

Dealing with disengagement

It's hopeless – things are bad and I can't change them

If you don't take action, who's going to do it for you?

My life is too unsettled right now

You can register to vote even without a fixed address

Politicians are all the same

Invite local councillors/MP to visit the service

It's not relevant to my life

Local issues e.g. parks, bins, libraries, parking, housing etc

They don't listen to people like me

Look for relevant local/national campaign successes e.g. equal marriage, women on banknotes, sale of forests

Politicians are all posh/white/southern/crooks etc

Do some research on MPs from different backgrounds

But my vote doesn't really count

Use activity 1 to explore how government policies favour the groups most likely to vote. Remind them about different elections.

I'm not going to vote

Registration improves credit rating, and you might change your mind on election day

If you register to vote old debts catch up with you

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Register to vote today