GE 2024 Election Check-In

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The Election Check-In is a weekly opportunity for organisations and individuals to connect, collaborate and share information through the 2024 General Election.

This collaborative document ensures our work across the democracy community is linked up, that useful information is passed along and that you have everything you need in this election.

We understand that democracy organisations are often resource limited and time poor, and this format allows organisations to find the time to engage when you can - so that you can participate whenever is convenient for you.

Contributions made to this collaborative document will be used in several ways:

- **Your contributions will be used by other organisations and projects like yours to better understand your work** and will create opportunities for collaboration and connection
- **Your updates and news will be summarised in our weekly Election Bulletin**, read by more than 400+ UK democracy organisations and more than a thousand democracy practitioners
- **Your gossip and project updates will be used by the Democracy Network's Support Team to better seed collaboration**, connect and weave you and likeminded projects together.

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🚨 Democracy Network Emergency Election Meetups 🚨

Join us for our weekly emergency election Zoom meetups - every Tuesday at 2pm for 30 mins through the election. Add the Emergency Election Meetup to your calendar - or sign up via Luma here.

The UK Election Check-in is facilitated by the **UK Democracy Network**. Please consider joining the Network as a member and as a part of a growing community of democracy practitioners, researchers and activists across the UK - **Sign up now, it's free!**

How this works

1. **Click here to jump down to the check-ins section and pick an empty check-in for yourself.**
   If there are none left, create a new row below.
   Add your name, job title and organisation in the leftmost column.

2. **Write your check-in. Take your time, use lots of detail.**
   We recommend you spend at least 10 minutes thinking and writing.
   The questions are just prompts, feel free to ignore them, change them, or write whatever you feel like… but don't leave out the basics, different people come to this event each time and they don't necessarily know or remember who you are or what you do!

3. **Read through everyone else's check-ins, make comments, organise follow-up chats, etc.**
   If you're one of the first contributors, you might like to check back later in the day or week and see what's changed and who's commented on your section.

4. Over the rest of the week the team will edit together everyone's updates and send them out via the mailing list next week (**subscribe!**)

Whilst you're here - important links & resources

- Join the Democracy Network
- Join the Democracy Network WhatsApp Community
- Add your update to the Election Check-In
- Add Key Election Events to your calendar
- View upcoming Democracy Network events
- Access the UK Democracy Map & Resource Hub
- Post to the UK Democracy Forum Mailing List

Check-In

Please add your updates

Add your election updates, plug your projects and plans, share your ideas, support opportunities, needs and more and we will add these into our weekly Election Bulletins. Alternatively, email your contributions to us at james@involve.org.uk.

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James Moulding Network Development Lead - UK Democracy Network james@involve.org.uk @jims_bot / @thedemnet	We're gathering everyone's election news over these next few weeks to share in lots of 1-2-1 meetings and through our Election Bulletin. We've also set up a Election Key Events Calendar. We're also running two parallel emergency election meetings for DN members - for both our campaigning members and community members (link for our emergency election meetup here).	Personally: calling a snap election whilst I was on holiday in Germany 1,000 miles from my laptop! I'm chiefly concerned with sharing everyone else's needs and learnings as best we can!	Don't miss our special Election Drinks on 20th June!

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James Moulding Network Development Lead - UK Democracy Network james@involve.org.uk @jims_bot / @thedemnet	I'm working across a couple of exciting projects at the moment - on April 9th, we're launching our new Democracy Resource Hub (including a new map of 800+ UK democracy orgs & projects, jobs, funding listings, community resources and more) I'm also working to develop our new organisational membership,	We will shortly be sending out a survey asking organisations who work with or are part of the democracy network to share their needs and requirements around impartiality and partisanship both over the period ahead of this coming general election and beyond - if you'd like to suggest wording or questions that would help us in this task, please email	We have quite a lot of events coming up, check them out on our Luma calendar OR subscribe your calendar to our AddEvent and receive them automatically in your own calendar.

