

Politics - Transition Task 6 - Should 16 year olds be allowed to vote in General Elections?

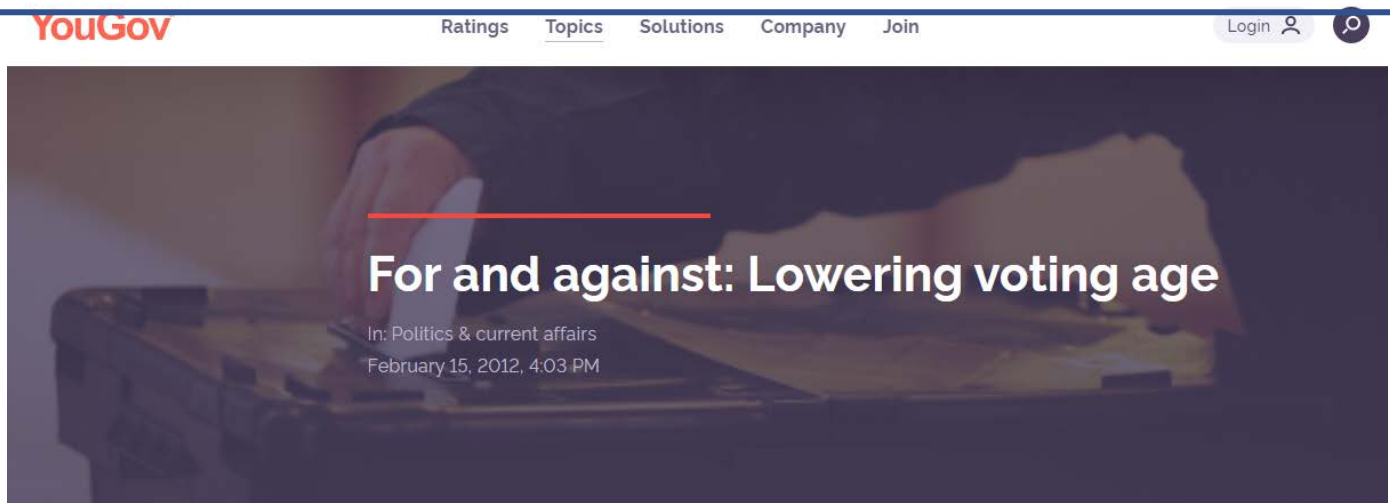
In the UK, the voting age for General Elections is 18. So although you can pay taxes or join the army or get married at a younger age, you cannot participate in choosing a government which promotes policies you support. On the other hand, many 16-year olds would just vote along with their parents' choice, or not know enough to make a sensible choice and young peoples' brains are not fully developed until their mid-twenties.

In the 2014 Scottish Independence referendum, 16-year olds were allowed to vote.

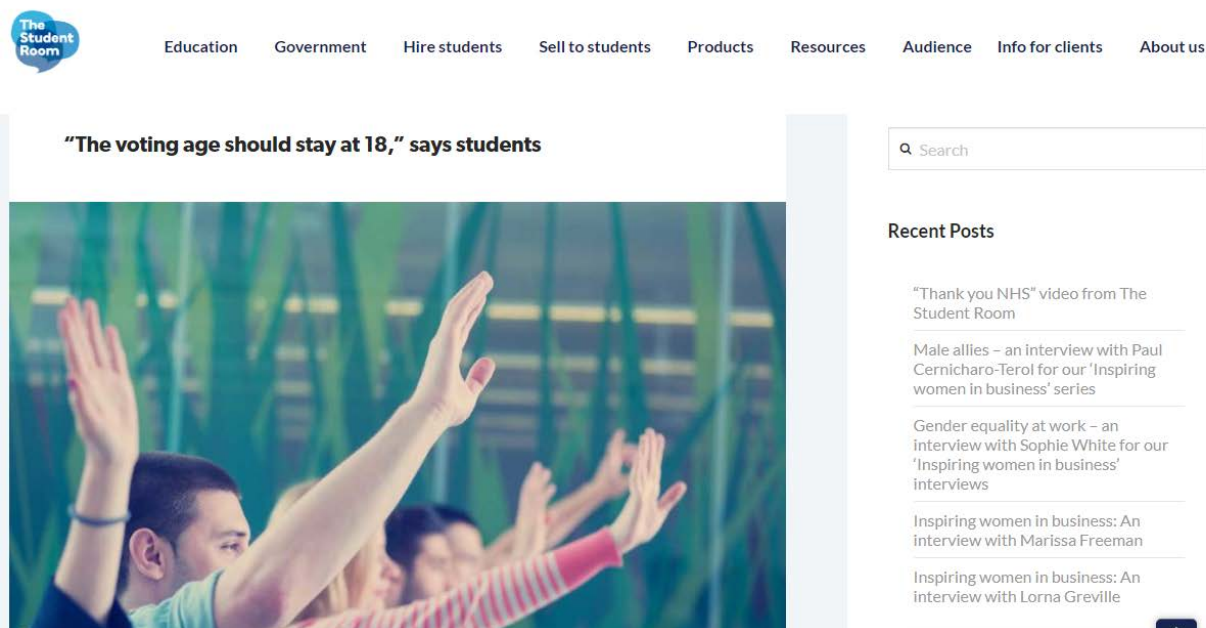
Do some research – you could start by looking at the websites below but feel free to do your own research or discuss with people to reach a conclusion.

