

20.2.25

Aunty and Pink in town. 11am-11.45am (rained off...)

Did you vote in the 2024 General Election?	Why	How do you practise Everyday Democracy?
No	Not interested	
No	Because people are easily manipulated with fear/emotions and the leaders we vote to power are usually two-faced and not for the general population's best interests eg. Cheaper cost of living, lower taxes. More honest and clear intentions of leadership – where do taxes go? Why do we get taxed so much?	

27<sup>th</sup> February – Co-Op Marketplace.

Did you vote in the 2024 General Election?	Why?	How do you practise Everyday Democracy?
Yes	To have my say in what happens	Discussions
Yes.	Labour Party would have been Labour & Co-Op if possible.	Was a town councillor for 18 years 2004-2023, & Norwich City Councillor for 6 years 1984-1992. Credit Union.
Yes	I felt there was a candidate better placed than the previous incumbent.	Constantly engaged with the news & international politics
Yes	Because women died to get the vote	Work in a library – inform the public
Yes	If you don't vote I feel you can't judge/complain – important to play a part, have a voice. Women fought hard to give us the vote, we must use it!	Good question! Working collaboratively, contributing to local community. Participating in Cambridge Citizens.
Yes	I wanted some real change	Thinking about how we can change everything to be democratic with people involved. Also as part of Cambridge Doughnut – trying to set up community meets to enable positive change

Yes	To register my voice	By being a local ward councillor.
Yes	----	Respect. No Knowledge. No ethics.
Yes	To participate in our country's democracy	Voting, making sure my voice and those of others are heard
Yes	Felt had to after so many years of previous government	Work for John Lewis, also talk about world events to those who will listen & have son who is a human rights journalist
Yes	It's the single most important action we can take to retain and gain our rights.	I sign petitions & write letters when an issue is close to my heart
Yes	Because people have died for my right to vote.	Our organisation is very democratic, everyone is as important as everyone else. (expert on me)
Yes	Because I am a citizen and want to exercise my citizenship	I work in a workers' co-op, which is run democratically by us 12 members. I used to live in a housing co-op, also run democratically. I am trained in cooperative decision making.
No	I am Ukrainian	Keep British Values
Yes	To make a change	Where I work, where I shop, voting in polls, completing surveys/petitions
Yes	Voting is a privilege we shouldn't take for granted	Activism, educating, empathy

### 20.3.25

#### Voting Forms at the 'Day in the Life of a Local Councillor' Event.

Did you vote in the 2024 General Election	Why?	How do you practise Everyday Democracy?
Yes	I believe in voting – it was hard to achieve.	Talking to people & strangers
Yes	I want to change our present to make a better future	I'm a councillor
Yes	Why not?	I listen
Yes	---	By living my values
Yes	To make things better/avoid things getting worse	I'm not sure I do
Yes	Because I have the freedom so many don't	I question everything

Yes	It's essential for democracy!	Not sure what that means. I try to be a good citizen!
Yes	Because I have the right to vote and I should use it, since so many people in the world cannot	If I don't vote I can't complain
Yes	----	Local residents group – we work together
Yes	I cannot imagine not voting	I support my local councillor

### 26.3.25

#### Voting forms on the street, Market Square outside Guildhall. 12.20-2.15

<b>Did you Vote in 2024 General Election</b>	<b>Why</b>	<b>How Do you practise Everyday Democracy.</b>
Yes	It's right to do so & I can't complain if I don't!	Be fair to all Be kind and smile
No	I'm a minor	I regularly read/watch diverse sources of news and information to help me understand different viewpoints and forge my own opinion
Yes	I wanted a change after 12 years of !!!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Talking to people</li> <li>- Discussing issues</li> <li>- Listening to opposing arguments</li> <li>- Helping others</li> <li>- Creating debate</li> </ul>
Yes	To exercise my right to vote. To keep democracy alive. Freedom of expression & human rights.	Being mindful of people's right to choose.
No	I haven't found my own initiative to do research on all the parties	By practising a positive influence with myself and others
Yes	Exposing my views and my disagreement with the previous government.	Openly accept information but critically review all info I interact with.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Engage with all views and practice respect for those views even if I disagree</li> <li>- &amp; protesting!</li> </ul>
No	I am not a British citizen	I always try my best to live in a fair environment, where everyone has an opinion and respect
Yes	# Democracy (!)	Local community group eg. Friends of Stourbridge  Online petitions – especially environmental
Yes	Because elections are essential to society	Signing endless petitions  Holding elected officials to account.
No	MISSED THE DATE (Election Date)	
Yes	It's important to vote	I don't, 🤔  I'm asking people's opinions etc.
Yes	I care about the future of this country	I don't
Yes (I did in my country)	A lot of Nazis are entering our Parliament at the moment	Wendys vs. McDonalds.  Pupils should decide!