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	but more on that soon	me. This is part of a wider project to ensure that organisations who have requirements for strict impartiality have their needs met by the wider network, eliminating any risk to their work and that those that are campaigning this year can do so confidently whilst remaining part of the network.	
Rebekah McCabe @rebekahmccabe_ @Involve_NI /Marianna Mooney - Involve All-Island Better Democracy Network www.betterdem.org / @betterdem on all socials	The launch of the All-Island Better Democracy network on the 21st of March. The purpose of the network is to connect researchers, advocates and practitioners interested in deliberative and participatory democracy on the island of Ireland. Its launch event was part of the Imagine Festival, and an Open Space format to introduce the network and stimulate a conversation about what a better democracy might look like.		

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Flynn Devine flynndevine@gmail.com The Collective Intelligence Project	The Collective Intelligence Project has just released a new report: 'A Roadmap to Democratic AI'. It lays out a framing, plan, and recommended actions for those interested in 'democratising' AI, with the aim of generating shared understanding of priorities for efforts in 2024. Read it here: https://cip.org/research/ai-roadmap		
Oliver Walkden oliver.walkden@youngcitizens.org Young Citizens	We have recently launched a new pack of resources all about democracy, suitable for ages 5 to 18. The resources offer an introduction to voting, elections, laws, taxes and many more topics. There are also interactive		We are seeking volunteers from the legal sector to deliver The Big Legal Lesson in local schools. This engaging volunteering opportunity is a great way to support young people to learn about the law and the ways it impacts their everyday life.

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	resources such as Mock Parliament, Mock G7 and Be Your Own Councillor. https://www.youngcitizens.org/resources/democracy-teaching-resources/		We will provide a volunteer toolkit with guidance on how to set up and deliver a session using our ready-made resource packs.
Joe Mitchell joe@publicinterestnews.org.uk Public Interest News Foundation	The Charitable Journalism Project had a big win as the Guildford Dragon got Charity Commission approval for charitable status. Hopefully the first of many.	The infrastructure around public interest newsrooms is slightly wobbly and it's hard to know whether to stay-in-lane or take on some more roles (in an already over stretched organisation)	We're coordinating the UK and World's first Indie News Week - coming June!
Lewis Westbury Centre for Collective Intelligence, Nesta			2024-03 - we'll be recruiting for a new mid-level developer position soon. Keep an eye on the Nesta website.
Peter Keeling, Democracy Club	Democracy Club is collecting information on Hustings for the upcoming 2 May elections. Hustings reported to us will be displayed on		

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	WhoCanIVoteFor.co.uk. You can submit an event on this form.		
MP Watch contact@mpwatch.org	We've just started a new project with some citizen-led focus groups. Our thinking is that they are more nifty than citizens assemblies in that you can focus on a group that doesn't usually engage with your campaign and learn about their views and how your messaging (doesn't) land with them. Our first group was with 'soft Conservatives' in North East Somerset and pleasingly they like our approach. The next will be in Wycombe with two women focused groups - one in food poverty, a second from a Pakistani background. We're also refining our approach to the election and deciding where to	We've been working with George Marshall of Climate Outreach. Lot's of learnings with the focus group including techy stuff on the ground like one back up recording isn't safe.	We recently did a webinar with Lord Deben who seemed to totally get and be independently advocating our approach. Fingers crossed we can get him involved.

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	focus our energies for best impact.		
Lyanne Nicholl - CEO - 50:50 Parliament natasha@5050parliament.co.uk	22nd April / 8pm / online event How to Get Involved in the Election if you are not standing. This event is aimed at women in our network, and beyond, to advise them on how to participate in the election as a volunteer. A cross-party group of facilitators (mainly councillors and women who have stood for election and/or campaigned) will share knowledge on what women can do in the run up to the election to support their Party and gather valuable experience and networks should they be thinking of standing in the future.		
Rebecca Deegan, I have a voice, rebecca@ihaveavoice.org.uk	We've just opened up applications for our 2024 Training and		

