

London Elections 10 June

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10 JUNE 2004. YOU DECIDE

On **Thursday 10 June**, there will be elections for the Mayor of London, the London Assembly and the European Parliament.

This leaflet explains who you are voting for and what's involved.

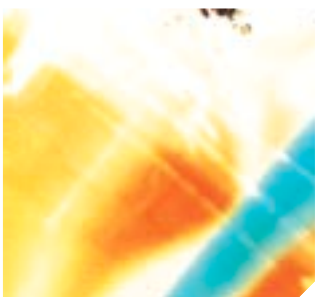


Am I eligible to vote?

You can only vote if you are aged 18 or over and if your name is on the electoral register. You must be a British, Commonwealth or European Union citizen.

If you're not registered, if you're moving home or if you're turning 18 between now and the elections, you need to fill in a registration form. The registration deadline is **13 April**. Contact your local council's elections office or visit www.aboutmyvote.co.uk.

If you are a non-British EU citizen or a citizen of one of the 10 countries due to join the EU on 1 May, you need to fill in an additional form to vote in the UK's European Parliamentary election. Contact your local council's elections office for a form. Or, if you want to vote in the elections taking place in your home country, you need to contact your embassy.



Who am I voting for?

You are voting for the people who will represent you, your family and your community in London.

Mayor of London and London Assembly

The **Mayor of London** has powers over a wide range of services in London, including: transport; policing; fire and safety; urban regeneration; planning; the environment; economic development; and arts and culture.

The **London Assembly** examines the work of the Mayor and represents the whole of London. It is made up of 11 members who are elected across London and 14 members who are each elected by a constituency of two or more London boroughs (see the map).

Website: www.london.gov.uk

The European Parliament

The **European Parliament** passes laws that affect everyone in the European Union (EU). It deals with issues such as: the environment; human rights; consumer rights; and economic development.

Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) have the power to change, approve or reject new EU laws.

Website: www.europarl.org.uk



London constituencies

For the election of the London Assembly, London is divided into 14 constituencies (see the map). For the European Parliamentary election, the whole of Greater London makes up one European electoral region.



The London boroughs

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| 01 Barking | 18 Hounslow |
| 02 Barnet | 19 Islington |
| 03 Bexley | 20 Kensington & Chelsea |
| 04 Brent | 21 Kingston upon Thames |
| 05 Bromley | 22 Lambeth |
| 06 Camden | 23 Lewisham |
| 07 City of London | 24 Merton |
| 08 Croydon | 25 Newham |
| 09 Ealing | 26 Redbridge |
| 10 Enfield | 27 Richmond upon Thames |
| 11 Greenwich | 28 Southwark |
| 12 Hackney | 29 Sutton |
| 13 Hammersmith & Fulham | 30 Tower Hamlets |
| 14 Haringey | 31 Waltham Forest |
| 15 Harrow | 32 Wandsworth |
| 16 Havering | 33 Westminster |
| 17 Hillingdon | |

Three ways to vote

- **In person** at a polling station between 7am and 10pm on 10 June. You will be sent a poll card before the election telling you where to vote.
- **By post** if you want your ballot papers sent to your address. You must return them so they arrive at your local council no later than 10pm on election day.
- **By proxy** if you want someone else to vote on your behalf because you are unable to vote in person or by post.

To apply for a postal or proxy vote, contact your local council's elections office or visit www.aboutmyvote.co.uk.

Your local council must receive your application by **2 June**. If you already have a postal or proxy vote and need to update your details, you must do this by **25 May**.



How do I vote?

Whether you are voting in person or by post, you will be given up to **three** ballot papers and will have up to **five** votes.

- 1 A first choice for Mayor of London
- 2 A second choice for Mayor of London
- 3 One vote for a constituency member of the London Assembly
- 4 One vote for a London-wide member of the London Assembly
- 5 One vote for a party or an independent candidate for the European Parliament

For each vote, you should put a single cross ('X') in the box next to the name of the candidate or party you want to vote for.



More information

To find out more about the elections in London, visit www.londonelects.org.uk.

You can also call the helpline on **0800 3 280 280** (textphone **0800 3 280 838**) or contact your local council's elections office.

Other formats

You can get this leaflet on audiotape, in Braille, in large print and in various languages.

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