

## Student Voting

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### **This Union Notes:**

1. The constituency of Norwich South has around 10,000 students living within it. (Source: Office for National Statistics)
2. People age 18-24 are significantly less likely to vote than any other age group (Source: The Electoral Commission).
3. Most students will be voting for the first time at university, as the voting age is 18.
4. That First Year students living in halls are automatically registered to vote by the University.
5. That students need to reregister to vote when they move out of halls.
6. That the local council delivers its registration forms between August and November (source [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk))
7. That the University used to have a polling booth on campus in Nelson Court
  1. Common room A

### **This Union Believes:**

1. It is important to maximise student representation.
2. If more students vote then issues important to students will receive more attention at a local and national level.
3. The student vote would have more impact if it was concentrated in University constituencies.
4. It is important for a healthy democracy to have a high voter turnout.
5. That UEA students should be actively encouraged to vote

### **This Union Resolves:**

1. To produce publicity encouraging students to vote in all elections.
2. To inform students of the possibility of postal votes.
3. To have registration forms, information on registration and postal vote application forms available at Union reception.
4. To ensure that students are aware that they can register at their university address and their home address.
5. To ensure that students are aware of how to register.
6. To inform students of the dates of elections if they take place during an academic year.
7. If a local election takes place during an academic year to hold a debate organised by the Union.
8. If a General Election takes place during an academic year to hold a debate organised by the Union.
9. To invite the parliamentary candidates or local representatives to such debates.
10. To approach Norwich City Council and the University about having a polling booth somewhere on the university campus.

11. To ensure that a room is always available during elections for a polling booth.
12. To particularly promote 'resolves 1-4' during any Election.
13. To mandate the Executive to consider any other ways to promote students to vote.
14. To set up a working group to consider additional methods of encouraging students in all elections to vote as well as how to effectively ensure that resolves 2, 4-5 can be met, consisting of the nominated representatives from all political parties active at UEA and any other interested parties.