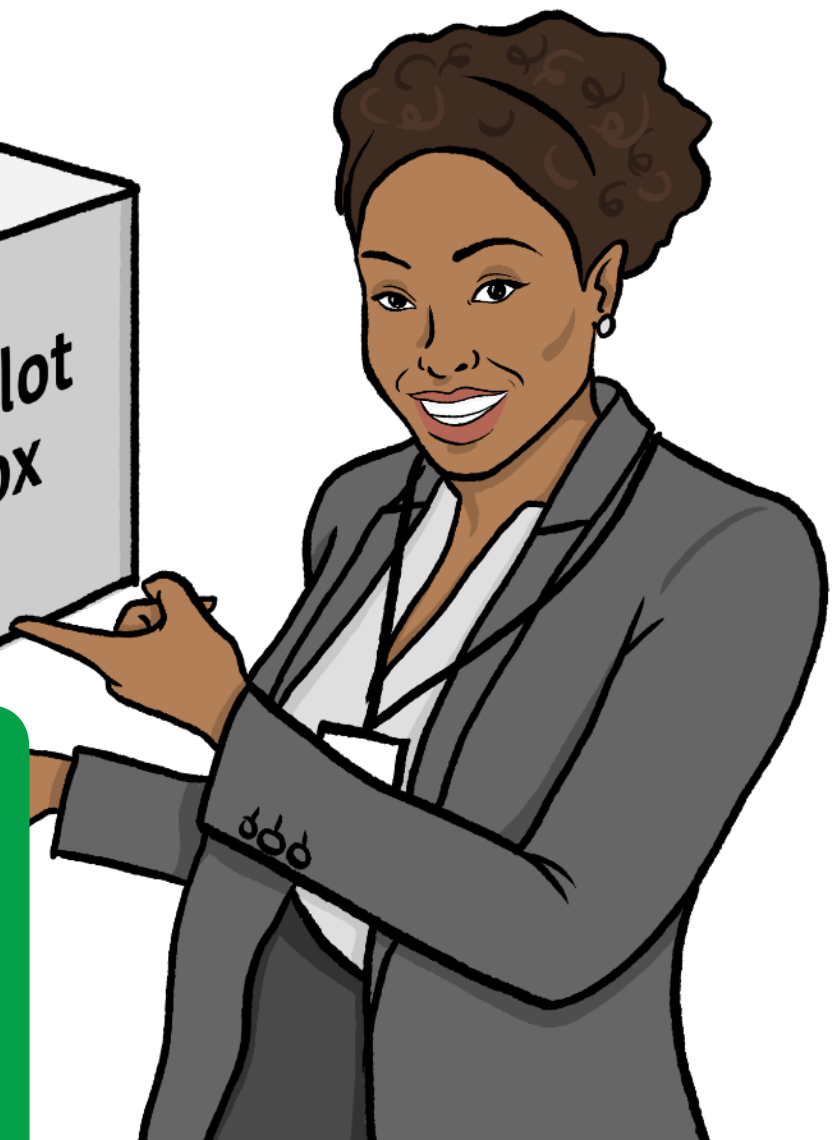
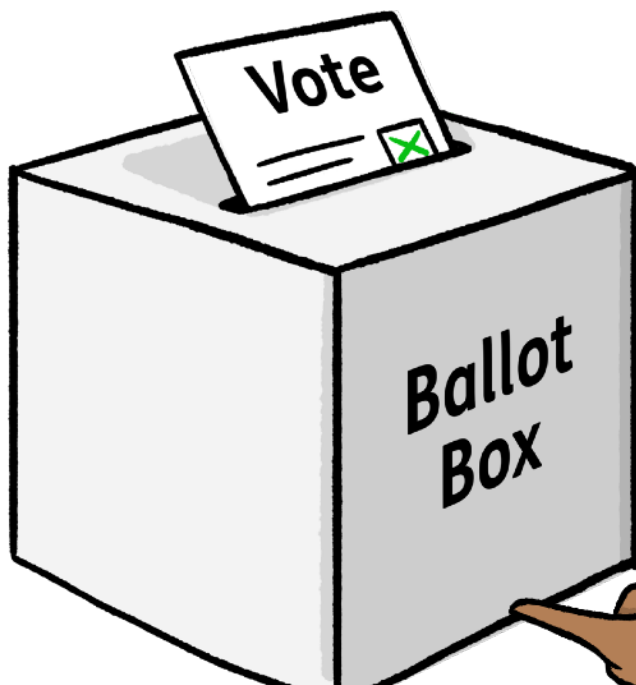