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	Internship Scheme. It is for those aged 16-25 looking to learn about careers in policy research, public affairs and communications. It is completely free and includes two weeks of on the job training in different offices across London. The trainees will then be invited to apply for one of several paid internships in our host organisations. Over the last 2 years we've had 35 trainees - 18 are now in permanent employment in the sector (13 are still in education). Here is a link to the application form. Deadline to apply 26 April.		
Katy Rubin, Legislative Theatre Practitioner, and Shared Future CIC (katy@katyrubin.com)	Shared Future CIC and Katy Rubin are presenting a day of fun, hands-on participatory democracy workshops at the Festival of Debate in Sheffield, on Sat 25 May. 10:30am for the City of Empaville		

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	game on Participatory Budgeting, and 1:30pm for a Legislative Theatre workshop - watch, act, propose, vote! Check out all the details at https://festivalofdebate.com		
Daniel Rockman, Daniel@campaignlab.uk , Campaign Lab	In the lead-up to the Local elections we are hosting two hack nights at Newspeak House on April 8th and 22nd! Often working on a wide range of challenges, feel free to email me with any digital tools or research you would like us to help with! We're also running a training session training people to Lobby effectively! Please feel free to sign up or get in touch! https://lu.ma/CampaignLab	Last month we hosted our annual showcase releasing loads of new tools ready to be used by campaigners, activists, journalists, and Civil Society! https://www.campaignlab.uk/2024-projects Here is a link to our recent projects and you can watch our full showcase here! https://www.youtube.com/@campaignlab651/featured	

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Gloria Dawson, Research for Action gloria@researchforaction.uk	We've got funding for the next three years to explor local government financial crisis and its democratic / political implications both locall and nationally As part of this we have some resource to keep growing and supporting a network of 'citizen auditors' - people who hold local govt to account, inc journalists and other civil society people as well as just ordinary people. Get in touch if you are interested !	Being a small worker co-op where you do everything yourselves is still empowering and challenging. We are still learning how to plan our time to factor in the unexpected !	

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Jessie Joe Jacobs, Director, Democracy Network	The Democracy Network have been selected as one of the cohort of the 15 European Changemakers for Democracy - more news to follow We have now set up a new 'Democracy Funding Group'	we are looking for people who would like to run a lunchtime briefing for the sector Are you working on anything interesting, got some best practice to share with others? Want to share some knowledge or skills or	see our air table of events

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	including fundraisers and organisational leaders who are meeting together to look at how we increase financial resources into our sector (what's app link) We have a number of emerging clusters forming in the network. -Academia and practitioners -AI and Democracy - Inclusion and representation - Local government - Campaign Development & General Election planning - Fundraising for democracy If you'd like to join any of these clusters please fill in the form below and we will make sure you are kept up to date	host a conversation? Use this link to tell us what you'd like to do and we will add you to our calendar of events	
Myf Nixon, mySociety - hello@mysociety.org	We've launched the Local Intelligence Hub in partnership with		The Call for Proposals is open for our civic tech conference TICTeC

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	The Climate Coalition. It's designed to give people campaigning around climate and nature the information they need to focus on the areas where their campaigns can have the most impact (but will also be useful for campaigns around many other topics too). This set of ultra-short videos explains what you can do with LIH: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMbWpADzhTC6haRjbKryD0nBXOuf11X68 or read our explainer blog post at https://www.mysociety.org/2024/02/15/the-local-intelligence-hub-our-latest-launch-helps-you-put-climate-on-the-agenda/		(also you can register at early bird prices): https://www.mysociety.org/2024/02/06/tictec-2024-call-for-proposals-and-registration-now-open/ Potential topic areas include: • Access to Information/Freedom of Information • Monitoring parliaments/legislatures • Climate change/climate action • Tools for citizen participation • AI and Democracy • Civic tech as part of civil society • Crowdsourcing and volunteers • Impacts of big tech/tech giants • Fact checking

