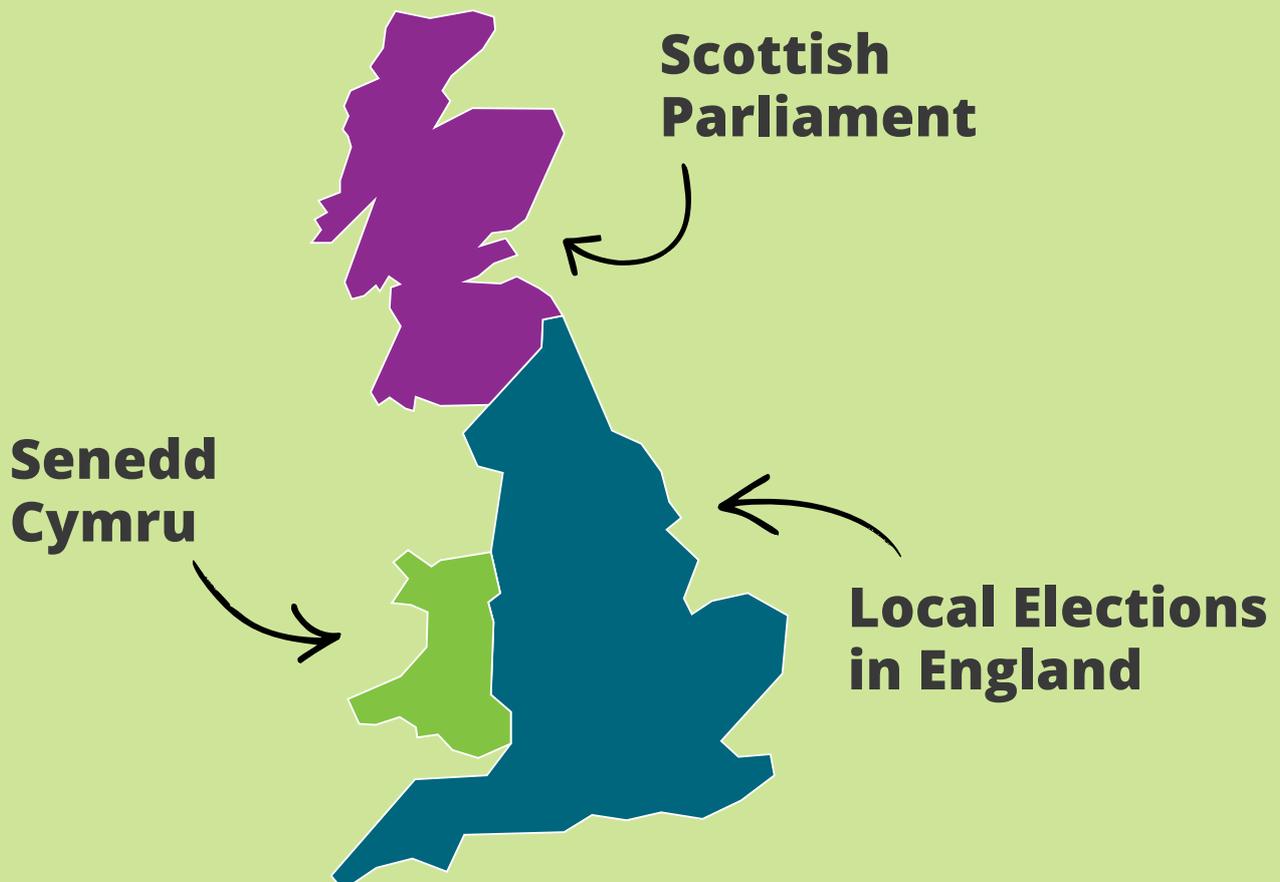


TURN UP

Elections 2026

**Voter registration campaign pack for
NUS UK member students' unions in
England, Scotland and Wales**

Elections are taking place on **Thursday 7th May 2026**



Elections are happening in **every part of Scotland and Wales**, and **some parts of England**.

If your students' union is in **England**, check if you have an election on 7th May here:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/your-election-information>

Key dates and deadlines

Monday 20th April, midnight

Deadline to Register to Vote

Tuesday 21st April, 5pm

Deadline to apply for Proxy Vote

Tuesday 28th April, 5pm

Deadline to apply for Postal Vote

Tuesday 28th April, 5pm

Deadline to apply for free Voter ID*

Thursday 7th May, 7am-10pm

Polling Day - Get Out the Vote!

