

The right to VOTE



Rights Tuesday on the E-Hub 12.3.24
Topics discussed on slides 10 & 11



An Election is when people living in Ireland on
who they wan to run the country.

What is an election?

Before an election you will see :



Lots of posters & leaflets.



Politicians talking on the TV and radio



Politicians knocking on doors

How do you vote?



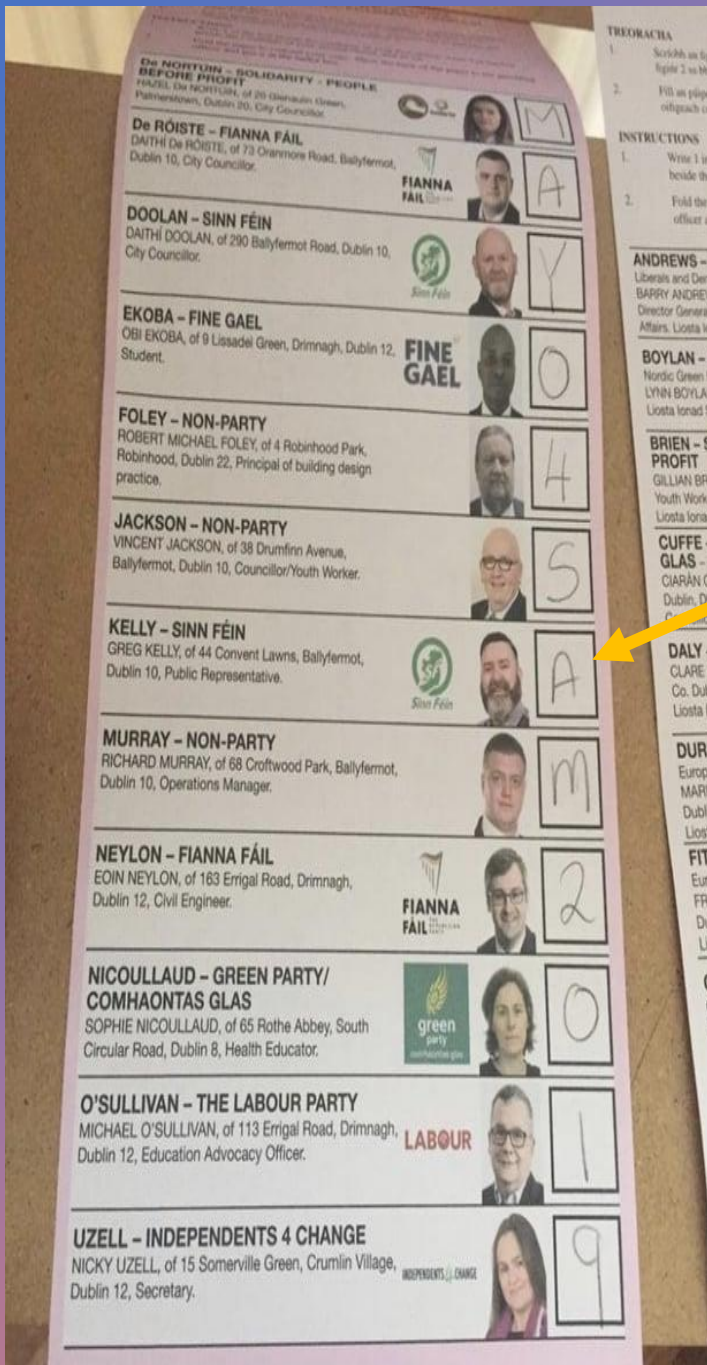
You must be registered to vote

You will get a polling card -this proves you are registered to vote



You go to a polling station – this is a place to vote.

It is usually in a school or another building.



- You will be given a list of politicians with their pictures.
- You vote who you want to win.
- You have lots of choices
- You can put your favourite as number 1

If you cannot get to the Polling Station you can do a postal vote.

If you need to vote in another place you must write to the polling officer, who is in charge, at least one week before the election. Staff can help you do this.



Register of Electors

Application for postal vote due to illness or disability

It's easier online!
The easiest way for you to register to vote or update your details is online.
www.checktheregister.ie



You may use this form to apply for a postal vote if you have an illness or disability which prevents you from going to your polling station to vote on polling day. This form will need to be certified by a medical practitioner (for example a general practitioner (GP)).

To process your application, we need to gather some personal information about you. We tell you how and why we use your personal information on page 3. Please read this information to help you fill out this form.

Please complete this form in BLOCK CAPITALS

Your details

First name	<input type="text"/>
Surname	<input type="text"/>
PPSN	<input type="text"/>
Date of birth	<input type="text"/>
Phone number	<input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>
Nationality	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>



If you cant read or write, someone can help you.

But remember it is your choice , your decision!

You put your sheet of paper with the pictures of the politicians and your choice into the 'ballot box'

People with disabilities have the **right to vote**



Right to vote



A right to become a politician and to stand for election.
<https://youtu.be/hU3S3CPOX0o?si=IGY9tWfRyred-Ulp>

Remember Avista upholds your rights to Consent & Decision-Making



The Right to say:



YES



NO



**Wait - I need more
info**

Topics that came up at today's meeting:

How to talk to politicians:

- How can we approach politicians when we see them at a public meeting?
- Some people have spoken to politicians.
- What is important to the group today?
 - Public transport
 - Jobs for people with disabilities
 - Housing



Meet with politicians

- Politicians call to doors in the community
- People who live in campus settings would like politicians to come speak with them
- Can politicians join meetings in person or on zoom?

Getting registered:

- A person at today's meeting said they could not be registered to vote because they did not have an Irish passport because they are non-Irish EU citizen but they live in Ireland and would like to vote.
- For information on this see:
- <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/download-it/apply-for-it/form-ep1-statutory-declaration-english.pdf>
- <https://www.electoralcommission.ie/referendums/voter-eligibility/>

Does your vote count?

People with disabilities have a right to vote

The more people with disabilities vote – the more politicians will listen to them!

Sometimes the election results were not what you voted for.

Sometimes the election results are what you voted for.

This is how elections work – the preference of the majority.

That is why your right to vote is important – so the voice of people with disabilities is heard and Irish policy reflects this.