

Topic: The voting age should be lowered to 16 years old

Introduction: Millions of headed to the polls in June to choose parliamentarians to represent us. However, only those aged over 18 were able to take part. But is this fair? Many believe the voting age should be lowered to 16, though others think it is far too young for such a responsibility.

In Scotland 16-year-olds can now vote in Holyrood and local elections – so is it time for everyone of that age to be given their say at the ballot box?

Essential reading:

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zsbtbk7>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/election-2017-39968895/general-election-2017-views-on-voting-age-change>
- <https://yougov.co.uk/news/2012/02/15/and-against-lowering-voting-age/>

Agree	Disagree
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/jun/08/the-guardian-view-on-the-voting-age-time-to-lower-it-to-16• http://www.economist.com/news/leaders/21716030-young-voters-are-becoming-disillusioned-elections-catch-them-early-and-teach-them-value• http://www.independent.co.uk/news/people/richard-branson-brexit-voting-age-16-second-eu-referendum-petition-a7106911.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/oct/10/uk-voting-age-16-youth-politics• http://tsrmatters.com/the-voting-age-should-stay-at-18-says-students/• http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/thomas-smith/more-young-people-need-to-b-13886902.html

What are you arguing:	Facts or statistics
Point 1:	
Point 2:	
Point 3:	
Point 4:	