

## Take part in the discussion forum

In the UK the voting age is still 18 and there have been loads of discussions going on whether or not the voting age should be lowered to 16. In Austria the voting age was lowered to 16 in 2007. Read the following comments taken from the internet and take part in the discussion by reacting to some of the comments and by adding your own opinion and giving balanced arguments. Post your statement!

<p>CeCe on September 11, 2008 at 06:35 PM</p>	<p>I feel that everyone should have the right to vote. Some adults think that teenagers do not know enough about politics, and I disagree. We are the ones going to school to learn about the society. I feel that we have to live in this world and we should be able to decide on what is going on.</p>
<p>sam on July 23, 2008 at 06:38 AM</p>	<p>to suggest that all people are able to make responsible votes at 18 and all people are not able to do so before 18 is absurd</p> <p>not all people are the same</p> <p>to gain the right to vote a test should be taken each year to determine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- how much does this person know about the general political climate?</li> <li>- is this person influenced by the mass media?</li> <li>- is this person responsible enough?</li> </ul> <p>only then should they be allowed to vote</p> <p>and this should apply to ALL age groups from 4-104</p>
<p>joseph walker on January 12, 2008 at 06:18 PM</p>	<p>First teach them to read and write the English language and English history, as grown-ups we are just able to digest the bullshit, I doubt if kids' culture of carrying knives and guns are interested in what society they are living in. Apart from celebrities and the crap they feed in television.</p>
<p>A D Johnson on January 12, 2008 at 06:01 PM</p>	<p>Political involvement and political engagement are adult activities: 16-year-olds are not yet adults and have not yet learned enough about the real world. It is typical of New Labour to seek the support of children, because it is losing the support of adults. Alan Johnson</p>
<p>Dr. M. Hadlington on January 12, 2008 at 03:56 PM</p>	<p>No. There is an old saying: you cannot put an old head on young shoulders. Even at 18, I question their maturity; though as Harold Wilson recognised, immature youngsters are more likely to vote Labour!</p>

More comments: [www.telegraph.co.uk/news/yourview/1575363/Should-the-voting-age-be-lowered.html](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/yourview/1575363/Should-the-voting-age-be-lowered.html) (15.9.2008) – Unveränderte Übernahme!