*Voter ID only needed in English local elections

English Local Elections

What is the minimum voting age? Voters need to be aged 18 or over on polling day to vote

Can international students vote? Some can - British, Irish and qualifying Commonwealth citizens resident in England can vote. International students can check if they are eligible using NUS's online tool: www.nus.org.uk/can-i-vote

Can you register at two addresses? Yes. Voters can vote in two places in the addresses are not in the same council area

Are there photo ID requirements? Yes, voters are required to show ID from a list of accepted forms of ID. Find more info here: www.nus.org.uk/photo-id

Full FAQs: www.nus.org.uk/english-local-elections-2026

Scottish Parliament Election

What is the minimum voting age? Voters need to be aged 16 or over on polling day to vote

Can international students vote? Yes, as long as they are resident in Scotland and registered to vote

Can you register at two addresses? Yes, but you can only vote at one address in this election

Are there photo ID requirements? No

Full FAQs: www.nus-scotland.org.uk/scottish-parliament-election-2026

Senedd Cymru Election

What is the minimum voting age? Voters need to be aged 16 or over on polling day to vote

Can international students vote? Yes, as long as they are resident in Wales and registered to vote

Can you register at two addresses? Yes, but you can only vote at one address in this election

Are there photo ID requirements? No

Full FAQs: www.nus-wales.org.uk/senedd-election-2026

Resources and Templates

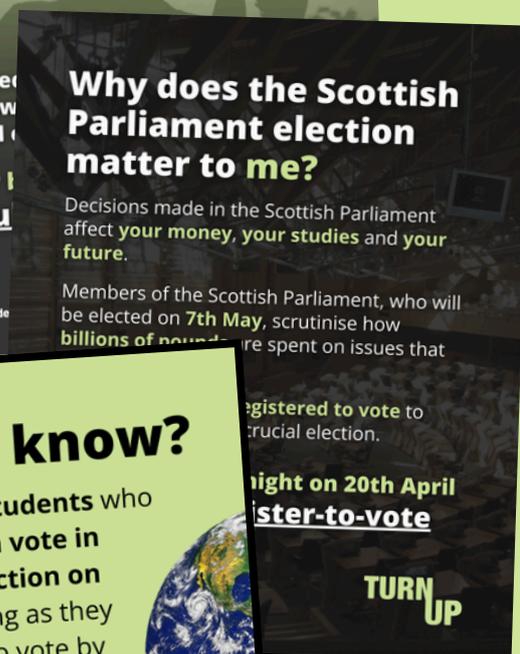
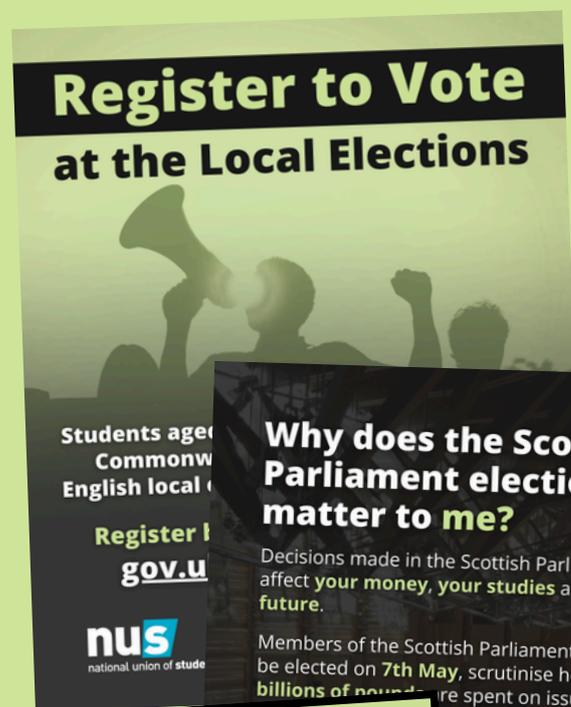
[Click here](#) to access the **resources suite**:

This includes:

- Social media posts
- Digital screens content
- Posters
- Leaflets
- QR codes

Editable Canva templates:

- **Social media posts**
 - [England](#)
 - [Scotland](#)
 - [Wales](#)
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Useful links and external resources

Register to vote - <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

Apply for a postal vote - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote>

Apply for a proxy vote - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote>

Apply for a free voter authority certificate - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>

Is there an election in my area? - <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/your-election-information>

Find out about candidates in your area - <https://whocanivotefor.co.uk/>

Can I vote? (Useful for international students) - <https://www.nus.org.uk/can-i-vote>

