

## Objectives

- LO 1** To explore political rights in the UK.
- LO 2** To explore political freedoms in the UK.

<b>Class:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Last lesson:</b>	
<b>G &amp; T pupils:</b>	<b>SEN pupils:</b>	<b>M:</b>	<b>F:</b>

## 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.