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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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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**

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

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## **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)

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## **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

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### **Award criteria**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Quality	Quality	90%
Price	Price	10%

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### **Other information**

#### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

### Special regime

Concession

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## Documents

### Associated tender documents

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

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## Contracting authority

### The Electoral Commission

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHY-1292-MMXL

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Organisation type: Public undertaking (commercial organisation subject to public authority oversight)