

# Don't be in the Dark Be Informed and VOTE!

## General Election 2016

### **An Important Opportunity to Promote Active Citizenship and Renew Awareness that - Our Vote is Our Voice!**

For almost 20 years the Vincentian Partnership for Social justice (VPSJ) has been facilitating workshops on active citizenship and voter education. These workshops focus on participation in elections, and on the importance of using our Vote as our Voice. The workshops which are experienced as interesting, enjoyable and participative provide people with the knowledge and skills on how to best use their vote. The workshops, which draw on the principles of Paulo Freire, are strictly non-party political and have been very successful in encouraging communities, particularly those in disadvantaged areas, to appreciate the importance of their vote.

We are enclosing some information on the Voter Education/Active Citizenship workshops and would be grateful if you would draw it to the attention of your colleagues (*More information also on [www.vote.ie](http://www.vote.ie)*)

The Vincentian Partnership welcomes opportunities to:

- Facilitate AC/VEP workshops with Community Groups.
- Train Community Leaders to facilitate the Programme.
- Provide refresher sessions for people who are already familiar with it.
- Meet with Networks of Community Leaders/Workers to stimulate interest in encouraging people to use their Vote as their Voice in Election 2016.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require further information. (*01 8780425 or [vpj@eircom.net](mailto:vpj@eircom.net)*)

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,  
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