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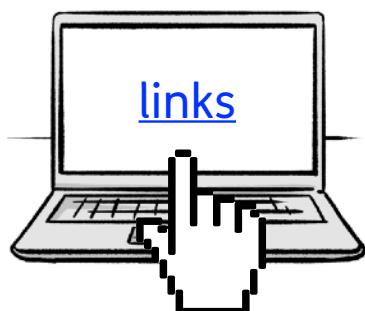
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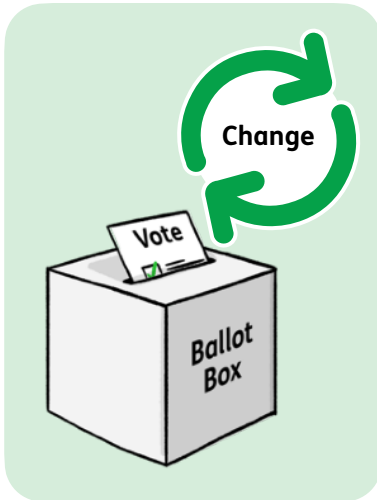


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Some words are blue and underlined.
These are links that will go to another website which has more information.

Introduction



The Greater London Authority and Groundwork are letting people know about changes in how to vote in elections and how to get more involved in **politics**.

Politics are about how a country is run and the decisions that are made in that country.



From 2024, people in London will need to bring **photo ID** with them to vote.

Photo ID is a document that says who you are, and has a picture of you on it. It might be a passport or driving licence.



We are giving money to organisations who can make sure everyone knows about the changes and how to get more involved in politics.



This information explains:

- More about the money we are giving out.
- How your organisation can apply to get some of the money.

Why we are letting people know



We have found that some groups are less likely to know about the changes and have the right kind of photo ID than others. These are:



- Young Londoners - these are people aged 18 to 25.



- Black, Asian and **Minority Ethnic** Londoners.

Minority ethnic people are a small group of people of the same race, in a place where most other people are a different race.



- Londoners who were born in another country.



- Deaf and disabled Londoners.



- Older Londoners.



- **LGBTQ+** Londoners.

LGBTQ+ is used to describe people with different sexual preferences, like gay and bi-sexual. It also includes people who have changed their gender or feel themselves to be a different gender.



- Londoners who do not earn as much money as others.



- Londoners who rent their homes.



We are spending money on projects that let people from these groups know about the changes in election rules.

Who we will be supporting



We will support organisations to work with the groups that will be most affected by the changes in the election rules.



Organisations can ask for between £10,000 and £25,000.

The organisations might use the money to:



- Run events to let people know about the changes.



- Run activities on the internet and in person.



- Support Londoners to get a free Voter Authority Certificate - this is a document people can use instead of photo ID.



- Get a lot of local people to listen to them.



- Work with other organisations in their local area.



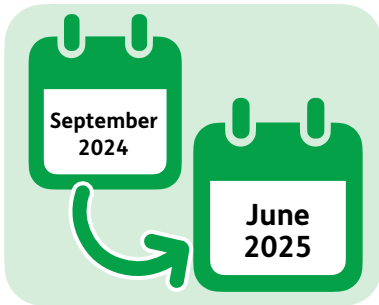
- Support all Londoners to understand politics and their **rights**.

Rights are things that every person should have by law. Like the right to be safe, the right to education, the right to be respected.



