

# The YOU Party



## Yes YOU Can

### Initiative



The initiative allows you to force a vote on any issue; whether it be to scrap or amend an existing law or to make new laws.

### Referendum



The referendum allows you to accept or reject a proposed change in the law. This effectively gives you a veto on any piece of government legislation.

### Recall



The recall allows you to remove an elected official from office before the end of their term.

### Transparency



Transparency allows you to have all of the available information required to make an informed decision.

## How will it all Work?

Holding regular votes using the traditional method of closing schools and other public buildings, having electors cast their vote at a polling station, having all ballot boxes collected and delivered to a central location then having all votes manually counted is neither practical nor economical.

We will install secure digital voting booths in public buildings; for example, council offices, libraries, UCAN Centres and Sure Start Centres.

The question to be decided upon will be given at the beginning of the month. Any time during the month you can visit your nearest voting centre and register your vote. If you change your mind, simply revisit your nearest voting centre and change your vote. Voting will close at 6pm on the last day of the month, after which you will not be able to register your vote or change your mind.

Once voting is closed, all votes cast are counted and the results published. It is then up to the government to work out how best to implement the wishes of the people.

As with any new initiative, there are pros and cons, including:

Pros:

- No need for schools or other public buildings to close.
- Save money by not having staffed polling stations.
- Save money by not having staffed vote counting.

Cons:

- Initial setup cost.

This can be reduced by using facilities already installed in many public buildings.

- Initial lack of elector knowledge.

This can be overcome with:

- TV adverts.
- Newspaper and magazine guides.
- Booklets and leaflets.
- Being incorporated into the Citizenship curriculum in schools.