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			• Technical infrastructure/cybersecurity You can propose 20 minute presentations and ideas for longer workshops.
Climate Emergency UK	We've got a conference coming up, come along, Scorecard Successes, report launch 21st March, London, and/or spread the word and invite others along. We're looking at how we might use tech/AI in the next Scorecards and need some help. Find out more to volunteer with us here.	How do we ensure councils continue to engage with the Scorecards?	Come to the conference 🙂
Zero Hour	We are launching our general election campaign https://action.zerohour.uk/ with Chris Packham on 12th March	That decentralised campaigns have much lower barrier for engagement. We have had significant support at Parish + Council level over last 6 months	We have open letters for every constituency in the UK. You can add you organisation here You can reserve a space to our

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	You can reserve a space to the launch here We have open letters for every constituency in the UK. You can add you organisation here	and with our new open letter campaign getting local organisations signing up with 2 min email.	general election campaign launch w/ Chris Packham here
Ewan Hoyle, Founding member of "The Sprint for PR" strategy campaign group.	We are looking to launch our campaign for the general election with an introductory video explaining the innovative strategy we have devised. This is our latest draft: https://youtu.be/vm8x3sXDvf0 We are hoping to build a team of electoral reform campaigners who wish to embrace a more direct political intervention. This will involve the setting up of a single issue political party - "The Proportional	We will require assistance in multiple aspects of our campaign. Social media and website creation and management. Production of written and audiovisual promotional material. Fundraising. Parliamentary candidate recruitment. Political party registration and constitution drafting. Lobbying of potential allies, particularly in the Liberal Democrat and Green parties, and in the pro-democracy movement.	

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	Representation Party", and likely also a separate organisation aimed at channelling funding towards progressive political parties that embrace the "Sprint for PR" campaign. They would do this by standing aside candidates and deliberately vote-splitting elsewhere in order to force a more proportional election result.		
Perry Walker, Talk Shop, perryw@talkshopuk.org	Over the last couple of years, I've been helping to develop a discussion format called the Win-Win Workout. It enables people who disagree to find common ground. Next time you have four minutes spare, I invite you to take a look at our video, which summarises what we've	We're now looking for contentious local issues where the Win-Win Workout might be able to shift the conversation away from argument and polarisation towards common ground and a shared way forward. We're particularly interested in issues to do with transport and planning. If you know of any such	

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	learned.	issues,, do say.	
Joe Mitchell, Public Interest News Foundation	Working on big tech legislation going through parliament (blog). Refreshed our local news map. Watching PressForward in the USA. Launched Local News Fund for Newry (blog).	Considering applications to JRSST-CT re indie news coverage of general election (hustings, candidate interviews etc) and Nuffield Fdn for social-impact-of-news research.	
Code The City, charity using tech and data for civic good, based in Aberdeen	Democracy Hackathon, 16-17 March 2024 Details | Tickets		
Iswe Foundation	We're about to launch a Challenge Paper in collaboration with The UN Foundation, making the case for a Global Citizens' Assembly. We'll also be launching our latest Good Help report with Rochdale council, on participatory practises within local services.		

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	We're launching our People Powered Politicians campaign. Learn more at http://www.peoplepoweredpoliticians.com/		
Demos	**Recruiting for Head of External Affairs**: This is a fantastic opportunity for an experienced public affairs professional to work within the think-tank and policy world and have a tangible impact. It will suit a candidate passionate about our mission to connect Demos' work across all parts of the political spectrum. You will work as part of a collaborative team, focussed on improving policy-making and making democracy more participative. (Salary:		**Recruiting for Head of External Affairs:** This is a fantastic opportunity for an experienced public affairs professional to work within the think-tank and policy world and have a tangible impact. It will suit a candidate passionate about our mission to connect Demos' work across all parts of the political spectrum. You will work as part of a collaborative team, focussed on improving policy-making and making democracy more participative. (Salary:

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Migrant Democracy Project	Recruiting for a full-time Community Organiser (£30,000) to work on our		

