

# No Pride In Detention



General Election 2024  
action pack



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# Join us and speak up for LGBTQI+ people in immigration detention

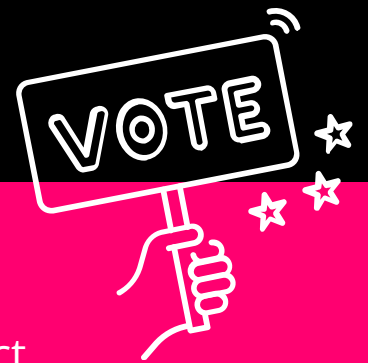


The general election is now underway so it's time to speak up about the issues that matter to us. During an election campaign, your local politicians want to know your views because they want to win your votes. It's the perfect time to raise your voice for LGBTQI+ people seeking safety and speak out against the UK's inhumane and traumatising immigration detention system.

We need to show our politicians that we won't stand for people who come here seeking safety being treated badly. We want them to be welcomed, not demonised; supported, not locked away in dangerous conditions.

This pack sets out different ways you can get involved during this election period – just choose whichever actions are right for you. Thank you for everything you do.

## Register to vote!



**Before you can have your say you must register to vote.** Once you have registered you can choose who represents you and your community and have an impact on the issues that matter to you.

If you aren't registered at your current address, you have until 18 June to do so. It is easy to do and only takes a few minutes - you just need your National Insurance number: **[register to vote now.](#)**

**Not a British citizen?** You might still be able to vote in the general election: **[check if you are eligible to vote.](#)**

# Raise your voice



Go to your local hustings (where candidates from each party take questions from local voters) or quiz the canvassers who knock on your door. Ask them where they stand on issues that matter to you and listen to their views. You can print this page and use the questions below.



**1.** What will you do to **make the UK a welcoming place for LGBTQI+ people** seeking safety?



**2:** Will you **stop LGBTQI+ people being held in immigration detention**, where they are bullied, harassed and abused?



**3:** Will your party **end indefinite immigration detention** and invest in supportive alternatives?



# Contact your candidates

Contact your candidates directly to let them know you care about ending LGBTQI+ detention and find out their views. You can use our template email or tweet them using the links below.



Use our online tool to email your candidates directly, and ask where they stand on ending LGBTQI+ detention. You can edit the email as much as you like. [Email your candidates.](#)



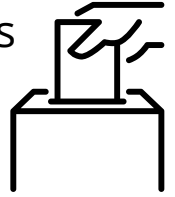
Or tweet your candidates to find out their views - we have written a tweet for you. [Tweet your candidates.](#)

✓ **Remember** - you don't need to be an expert to raise these issues with your candidates. It's just about letting them know you care. But if you want to read more about the harms LGBTQI+ people face in detention and what needs to be done, you can always look back at our [campaign page](#).



# Don't forget to vote!

Don't forget the most important thing - vote! Polling stations are open **7am - 10pm on Thursday 4 July** and you **must bring photo ID** or you won't be allowed to vote.

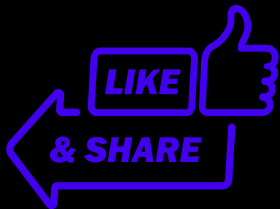


Won't be around that day? You can still:

- **Vote by post** if you register your wish to do so by 5pm on Wednesday 19 June: [apply for a postal vote](#).
- **Vote by proxy** (where someone else votes on your behalf) if you apply by 5pm on Wednesday 26 June: [apply for a proxy vote](#).

**Remember, to be able to vote at all you must register by 18 June.**

## Share with your community



Let your friends, family and community know you're speaking up for LGBTQI+ people seeking safety this election by **tweeting your support**.



# Keep in touch



Thank you for everything you do to speak up for LGBTQI+ people seeking safety. If you have any questions or need more support, contact us at [campaigns@rainbowmigration.org.uk](mailto:campaigns@rainbowmigration.org.uk).

Please **let us know who you've been in touch with and what they had to say**. It really helps us to know who our allies might be in the next parliament, and to hold your new MP to account on what they've promised.

As a charity, **Rainbow Migration doesn't support any political party or candidate** and we hope you'll use our resources to contact everyone who's standing in your area. You never know who might be elected come polling day.

Finally, **don't worry if you don't get a response from everyone**. It's so important to raise these issues and tell politicians what you care about. Even if a candidate doesn't respond, they'll have heard what issues matter to you when you think about who to vote for.

**Thanks for your solidarity.**



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Together we can end  
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