#### 5.4.25 – Guildhall for Cambridge Festival event.

#### Answers to Voting slips:

Did you vote in the 2024 General Election?	Why?	How do you practise Everyday Democracy?
Yes	Duty. I vote because people fought for my right to vote. But I vote in rage and despair.	I protest

	We do not have a democracy. People's voices are not heard. War and climate destruction rage on. Capitalism profits	
Yes		Read News
Yes	Good question! Idle hope it will make a difference!	By writing, protesting, campaigning & SINGING!
No	I'm not a citizen, I wasn't permitted. I would have if I could, but I guess paying taxes and working here isn't enough in getting a say in who exactly takes away my human rights.	I guess through freedom of speech and trying to make a difference in supporting causes I believe in
No	I didn't live here yet	I stay informed, particularly re: global events. However, I don't participate enough because frankly I feel relatively powerless despite being advantaged in so many ways.
No	I'm not the legal age to vote	I listen to podcasts for daily news from the NYT and I talk about worldwide political issues. I also read the Economist newspaper to educate myself
Yes	Contribute to Community	Discuss. (OR 'Digging' – hard to read, PM).
Yes	To have my say! The vote has been hard won by our ancestors and should be respected	I might be a bit of a self appointed 'president' but I like to share my thoughts and the Planet with my fellow beings and ask their opinions.
Yes	TO BE COUNTED	By WATCHING TV.
Yes	TO TRY AND STOP THE TWO MAIN PARTIES AND HAVE A CHANGE	IT'S GETTING VERY DIFFICULT WITH WHAT IS GOING ON ALL OVER THE WORLD. WHAT REMAINS IS PRAYERS!!

Yes GREEN	Democracy	Treat everybody's views as equally important.
Yes	Because I care who rules this country	Treat everyone equally & with respect.
No	Was not 18 at the time of the election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Student elections</li> <li>- Voting in a social setting</li> </ul>
Yes	A hardly fought-for right. Never to be abandoned	Working in my job, every day. But need more, in these dark and scary times
Yes	I always do. Vote is important	Listen Share
No	I'm underage	Voting in class; judging what other people vote for.
Yes	For the sake of humanity	With everyone equality & love!
Yes	To have my say.	Keep myself informed of global events & history.
Yes ALWAYS	HOPE!	I GET DEPRESSED.
Yes		IN MY SHOP. WE DISCUSS EVERYTHING
Yes	Tories are shit. Was hoping for better people in gov who are better for trans rights & Palestine	Speaking out about what I believe in. Supporting people through advocacy & <u>listening</u> .
Yes	Wanted my vote to count	Fair to all I meet
Yes	It's important and to have any input	I believe everyone has a right to believe and say what they want, as long as it doesn't harm anyone else.
Yes	Postal vote aka Democracy@home	I try to get out of my echo chamber. Down with totalitarianism
No	Not British citizen	Listening to other voices, trying to understand & minimise judgement
Yes	I've always voted since I was 18. Can't imagine not. But I	Speaking out against decisions I disagree with at

	was less enthusiastic this time than ever.	workplace. Supporting friends/encouraging others to do the same. But it feels limited.
Yes	Labour all the way after the terrible Tories. Big Al!	Practice what I preach. Help people and get involved in cleaning up my city, Gloucester, painting benches & bollards too! Litter picking & getting rid of dumped waste.
Yes	To have a voice, hoping to be heard.  I remember women didn't always have a voice and that's important to me	

#### Voting Slips – 10.5.25 – Cambridge Room.

Did you vote in the General Election 2024?	Why?	How Do You Practice Everyday Democracy?
Yes	Reluctantly – there was no reform candidate in Cambridge so had to vote Tory	At work I do things other people (Sometimes the group) want done but I don't particularly care about
Yes	I wanted my opinion to count	At work I conduct work I may not agree with for the benefit of the team
No	Didn't like any of the parties	Listening to people. Everyone one has a point of view. We all have past lives and future hopes.
Yes	Because it is important to exercise your right to vote especially if you support a party (for me Green) that are not in the majority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Skateboarding and exercise my right to play!</li> <li>- DIY skateparks</li> </ul> Community, volunteer-led skatepark
Yes	Spent most of my adult life under Conservative Rule and wanted them out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Try to keep up with the news on political</li> </ul>