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	voter registration, community organising and voting rights advocacy projects. We particularly encourage applicants with lived experience of migration. Job Description and Application here: https://www.charityjob.co.uk/jobs/migrant-democracy-project/community-organiser/954074 Do any Democracy Organisations work in St Albans? We are looking to engage with migrants for organising a Tour of Parliament for that constituency.		
Campaign Lab	Currently organising a series of trainings and Hacknights over the next few months		- Propose challenges for tools to be created by our volunteers

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	https://lu.ma/CampaignLab We have recently released a Series of new open source tools ahead of the General election. Such as the electoral commission bot and a canvassing training bot!		- Take part in one of our hacknights! We host them once every two weeks on Monday! Come along for a night of coding, pizza and community! - Attend a training session on what makes a good leaflet!
Martyn Harris, Elections at North Warwickshire Borough Council	Nothing specific - but we've got a new website at www.northwarks.gov.uk and hoping for feedback on our Elections pages	Postal vote handling rules being introduced at May elections, EU electors over the summer and how do you plan for something that you know is coming like a train, but you don't know the date?	Seeking elections staff to work on 2 May, if you live in the West Midlands Also happy to discuss opportunities for election observation at polling and counts!
Ruth Stokes, Norfolk Community Advice Network ruth@ncan.co.uk	We've (kind of) launched our voter education campaign - https://ncan.co.uk/norfolk-voter-registration-campaign/ - I say kind of because it's not all fully		We'll be launching the campaign 'officially' in our next network meeting, 03/04/24 - normally around 50 - 60 VCSE orgs represented, it's a Teams meeting,

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	signed off yet. I've also started speaking to elections teams in our local councils about their plans to try and coordinate a bit. Next step will be working mainly through partner organisations; following step, assuming the election happens after the summer, will be broader public-facing work. We're also doing a little bit of light-touch research with a disability rights partner org to gather info on disabled people's experiences with voting locally and will use the insights from that as the basis of a local campaign/s		so if anyone wants to attend you're very welcome
Feminism in Schools			

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James, Democracy Network @jims_bot james@involve.org.uk	• We're 90% finished refurbing the Democracy Map thanks to generous assistance from Newspeak House • Identifying and applying for funding to help develop and run the Democracy Academics & Practitioners network • Looking to set up two new		Heading to Belfast next week to run our first NI Democracy Coworking & Democracy Drinks on 7th & 8th December, and Manchester for Democracy Coworking for the 13th. Don't miss our final two sessions of Media Training with Alison Brumfitt, on Dec 4th & 12th

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	action groups on local democracy and voter information • We've instituted a new set of community guidelines for DN members		Save the Date for Democracy Network Conference Jan 9/10th in London!
Lyanne Nicholl @5050Parliament lyanne@5050parliament.co.uk	Hello! I'm 50:50 Parliament's new CEO. On Tues 21 November we held our annual #AskHerToStand Day in the House of Commons. It was a fantastic event full of passion, determination and urgency. We've had over 143k imprints on social media and hundreds of women signing up to stand. I couldn't have asked for a warmer, or more inspiring, welcome to 50:50		We run 'bite size' online events monthly, for women who would like to progress in politics. Sign up online: https://5050parliament.co.uk/ We have bespoke sessions for women from Black and ethnically minoritised backgrounds and also for disabled women. On 7th December we have a 'Be a Councillor' online event, in partnership with the LGA: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/5050parliament_beacouncillor-activity-7127686932410585089-t24D/

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			Early next year, we will be running a Live event in the North. These are great if you want to really hear from the horses mouth and also network in person. Sign up to our mailing list: https://5050parliament.co.uk/get-involved/
Josiah Mortimer, Byline Times	I'm interested in the impact of the new higher donation reporting thresholds and spending limits and how they might impact the next election. Also keen to hear from AI experts on developments/examples of the use of AI and deepfakes in the UK political sphere. And ongoing interest in developments in mandatory voter ID, political advertising and constitutional/standards issues	You can see my latest reporting on democracy etc. here https://bylinetimes.com/author/josiahmortimer/	Always up for calls or coffees to discuss new campaigns, developments and issues/concerns re. UK democracy

