

Giving 16 and 17-year-olds the vote is a long-overdue step towards a stronger, more inclusive democracy say Greens

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Responding to the government's announced [plans to give votes to 16 and 17 year olds](#), Green Party MP, Ellie Chowns said:

"On this one, Labour have got it right. Giving 16- and 17-year-olds the vote is a long-overdue step towards a stronger, more inclusive democracy. Young people have powerful voices and a vital stake in decisions about their future – it's only right that they have a say at the ballot box.

But if Labour are serious about renewing our democracy, this must be just the beginning. We need to go further – that means scrapping the undemocratic House of Lords, and finally delivering proportional representation so that every vote counts."

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