- Run 1 to 1 sessions with Londonders to help them understand their rights, politics and how to vote.

Activities run by your organisation must:



- Take place between September 2024 and end of June 2025.

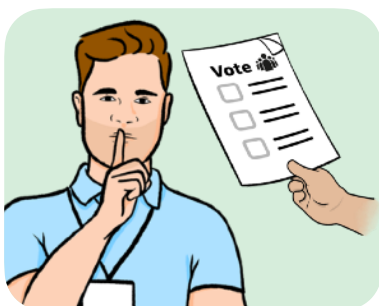
Activities should start between 16 September and 22 September.



- Support our work across London.



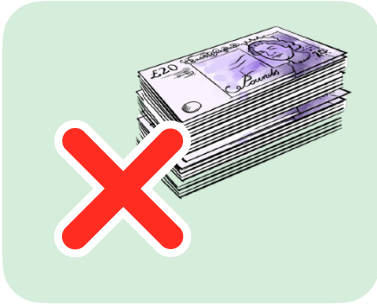
- Take place in London.



- Not tell people who to vote for.

Who can apply

To apply, your organisation must:



- Be not-for-profit - this means it does not make money. It might be a charity or local community group.



- Be based in London.



- Not be linked to a political party.



At least half of the people who manage these organisations should belong to one or more of the groups that will be most affected by the changes.



It does not matter if you have had money from us in the past.



We will only look at one project from each organisation.

Amount of money

We will decide how much money we will give you by looking at:



- How many areas and groups of people you will offer your activities to.



- How you will offer your activities.

We expect organisations who apply to explain to us:



- Who they will offer their activities to and in what areas.



- How the groups of people they are offering their activities to are most affected by the changes in the election rules.



- How they will offer their activities to these groups of people.

Who cannot apply

You cannot apply if you are:



- A person, instead of an organisation.



- A company that makes money.



- A local council.



- A school, college or university.

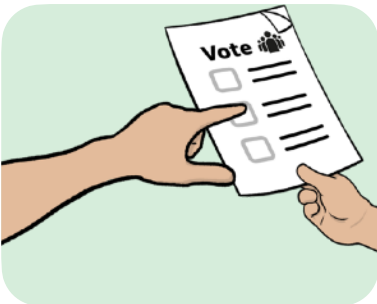
- An organisation whose project would:



- Make money for a company.



- Try to get people to follow their religion.



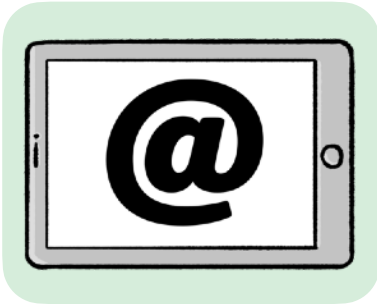
- Try to get people to vote in a certain way.



- Support a political group or try to make the government make certain decisions.

Support for organisations that want to apply

You can contact us for support by:



- Email: democracygrants@groundwork.org.uk



- Phone: 020 7239 1390



We can give you support to help you apply.

We will be talking to people online about applying on:



- Tuesday 16 July 2024
12.00 to 1.30pm
Go to this website to sign up:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkcOCqpjgqG9VdT7ybkxC2fRW6OG07cV55#/registration>

How to apply

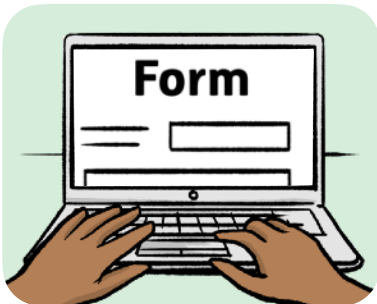


Please click 'Apply Now' on our website. You can get to our website here:

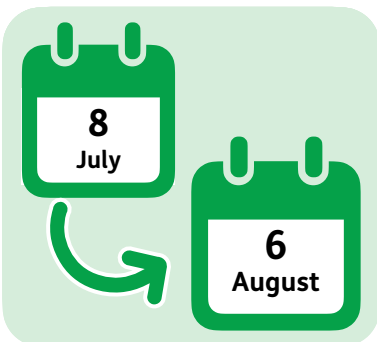
<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/london/gla-democratic-participation-grants/>



You will need to answer some questions to check you are able to apply.



