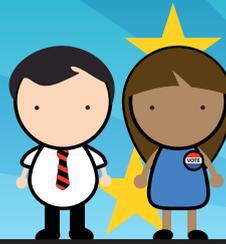# Resource 4.11
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As The Election Group, you are responsible for making sure the election is fair and accurate. You must also inform voters of what they must do to get registered and fill in their ballots accurately.

On election day, your group will be running the polling both, counting the votes and announcing the winners. Below are some of the tasks you must complete.

Voter Awareness and Registration

Once the class has agreed on all the operational matters above, the election group must publicise the procedures for their European election using posters. The posters should indicate the date of the election, who is eligible to vote, whether registration will be required and when/how this will take place, which identification papers voters must present, the location of the polling booths, who the candidates/parties are, how to accurately complete a paper ballot, what times voting booths will open and close, and when and where the results will be announced.

Designing the Ballot Papers

See Resource 4.12 for instructions.

Counting the Ballot Papers – Spotting Spoils

When voting is closed and all the ballot papers have been completed, your group must begin counting the ballots.

1. Go through all the ballots and set aside any spoiled ballot papers or papers that voters have completed incorrectly.
2. Count and record how many spoiled papers there are and record why you think each is spoiled.
3. Ask your teacher to confirm that you counted correctly and that he or she agrees that they are all spoiled.

If there is a very large number of spoiled papers, your group could decide to rerun the election.

4. Next, count and record how many valid ballot papers were completed.
5. Ask your teacher to confirm that you counted correctly.

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6. Determine the vote quota. The quota is the number of votes a candidate must get in order to win a seat. You use two equations to calculate the quota. Ignore any remainders that you get when you calculate:

Equation 1: **number of valid ballot papers ÷ (number of seats + 1) =**
Equation 2: **total of Equation 1 + 1 = the quota**

7. Ask your teacher to check your maths and confirm that that quota is correct.

8. Log on to the online ballot counting tool on the EU4U? page on www.nicurriculum.org.uk and follow the instructions to input the first, second and third preferences that appear on each individual ballot.