

# electoral administration bulletin



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## New Chief Executive and Director of Electoral Administration and Guidance

This week we announced the appointment of our new Chief Executive, Vijay Rangarajan, who will be joining the Electoral Commission on Monday 4 March. Vijay joins the Commission from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, where he is currently Director General. He has worked in the role on climate, energy and the environment, global health and COVID, and a wide range of countries. He also served as the British Ambassador to Brazil and worked in the Ministry of Justice and Cabinet Office on electoral issues, leading the programme to establish individual electoral registration, and wider issues relating to political and constitutional reform of the UK.

We are also pleased to introduce Jackie Killeen who has also joined the Commission as our new Director of Electoral Administration and Guidance, following the departure of Ailsa Irvine. Jackie has worked across the public sector for over two decades, most recently as Chief Regulator for the Equality and Human Rights Commission, where she led regulation of the Equality and Human Rights acts. She previously worked to build trust and opportunities between the UK and countries internationally while with the British Council, and many years in senior funding roles including as Director Scotland at the National Lottery Community Fund. Jackie is looking forward to working with you and all electoral stakeholders across the UK to support the delivery of well-run elections and help ensure public confidence in our democratic process.

## Job vacancies at the Electoral Commission

We are currently recruiting to the following positions in our Electoral Guidance team:

- Electoral Reform Guidance Manager
- Senior Adviser (Electoral Guidance).
- Senior Adviser (Electoral Guidance Reform)

The closing date for applications for these posts is 22 February 2024. These roles are being advertised as either London or Home based.

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If you would like an informal discussion about the Electoral Reform Guidance Manager role, please contact Charlene Hannon, Head of Guidance, on 020 7271 0587.

For an informal discussion about the Senior Adviser roles, please contact Charlotte Griffiths, Elections Guidance Manager, on 020 7271 0646.

For further information or to apply, please visit the [recruitment page of our website](#).

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## A big thank you for Welcome to Your Vote Week

Thank you to everyone who got involved with Welcome to Your Vote Week 2024.

More than 150 organisations across Scotland signed up to take part in the week to help young people to learn about democracy and voting. With the theme of 'Your Voice Matters', the week made sure that young people know that everyone can make an impact in society by getting involved in democracy.

We saw young people taking part in democracy lessons and registration drives, writing blogs, and getting involved on social media.

### Help us improve for 2025

With your feedback, we can make next year's Welcome to Your Vote Week even bigger and better. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts on the week in [our feedback survey](#).

If schools and youth groups in your area took part in Welcome to Your Vote Week, please pass on this [school and youth group survey](#) so they can share their thoughts and feedback too.

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