Then you will need to fill out a form and send it to us through our website.



You can apply from 8 July 2024, until midday on 6 August 2024.

What you will need to show us

You will need to show us:



- Your organisation's governance documents - these are documents that explain how your organisation is run.



- A copy of your most recent accounts - this is information about all the money you get and spend.



It should be signed by an accountant or independent examiner - this is a person who keeps track of money for people and organisations.



- If you are getting support from another organisation, a letter from them to say that they can manage the money for you.



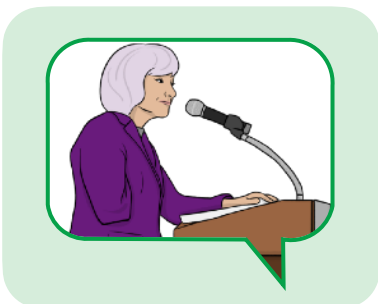
- Your public liability insurance policy - this is a document to say that a company will pay if something goes wrong.



- Your rules about keeping children and young people safe if you work with them.



- Your rules about treating everyone fairly.



- Times that you have worked on this kind of project before.

What you can spend the money on

You could spend the money on:



- Paying for staff, getting around or an office to manage your project.



- Paying to support volunteers - these are people who offer to help without being paid for it.



- Paying for somewhere to put on your project.



- Paying for people to work on your project, like a video maker.



- Posters and leaflets.



- Making sure nobody is unfairly left out of your project.



You may have more ideas about the best way to tell people.

What you cannot spend the money on

You cannot spend the money on:



- Staff, offices or getting around for things that are not to do with your project.



- Things that you have already paid for.



- Repairing buildings.



- Activities that have already happened.



- Activities that we have not checked.



- Activities that are outside London, or that make money for your organisation.



- Paying back money you have borrowed.

How we will decide

We will decide who to give the money to by looking at:



- Things that each organisation has done before.



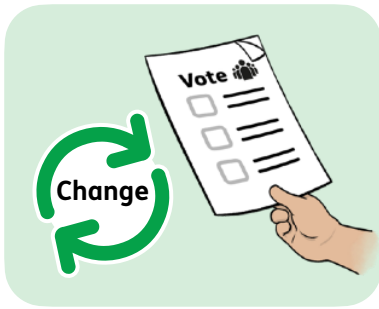
- How the projects work with groups who are most affected by the changes in voting.



- How organisations make sure that local people are involved in the project.



- How organisations have thought about not unfairly leaving anyone out.



- Activities that tell Londoners about using photo ID to vote, but not who to vote for.



- How good your plan for the project is, including thinking about what might go wrong.

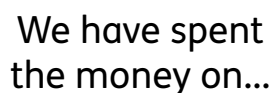


- Whether at least half of the people who manage your organisation belong to one or more of the groups that will be most affected by the changes.



- How you plan to see if your work has made a difference.

Telling us what you are doing



We have spent the money on...

You will need to tell us what you are doing with the money.



You will need to write three reports:

- One in mid-December 2024.
- Another one in early March 2025.
- One in mid-July 2025.



We will give you more information about this if we decide to give you the money.



We will support all the organisations we give money to.



We will be able to talk to you on the phone or by email.



You will need to let us know how you are getting on when you are halfway through your project.



We will also visit your project.

For more information



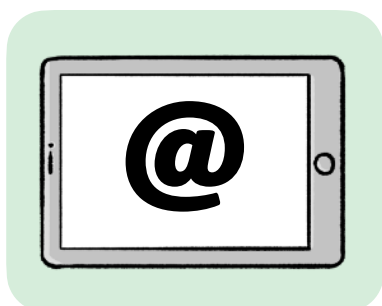
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