

The Association of Electoral Administrators



Response to the Cabinet Office National Democracy Week Council questionnaire

INTRODUCTION

The Association of Electoral Administrators (AEA) was founded in 1987 and is the professional body representing the interests of electoral administrators in the United Kingdom. It is a non-governmental and non-partisan body and has 1,872 members, the majority of whom are employed by local authorities to provide electoral registration and election services.

The AEA welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Cabinet Office National Democracy Week Council questionnaire.

QUESTIONS

1. What are your ideas for National Democracy Week 2-8 July 2018?

Whilst the AEA as an organisation will not be carrying out any initiatives during the National Democracy Week, we are happy to work with the Cabinet Office and other stakeholders in raising awareness of the week and specific initiatives with our members through our regular member bulletins and, if necessary, direct communications.

2. We discussed Cabinet Office producing National Democracy Week branding and stakeholder packs. Would you like to be involved in the creation of this branding and if so, in what capacity?

The Association does not have the capacity or expertise to be involved in the creation of branding or stakeholder packs. However, we would be happy to comment and provide feedback on any drafts and, where appropriate, consider allowing the AEA's logo to be included. We would also be happy to raise awareness of the final stakeholder packs amongst our members.

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3. Are you interested in joining a communications sub-group?

As outlined above, the Association does not have the capacity or expertise to join a communications sub-group. However, if we can be of help in a peripheral capacity, we would be more than happy to assist.

4. Do you have other democratic engagement activity planned for 2018? If yes, what type, where and when? What audiences would be involved?

As outlined in the response to question one, the AEA as an organisation will not be carrying out any democratic engagement activity other than raising awareness amongst our members and assisting stakeholders wherever appropriate and possible.

5. During National Democracy Week, Cabinet Office will host an Award Ceremony to recognise individuals and organisations that have delivered above and beyond to support Citizens to take part in our democracy. We will be inviting you back for nominations in Spring 2018. Do you have suggestions for the Award categories?

The Association recommends consideration of an Award category that recognises good practice by Electoral Services Teams and their local authorities in facilitating registration and engagement. In doing so, we would be more than happy to assist in its design and identification of potential recipients.

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