


# YOUR VOTE COUNTS



Do you know what your parliamentary candidates stand for?

- **HEALTH • EDUCATION • SECURITY**
- **IMMIGRATION • FOREIGN POLICY**
- **RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL ISSUES**
- **ISLAMOPHOBIA • ENVIRONMENT**

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make a better Britain for us all.*

## WHAT FACTORS WILL AFFECT YOUR VOTING CHOICE?

To help you decide who you should vote for in the coming elections, below are some questions that you could raise with your Prospective Parliamentary Candidates (PPCs).

WHAT	WHY	ASK YOUR CANDIDATES
<b>1 ISLAMOPHOBIA</b>	Are you concerned about the rise in anti-Muslim hatred and speech?	Will you support the formation of an All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Islamophobia?
<b>2 FREEDOM OF DRESS</b>	Are you concerned about laws telling you what you can and cannot wear?	Do you agree that men and women should have the right to follow their religious and cultural conscience on matters of clothing/attire?
<b>3 EXTREMISM</b>	Do you feel that current Anti-Terror laws target Muslims?	The current Prevent strategy is unfairly targeting the Muslim Community, how will you change this?
<b>4 CLIMATE CHANGE</b>	Are you concerned about climate change?	Will you back a legally-binding global climate deal as a top priority, with targets for corporations and individuals?
<b>5 FOREIGN POLICY</b>	Does British foreign policy abroad concern you?	Will you call for the swift exit of occupation troops from Iraq & Afghanistan and call for the immediate end of the Gaza siege?
<b>6 AID</b>	Do you want the UK to help poor people around the globe more?	Britain's main political parties agree that Britain should honour its commitment to spend 0.7 per cent of national income on aid. How would you ensure this is never renege upon and when would you turn this pledge into law?

USE THIS TABLE TO NOTE DOWN AND COMPARE YOUR PPCS RESPONSES.

SUBJECT	LABOUR	CONSERVATIVES	LIBERAL	OTHER
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2				
3				
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**Ibrahim Hewitt**  
CHAIRMAN, INTERPAL

"We should be a catalyst for positive change in our country. Get out and vote to make a difference!"



**Anas Altikriti**  
THE CORDOBA FOUNDATION

"We cannot be passive observers as policies and futures are shaped. Voting is one of the most important means of being at the heart of society."



**Shaykh Michael Mumisa**  
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

"While maintaining their specific religious identity in the Western democratic order, Muslims must remain conscious of their British identity."



**Tre Azam**  
INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER & APPRENTICE STAR

"Every vote is a voice, and if we all empower one another we can develop one hell of a shout! Stand up and be counted this coming election!"



**Shaykh Sulayman Ghani**  
TOOTING ISLAMIC CENTRE

"The most important aim of Islamic Law is the deterrence of harm and the attainment of good. It is important therefore to make an informed choice."



**Faisal Hanjara**  
FEDERATION OF STUDENT ISLAMIC SOCIETIES

"This is a crucial opportunity for you to potentially shape the political reality for the next few years – make sure you make your mark!"



**Prof. Tariq Ramadan**  
OXFORD UNIVERSITY

"As part of our presence in and contribution to Western European society today it is both a responsibility and personal duty to vote and be part of the political discussion that affects both our community and the wider society."



**Sarah Joseph OBE**  
EDITOR & CEO, EMEL MAGAZINE

"It's my duty to be engaged with those who lead. Voting is the beginning of that engagement".



**Dr Kamal el-Helbawy**  
CHAIRMAN, GLOBAL CIVILISATIONS STUDY CENTRE

"We should vote in order to help shape the future and make effective the many organs of our society.

It is important to increase the ratio of good parliamentarians who support just causes and lead by example".



**Prof. Humayun Ansari**  
ROYAL HOLLOWAY, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

"Participation in our democratic process offers a very real opportunity to influence issues and policies of importance to our country. As responsible and engaged citizens I would urge British Muslims to vote in the coming elections".



**Ismael South**  
MECCA2MEDINA

"As a community we need to vote and participate in our society. We can use our voting power to hold the Councilors/MP's to account for what they will do for our community."



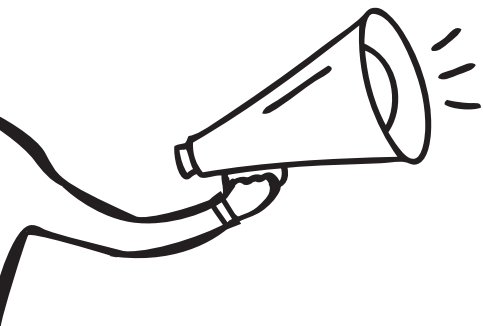
## HELP US...

- Distribute leaflets and posters in your locality.
- Promote and update the YouElect website by providing information on events and candidates in your area.
- Organise political debates (hustings) and meetings with PPCs.

**YouElect is here to help people make informed decisions in the 2010 Elections. *Join us to make this possible.***

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YouElect promotes Muslim voter registration and political engagement. It aims to provide information about the policy promises of PPCs to help voters make an informed choice at the 2010 General Elections.



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