		parties. Vote in local elections.
No	Does not matter	Give opinion
Yes	It is the only way that our voice is heard	By treating everyone equally and encouraging others to do the same.
Yes	It's one of the few ways we can use our influence in a direct way. FPTP is terrible though!	<p>I design digital products <u>with</u> users &amp; stakeholders to create useable &amp; accessible products.</p> <p>I discuss house rules with the children &amp; work out compromises.</p>
Yes	Important to get a say even if the process is flawed	Cycle campaign, general discussion, letter writing.
No	Don't believe in it	There is no democracy
No (Indian Election)	Back in India, I wasn't at my place of residence and couldn't vote at place of my education. Hence missed the opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- By being more kind to all (irrespective of any differences).</li> <li>- By talking about otherwise glorified suppression (awareness)</li> <li>- Social media is quite a platform to voice your opinion on unjust matters. I do that often and consequent changes under public pressure are evident</li> </ul> <p>Try speaking up against injustice</p>
Yes	To try to get the MP and government I wanted	<p>Voting in Union elections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Petitions – signing and writing letters to M.P.</li> </ul>
No	Forgot 😊	Participate in community discussions.



		Get involved in local organisation. Support local business.
Yes	Voting is the right and duty for me. It's the first step of participating in our society, influencing the policy of country.	Always willing to discuss with diff people. Listen and express opinions.  Read news, no matter left or right media. Get the information as much as possible to clarify the truth before making any judgement.
Yes	I believe that it's important that everyone's voice is heard.	I try to stay informed about both sides of an argument/political views, and I try to understand (even if I don't agree with) differing political views.
No	Because I am 10 years old and you have to be 18 years old to vote.	By voting for a school council class representative.

**17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Co-Op AGM – Mill Road Community Centre**

<b>Did you Vote in Gen Election 2024?</b>	<b>Why</b>	<b>How Do You Practice Everyday Democracy?</b>
Yes	To say and record my opinion	As a manager in my store I get opinion from all of my colleagues. Same I do at home.
No	Say. But don't keep up what they say!	Listen to everyone. Every one counts.
Yes	It is my Democratic right	Actively listen to the views of everyone
Yes	Get rid of the Tories	Give a voice to those who would otherwise go unheard.
Yes	Moral & social responsibility	Voice opinion.

	Use voice  Better future	Encourage Dialogue.  Openness & educate myself.  Read & educate myself about current affairs.
No	I just don't feel I can decide on who.	I abide by the law.
Yes	So that I can be a practising law-abiding citizen	By applying my rights and participating in National and Internal issues
Yes	To be a part of Democracy	More educational activity in school.  Everyone should understand their rights.
Yes	To make our voice to be heard. Also, to make a change.	Always listen to people and have open mind.
Yes	To remove a rotten, incompetent government	I am an activist in a political party and a Parish Councillor
Yes	Increase my individual agency	Co-Op participation.  Voting in elections.  Ask questions.  Spend money.
Yes.	Consider it a civic duty – getting harder though!	Pay taxes.  Keep up to date with issues.
Yes.	To have my say on who should represent me.	
Yes.	In my interest to have my preferred party in power to run the country and make policy that affects me.	
Yes.	Part of my vote as a citizen	Making sure I vote and participate in any consultation.

**23rd August 2025**

**Auditions for 'The Dazzle' – Cambridge Junction**

<b>Did you vote in the last general election</b>	<b>Why</b>	<b>How do you practice everyday democracy</b>
No	I'm under 16 years old	Letting all my friends choose the best game to play
Yes	To make my voice count	Make sure everyone im with has an opportunity to make a choice
Yes	Aware of political involvement. important	Listening to the news watching events attending
Yes	Because it's my duty	I take people's opinions into consideration. I give choices. I accept others' opinions even when i disagree. I teach British values.
Yes	It matters and is my duty	Negotiate with friends and colleagues
Yes	Expressing my rights	Reading. Tv. walking and observing.
Yes	Because it's important	Listening to/reading the news. Discussing life and politics. Distributing leaflets on antiracism and green etc
Yes	Exercising my rights and a citizen	Make sure I am receptive to all points of view

**24th August 2025**

**Out of the Ordinary Festival – Christ's Pieces 10.30am – 5pm**

<b>Did you vote in the last general election</b>	<b>Why</b>	<b>How do you practise everyday democracy?</b>

