

UPLIFT

2020 NEW ZEALAND ELECTION EDITION



Voting and the power
of participation
How, when and where to vote



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VOTING AND THE POWER OF PARTICIPATION

Welcome to the Election edition of Uplift New Zealand magazine.

Uplift Lift Up is a community focused organisation that is focused on wellbeing and helps people to live their lives fully. We believe in the wellbeing of all New Zealanders and provide our services to individuals, families and community groups in New Zealand.

Some of our services particularly focus on former refugee and migrant communities. We understand first hand some of the challenges of uprooting and settling into a new country. We are passionate about providing practical tools, education, knowledge and or skillsets required to assist personal development, growth and promote well-being.

We also believe that participating in the New Zealand 2020 General Election is connected to our sense of wellbeing as we make decisions that impact families, our communities and our future.

An important part of wellbeing is a sense of connection to your community. If you are not participating in the electoral process, you are missing an opportunity to help your own wellbeing.

In this edition, we aim to empower you and to encourage you to participate in this democratic process. Voting in the New Zealand 2020 General Election means you can make your voice matter in decisions that affect you. You have a right to be heard.

Mabel Nyahwa
Director, Uplift Lift Up.

You can now vote in New Zealand's General Election.

The 2020 General elections are upon us. Voting is open from 3rd October 2020 until 7pm on 17 October 2020.



INFORMATION TO HELP YOU VOTE

Why Vote?

The 2020 General Elections are an opportunity for all New Zealanders to have a say in our future. We get to shape our future by choosing the party and the people who will represent us in government and make decisions about our lives. Elections are an opportunity for us to have our say on the things that matter to us, our families and our communities.

Government decisions and policies impact every New Zealander in so many different ways. Our future depends on these policies. The General Election helps us let politicians know what matters to us and what we care about.

We get a chance to align with the policies that match our values, our interests and what matters to us. Taking part in elections means we can choose who represents our interests in Government.

What are the issues that affect you and what are the things that matter to you? Have your say.

How to vote

Make sure that you are enrolled to vote. Find out if you are enrolled [here](#).

You are eligible to enrol and vote if you are 18 years or older, if you are a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident living in New Zealand now, and you have lived in New Zealand continuously for 12 months or more at some time in your life.

Not enrolled yet?

Not to worry, You can also still enrol and vote until election day on 17 October 2020. You can still enrol online [here](#) so you have the opportunity to be a part of this democratic process. You can also enrol in person [here](#) at the voting place near you when you go to vote from 3rd October 2020 up to Election day on 17 October 2020. Vote early and close to home to make it quick and easy for you.

Not close to home?

Not close to home? Not to worry. You can still vote from anywhere in New Zealand. As you will be outside your electorate, you will need to cast a special vote. You will be asked to complete a special vote declaration. Your vote still counts the same as everyone else. It will just take a little longer as you will have to sign a declaration form before you vote.

Already enrolled?

If you are already enrolled, you should receive your EasyVote card in the post. Remember to take your EasyVote card with you to vote.

This will make the process quick and simple as your name and details can be found quicker on the electoral role. Don't have the EasyVote Card? Do not worry, you can still go to the voting place and still be able to vote.

Unable to get to a voting place? You can still vote.

Remember your voice matters, your vote counts.

If you are unable to get to a voting place, there are several options available to make sure you can still vote. You can still vote if you are in hospital. Family or friends can bring you voting papers. You can still vote if you are in a managed isolation or quarantine facility. Your facility manager will arrange voting for you and you can still vote if you are in a rest home. Your rest home manager will arrange voting for you. You can still vote if you are unable to get to a voting place – see how [here](#).

Have a say
in our future.

Your voice
matters.
Your vote
counts.

Participate
in the
2020 General
Elections.

Worried about your safety?

Your safety is important and this election, the Electoral Commission is taking extra measures to ensure you are safe when you go to vote.

The Two Referendums

The 2020 General Elections are different in that in addition to the Party and Parliamentary vote, voters will also be asked to take part in two referendums. The two referendums are the End of Life Choice Act and the Cannabis Legalisation and Control Bill. These are two critical topics that will impact New Zealanders in the years to come. Details of these two referendums can be found [here](#).

Undecided?

What are the issues that affect you? What are the things that matter to you? We cannot tell you who to vote for. You need to find a party or a candidate who shares your values. You can also find some helpful tools and resources [here](#) to assist you.

More information? More resources?

There are multiple resources available to make voting accessible and easy so you can exercise your right to vote and be heard. You can get more information about the 2020 General Elections [here](#).

You can also get more voting information in multiple languages [here](#).

**You can also call
0800 36 76 56
for additional
information
about elections.**

**So here you are, you now
have all the tools to make
informed decisions about
the 2020 General elections
and why it is important to
take part in these significant
elections.**

**Please talk to your
community members
and have a say in what
your future and your
community's future is going
to look like.**

**Be a part of
something
bigger**

**Be part of the
decisions**

**Participate in
the 2020 General
Elections**

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