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Adam Mendum, Involve & UK Democracy Network - adam@involve.org.uk	Save the Date for Democracy Network Conference Jan 9/10th in London! Involve's Director of Advocacy and Communications, and Senior Project Officer, Maddie Gough are leading on a project to explore whether involving citizens could help unlock English Devolution in a way that fundamentally tackles the democratic deficit in England. Read more here - https://involve.org.uk/news-opinion/opinion/could-involving-citizens-help-unlock-true-english-devolution	The platform formally known as Twitter, which historically has been one of our main communications platforms, continues to pose challenges - I'd be interested to hear how others in the sector are combating an increasingly restrictive algorithm, and what other platforms/channels people might be using as an alternative.	We're currently exploring the potential benefits of subscribing to a media monitoring service (such as this one) and are keen to hear from other organisations who already use such a service, or might be interested in partnering on a subscription. Get in touch if this sounds interesting and you could see this benefitting your work!
Lord Rennard @LordRennard rennardc@parliament.uk	I have an Oral Question in the House of Lords on Wednesday 29 November about the new election spending limits. I raised the issues here last week: https://bylinetimes.com/2023/11/		

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	23/the-price-of-democracy-in-the-uk-has-just-gone-up-massively-the-conservatives-once-again-set-the-rules-to-benefit-themselves/ https://news.sky.com/story/tories-accused-of-sneaking-out-plan-to-increase-election-spending-cap-13013774		
Myf Nixon, mySociety	Find out who won each of the mySociety 20th anniversary awards at https://www.mysociety.org/2023/11/17/20th-anniversary-awards-and-event/		mySociety is looking for new Board members https://www.mysociety.org/2023/11/10/come-on-board/
Mohammed Afridi, Civic Power Fund, mohammed@Civicpower.org.uk	We are building a coalition to provide grassroots community	If you are looking for funding you may want to look at our new	We have two open positions

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	groups with micro grants - if you want to be involved reach out. We recently ran a learning exchange in the US. We have written up the key findings from the trip here **Systemic Justice** released their toolkit on strategic litigation. Applications are open for Changemakers for Democracy, a new 12 month fellowship - including a €50,000 investment - for people spearheading democratic renewal. Apply by 5th December: http://changemakersfordemocracy.org	research funding justice - it looks at how and what funders actually fund: https://fundingjustice.civicpower.org.uk/	- Join our youth organising alliance and help decide how a shit ton of money is invested in youth organising - Join our staff team as a lead for youth organising https://www.civicpower.org.uk/work-with-us **You may be interested in some of the exciting job opportunities that are currently live** - please share with someone you know who might be great! The brilliant Medact are looking for a new Executive Director The Power of Pop Fund is seeking Community Council Members

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			City Bridge Foundation are seeking a new Funding Director Big Change are looking for a Senior Impact and Community Manager My Society are looking for a new Trustee
Rosie Trevill: Elect Her	Help our partners Centenary Action Group, Disability Policy Centre and Disability Rights UK call for the Access to Elected Office Fund to be reinstated ahead of the upcoming general election. The fund used to cover the reasonable adjustments needed for Disabled candidates to be able to contest elections on an equitable level but was ended in 2020. Help us spread the word: read the joint statement here, write to your MP here, and share on X here.	New research by Polimapper shows that only 39% of prime candidates (those in target seats or successor candidates) are women, and only 10% are from an ethnic minority background.	We are offering a full suite of live training sessions, self-led resources and wellbeing sessions for candidates standing next year in both the local and national elections. Any women in Britain can register to access our support here, which includes our training on Digital Self-Defence and Self-Care created in partnership with Glitch UK.