Yes	Because it is important my democratic right to vote	Listening, collaborating, curiosity
No	Because we didn't want to	I don't practise
Yes	Hoping vote wasn't wasted. Tactical or not?	'Balanced' reading and keeping informed. Could do more!
Yes	Because women fought for our right to vote	Treating everyone as equals
Yes	I want to express my right	Let my wife voice out what we want
No	Because I'm ten. Mum voted for me and the animals	Be kind to everyone even if they look different to you or like different things to you
No	I'm Swedish	Carry out research aimed at facilitating public participate in governance. Parents with a sound consciousness
Yes	Because if I didn't vote I cannot have an opinion. Not always which was to go is best as most parties do not deliver what's promised	Not very passionately, apart from having an opinion though family and friends
No	Elections feel like are a kind of illusion to make you feel responsible of how things go	Live and let live. Work enough to be able to enjoy things I like - enjoy life with my family and children
Yes	I wanted change but also I want to ensure my voice is heard. Exercise my freedom for all those who can't	Ensuring people participate in day to day (not necessarily political) completing petitions on things that are important to me
No	I was just got my visa in Nov 2024. I'll try to participate in the next	My family sometimes practice democracy when we decide where to go during holidays

	election when i get the right to vote. FYI I am from Hong Kong	
No	Non-citizen :(	Yes! I try - I vote when I can. To stay informed
No	Because I'm 7 and a half but my mum votes the green party for me	Sharing. Being fair. Staying happy so I can be kind and share
Yes	I always have voted but it seemed particularly important at the moment with the rise of populism and the erosion of democracy in the us	I talk about politics daily with friends, colleagues, etc. I support the BBC because I think it's crucial that we have an independent media. I keep myself informed through reading, listening to the radio and podcasts and reading news articles - we need to keep our eyes open and notice what's happening. I go on extinction rebellion
No	Not a UK citizen	Culturally I hope
Yes	Get rid of the Tories	Just by voting
Yes	I always do. We fought for it	Help people where/when i can. Volunteer and sign petitions taking MPs to account
Yes	In the hope that my views might influence the government and [illegible word] the election of a [illegible word] I don't agree with	Keeping informed and trying to engage as best I can
Yes	To use my right and to try and influence the government agenda	By going along with the rules where I feel they are right and by doing what I feel is right at other times
Yes	I wanted Labour to get in. I have always voted in general elections	Discuss issues with my friends. Read The Guardian
Yes	Could not stand the idea of Tory rule	Vote in every election. Participate in marches and local events

Yes	Because it's even worse not to vote	I talk to a lot of policy makers and journalists
No	I can't vote in general elections as I am Italian. I can only vote in local elections	I try my best to accept everyone for who they are without judgement. I am raising two strong willed children teaching them the values of democracy feminism and fighting for what is important
No	Probably my hope in politics decrease over time	Fairness. Trying to practice justice in every day actually as job or discuss with friends about democracy is and are they picture democracy in the future
Yes	Mainly because I thought it would make a difference. I don't think it has	I listen to certain podcast that I feel are right in what they say
Yes	Every vote has the power to change the world for good	Avoiding reading propaganda [illegible word] papers, listening to blared radio or watching blared TV stations instead talking to residents and local publications
Yes	We need change. Will deficiency. Vote next time!	More freedom - choice - speech
Yes	I want voice to count	Staying involved as much as possible. Talent and voices of disabled people - learning to listen and communicate
Yes	'Cos it feels like the right thing to do although can feel slightly pointless	Checking where my food comes from how my actions and lifestyle impacts on others. I smile at everyone even the [illegible word] which is very democratic
Yes		Listening, observing, respecting, being part of community building
No	I was [illegible word] for my vote	I daily discuss good practice for examining anti-racism and feminism (civil rights). I take every opportunity

No	Safe seat. Pointless vote	I don't really...
Yes	Because it is vital to use my vote, we are in a very vulnerable place in this country and need good people to keep going and stand strong	By being inclusive and being a good listener. Teaching my children that they have their own power and choices. Sharing knowledge to empower others
No	I'm living in Germany	I listen and put my voice on when something bad is happening around me
Yes	My first vote in general election as I just became a British citizen in 2024	Encourage everyone to voice their opinions
No	I wasn't a resident at the time	I choose to live my life free and safe, and to keep my family safe
No	I was below the legally required minimum age for the voting in the UK	I discuss politics and issues in our world, holding unfair systems accountable
Yes	I had time (usually not available)	Making personal decision =s and looking to do 'the right thing'