

9. Further information

Number nine in a series of nine campaigning factsheets

If you wish to get more involved in having a say, find out about local issues, vote in local or national elections, understand more about living in a democracy, promote community action – or learn how to run a campaign for a cause that you think needs more support – there are all kinds of information services available to you.

On this factsheet we have listed 30 organisations and points of information. The alphabetical list is not comprehensive but includes a variety of places that can help if you want to learn more about the way our political system works, how to exercise your democratic right to vote and how to play an active role in society in a variety of ways. If there's no telephone number listed it's because the service is mainly web based.

Overleaf, you will also find contact information for the WEA's regional offices in England and WEA Scotland. In 1903 part of our founding mission was to make sure that adults could access the kind of education that explains and encourages democratic involvement. This remains true today and we continue to run part-time courses in politics, history, sociology, economics, citizenship – and much more. We also receive funding from the government to run courses that support adult learning, local volunteering and community development. Your local region will be able to advise what courses are running locally or you can visit our course search facility on the WEA website: www.wea.org.uk/courses.

Useful websites and sources of information:

- 10 Downing Street
www.number10.gov.uk
- About My Vote
www.aboutmyvote.co.uk
or tel: 020 7271 0500
- BBC Democracy Live
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/democracylive>
- Campaign Central
www.campaigncentral.org.uk
- Citizen's Advice Bureaux
www.citizensadvice.org.uk
- Citizenship Foundation
www.citizenshipfoundation.org.uk
or tel: 020 7566 4141
- Directgov
www.direct.gov.uk
- Directory of Social Change
www.dsc.org.uk or tel: 08450 777707
- Do It Volunteering
www.do-it.org.uk
- Do Politics
www.dopolitics.org.uk
- Electoral Commission
www.electoralcommission.org.uk
or tel: 020 7271 0500
- Electoral Reform Society
www.electoral-reform.org.uk
or tel: 020 7928 1622
- Fix My Street
www.fixmystreet.com
- Groups Near You
www.groupsnearyou.com
- Hear From Your MP
www.hearfromyourmp.com
- Institute for Citizenship
<http://citizen.org.uk> or
tel: 020 7844 5444
- Institute of Community Cohesion
www.cohesioninstitute.org.uk
or tel: 024 7679 5757

- **Learndirect**
<http://learndirect.co.uk>
or tel: 0800 101901
- **Local Government**
www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment
- **NCVO**
www.ncvo-vol.org.uk
or tel: 0800 2 798 798
- **NAVCA**
www.navca.org.uk or tel: 0114 278 6636
- **No 10 petition site**
<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk>
- **Novas Scarman**
www.novasscarman.org
or tel: 020 7939 9720
- **Parliamentary Outreach**
www.parliament.uk/outreach
or tel: 020 7219 1650
- **Take Part**
www.takepart.org or tel: 01709 360886
- **They Work For You**
www.theyworkforyou.com
- **UK Parliament**
www.parliament.uk or tel: 020 7219 4272
- **Volunteering England**
www.volunteering.org.uk
- **Write To Them**
www.writetothem.com

For other organisations of interest also see factsheet 8 Making connections.

There are nine Speak up for Lifelong Learning factsheets:

1. Your campaign pack
2. Why we're campaigning
3. Getting involved locally
4. Send a postcard!
5. How to call a meeting
6. Tips for running a meeting
7. Letting the media know
8. Making connections
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If you have a question...

You can contact us to ask about anything in this pack – or for more information: Maria Chica, email: mchica@wea.org.uk or call: 020 7426 3486.

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Email: eastmidlands@wea.org.uk
 - 2. Eastern**
Tel: 01223 417 320
Email: eastern@wea.org.uk
 - 3. London**
Tel: 020 7426 1950
Email: london@wea.org.uk
 - 4. North East**
Tel: 0191 212 6100
Email: northeast@wea.org.uk
 - 5. North West**
Tel: 0151 243 5340
Email: northwest@wea.org.uk
 - 6. Southern**
Tel: 01634 298 600
Email: southern@wea.org.uk
 - 7. South West**
Tel: 01392 457 300
Email: southwest@wea.org.uk
 - 8. West Midlands**
Tel: 0121 237 8120
Email: westmidlands@wea.org.uk
 - 9. Yorkshire and Humber**
Tel: 0113 245 3304
Email: yorkshumber@wea.org.uk
 - 10. Scottish Association**
Tel: 0131 226 3456
Email: hq@weascotland.org.uk
- National enquiries**
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