TASK: To what extent do you agree with the statement: The voting age in the UK should be lowered to 16.

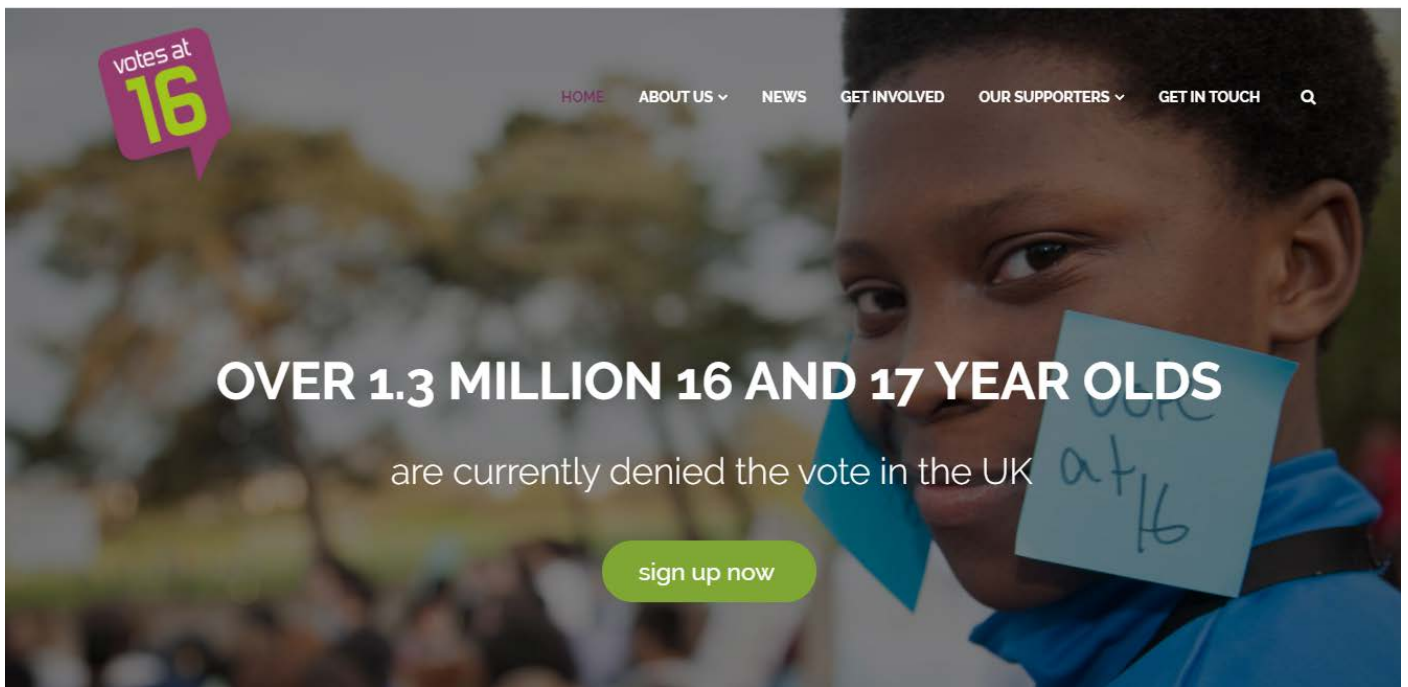
Write two paragraphs, one arguing for and one against lowering the voting age to 16. Once you have identified the key points on each side, come to a logical and clear conclusion FOR or AGAINST. Even if you don't really know what you think, take a stand and make a choice on what you will argue for. This task is more difficult than previous ones, and you can offer a more detailed response than just the two paragraphs, if you would like to.



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