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Improving democratic education framework

The Electoral Commission

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Scope

Reference

WP080

Description

The Electoral Commission and democratic education

The Electoral Commission is the independent public body which oversees elections and regulates political finance in the UK. We work to promote public confidence in the democratic process and ensure its integrity.

The Voter Education and Partnership team provides engaging, accurate and impartial information about democracy, elections and voting so that eligible and future voters can cast their votes confidently.

Our education work aims to promote greater consistency in democratic education,

increase young people's knowledge and understanding of democracy and elections, and increase educators' understanding of and confidence to deliver this topic.

Our recent research report, *Young Voices on Democracy*, highlighted that young people don't currently have the knowledge they need to be confident about politics and voting.

Less than a third know a lot about what the UK government does, and only half of those yet to vote feel confident about the process. There is a clear need for more democratic education in schools and colleges to support young people to become informed, engaged voters: only a third of school age children said they learnt about politics at school in the last year, yet almost three quarters told us they wanted more opportunities to do so.

We are currently focusing on the following initiatives to help us achieve our aims:

- **Youth Voice Network:** our youth engagement network is made up of 60 young people in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. This group of young people feed into our education work and develop resources to support their peers to learn about democracy.
- **Education resources:** we have developed resources - including a scheme of work for schools, and activities for youth groups - aimed at supporting young people across the UK to learn about democracy and elections
- **Welcome to Your Vote Week:** every year we hold *Welcome to Your Vote Week*, which encourages young people and educators to engage in democratic education and to start the conversation about upcoming elections.

We are now looking to work with civil society organisations to develop and evaluate projects that will increase democratic education in schools, colleges and youth settings.

Total value (estimated)

- £600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 27 August 2025 to 26 August 2028

- Possible extension to 26 August 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

3+1+1

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79315000 - Social research services
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Lot 1. Managing service provision - convening and co-ordination

Description

Lead on convening education partners and academics in the democratic education sector, together with the Electoral Commission.

Please Note: Value added is indicative and may be subject to change

Lot value (estimated)

- £200,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Education projects, schemes of work and lesson plans for secondary and post 16

Description

In line with the citizenship curriculum and current school and college priorities, develop resources that strengthen learners' knowledge and understanding of our democratic system.

Please Note: Value added is indicative and may be subject to change

Lot value (estimated)

- £120,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Teacher and youth group training

Description

Use subject knowledge and expertise to develop and deliver training in line with the latest CPD guidance for teachers and youth practitioners. We are keen to explore both e-learning and traditional learning methods.

Please Note: Value added is indicative and may be subject to change

Lot value (estimated)

- £100,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 4. Mis and disinformation

Description

Develop, deliver and evaluate projects that support young people to identify, understand and become resilient to mis- and disinformation about elections and voting.

Please Note: Value added is indicative and may be subject to change

Lot value (estimated)

- £50,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Lot 5. Primary education

Description

Develop, deliver and evaluate projects that increase and improve democratic education in primary schools.

Value added is indicative and may be subject to change

Lot value (estimated)

- £50,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 6. SEND provision

Description

Develop, deliver and evaluate democratic education provision for SEND schools and learners.

Value added is indicative and may be subject to change

Lot value (estimated)

- £50,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Lot 7. Provision for Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales

Description

Expand our existing education provision in either Scotland, Northern Ireland or Wales, focusing on mapping provision, partner engagement and dissemination of resources.

Please Note: Value added is indicative and may be subject to change

Lot value (estimated)

- £30,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Managing service provision - convening and co-ordination

Lot 2. Education projects, schemes of work and lesson plans for secondary and post 16

Lot 3. Teacher and youth group training

Lot 4. Mis and disinformation

Lot 5. Primary education

Lot 6. SEND provision

Lot 7. Provision for Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

20 June 2025, 11:59pm

Tender submission deadline

17 July 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://in-tendorganiser.co.uk>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

No

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

14 August 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	90%
Price	Price	10%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Concession

Documents

Associated tender documents

[Expression of interest improving democratic education.pdf](#)

Contracting authority

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