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Pip Eldridge: Voice of the Listener & Viewer	We're building a coalition to campaign for the government to make changes to the draft Media Bill to make more effective regulation to protect citizens from fake news and to ensure that everyone is able to access a board range of TV & radio content whether or not they can afford broadband. Please see details here and share on X here		We have a conference tomorrow which is in person or online to find out more about Public Service Broadcasting covering how to counter fake news, what BBC is doing, what Ofcom is doing. You can register online here Baroness Beeban Kidron from 5RightsFoundation will be delivering our annual Jocelyn Hay lecture next year more info here
Stevie Wren & Madison Hammonds - CitizenCard (More info here!)	Hey there! CitizenCard is a non-profit focused on administering PASS cards, which is a Voter ID option. We are gearing up for the January launch of No ID No Vote to bring information on voting logistics (specifically Voter ID) to all UK voters. In the meantime, stay tuned on the socials for more information.		No ID No Vote campaign to be launched mid/late January with an event. TBD whether it is digital or in-person.

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	We'd love to get involved with other non-partisan movements and always enjoy making new digital friends.		
Martyn Harris - Head of Elections, North Warwickshire Borough Council martynharris@northwarks.gov.uk	Nothing in particular, just check in here from time to time as a friendly neighbourhood elections administrator. Recently made links and helped others in this space with implementation of Voter ID as well as register to vote campaigns	Newest parts of the Elections Act - online absent votes, overseas voters and then EU citizen voting rights	Nothing specific, but always happy for a chat if I can help from the inside of the electoral system
Alastair Binnie-Lubbock Sortition Foundation	We've just launched Sortition Europe. Based in Budapest, Hungary with the aim of building a Sort-EU Network of trusted partners across the continent. Sortition Europe aims to run democratic lotteries for European	Citizens' assemblies featuring front and centre on the recent Reith Lectures - Ben Ansell: Our Democratic Future https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001sty4	We're likely to be looking for a press officer to support our House of Citizens campaign work soon. Watch this space.

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	Citizens' Panels and other transnational European citizens' assemblies. More details on our blog.		
Lewis Westbury Centre for Collective Intelligence Design (CCID), Nesta	We've just completed our Collective Intelligence through Digital Tools for Democratic Innovation (COLDIGIT) report		We are currently recruiting for an assistant programme & operations manager for the CCID **Applications close 4th December**
Joe Mitchell, public interest news Foundation	plotting for 2024 - a match funding programme for nonprofit news (a la NewsMatch in USA); monthly skillshares; LTN disinformation research; surveys of newsrooms; local news mapping; digital media bill advocacy; Indie News Day/Week; and more!	plugging local news into the localism/devolution agenda. Great that everyone's talking about Community power, quite a good idea to have some local media that can hold that power to account and inform citizens about it etc	
Richard Hames, Steward of the Election Tech Handbook	We've just launched the new Election Tech Handbook: https://electiontechhandbook2024.uk/ If you're building something for the	We've been trying to hoover up as many projects as possible from across the democracy sector – let us know what we've missed in the Handbook	

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	upcoming election, or would like to, we want to hear about it. The Handbook is designed to coordinate and document tech projects for the upcoming UK election. - Subscribe to our newsletter: https://electiontechhandbook2024.substack.com 🗞️ - Join the WhatsApp: https://chat.whatsapp.com/KjM4onZAg4U60FAm89XRQW 💬		

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- **ANTIPARTY** is a pro-democracy movement transcending the two-party system, applying collective intelligence for systems change. Our first campaign 'chapters' are focusing on 1) Improving ACCOUNTABILITY of representatives by increasing regulation of the politics 'profession' and 2) Reclaiming

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SOVEREIGNTY over our personal data in an increasingly digital age towards not only monetisation for individuals but also privacy concerns with generative AI. Find out more about us here: https://antiparty.co.uk/ ○ In parallel to Chapter 1, we are looking to collaborate with projects working towards a more **DIRECT** and **DELIBERATIVE** democracy. This includes setting up and facilitating **Citizens' Assemblies and Panels**, in-person or online. ○ Our campaign style is FUN, CREATIVE, and EMPOWERING to the people that make up our community, versus campaigns which spread fear and complaint with no solution. ○ If any of these initiatives resonate with you or someone you know, please get in touch: antipartyuk@gmail.com.			

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