**1.13 Political rights** SB pp. 32–33

**LO 1** To explore political rights in the UK.

**LO 2** To explore political freedoms in the UK.

**Objectives**

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| **Class:** | **Date:** | **Last lesson:** |
| **G & T pupils:** | **SEN pupils:** | **M:** | **F:** |

# **Connect**

### Students discuss the following questions:

* *What made you think in a different way in the lesson about human rights in the UK (or the previous lesson)? What about your partner?*
* *Why are political rights included within our human rights?*

# **Activate**

###  **Worksheet 1.13a: Standing for election**

* Tell students: *One of our political rights in the UK is the right to stand for election.* Ask: *Read the information on the worksheet. Which three of the eight citizens won’t be able to stand*

### *for election? Why?* (Answers, based on the worksheet information alone: 2 – Earl’s not yet 18; 4 – Jodie’s living in prison; 7 – Eloise was involved in electoral fraud.)

* **Small-group discussion:** ask students: *Is it fair that certain citizens (under-18s, people who’ve rigged election results and so on) can’t stand for election? Justify your opinion.*

# **Demonstrate**

###  **Worksheet 1.13b: Why should over-18s make**

 **the most of the right to vote?**

* **Tell students:** *One of our political rights in the UK is that we can vote, via a secret ballot. Read the reasons to vote and then answer the questions on the worksheet.*

### **Class feedback:** share the students’ answers. Challenge (appropriately) other students’ responses.

**Consolidate**

* **Small-group discussion:** students discuss: *What might happen if these political freedoms were taken away in the UK?*
	+ *Freedom to have different political views from partner/family*
	+ *Freedom to keep confidential who got your vote*
	+ *Freedom to choose not to vote.*

### **Extra support:** group less able students with more able students.

**Extra challenge**

Ask more able students: *In your opinion, would many 16-year-olds and 17-year-olds vote if the voting age changed to 16?*

**Recommended websites**

### [www.parliament.uk/get-involved/elections/standing](http://www.parliament.uk/get-involved/elections/standing) [www.gov.uk/voting-in-the-uk](http://www.gov.uk/voting-in-the-uk)

**Homework**

Find out how many people in your constituency voted in the last local election.

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