

Active Citizens Speak about the Programme

“The programme taught me how to stand up for myself”

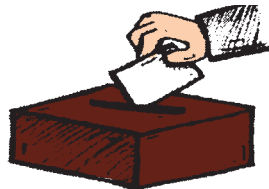
“It's very interesting and not a bit boring”

“It has made me think about how important my vote is”

“I can't read but this programme has given me the words to talk about my issues”

“I found the programme powerful and I regained my power as a citizen”

“.....so interesting, educational and yet so enjoyable”



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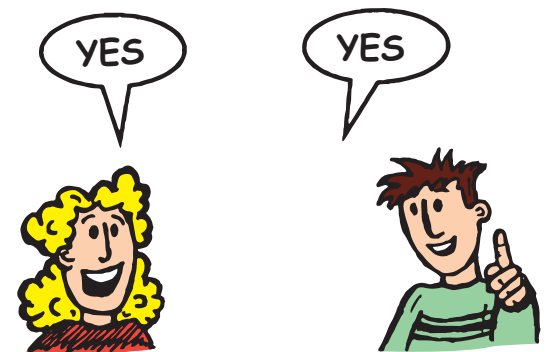
USE YOUR VOTER POWER

COUNTED IN OR COUNTED OUT?

Active Citizenship
Programme

A Workshop Process
about
Your Power
Your Voice
Your Choice

Your Vote



Have you asked any of these questions?



Can my voice make a difference?

Is there anything I want to challenge?



What are my Issues?

Can I do anything about them?



What is my view of how things are and should be?

IF SO, THEN THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR YOU!

What is the Active Citizenship Programme?

It is:

- a workshop process of 3-4 sessions
- led by trained facilitators who work with groups in their own centres
- 85% participation and 15% presentation
- non-party political
- consists of 3 units:
 - "Our Voice Our Vote"- explores with people why and how to vote
 - "Issues"- enables people to identify issues and take an informed stance
 - "Candidates"- offers an approach to choosing candidates

Why The Workshop?

- There was a steady decrease in the number of voters from 1969-2002.
- The 2007 elections saw an increase of 4.66% on the 2002 figures. Workshops on Active Citizenship/Voter Education throughout the country contributed to the increase.
- Many who did not vote did not realise that an area with a low voter turnout has little power to bring about change.

National Trends for General Elections

1969	1977	1987	1989
76%	75.66%	72.69%	67.66%

1992	1997	2002	2007	2011
67.46%	65.26%	62.05%	66.71%	70%