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General questions we don't have answers to/Contact details

We'll get back to you on this. For any other questions that won't be answered today, you can email refday@getup.org.au

For general volunteer / booth issues: 02 8188 2873

For legal / urgent issues: 02 8188 2887

Are we recording the training

Yes, the training today will be recorded. We also have a final training date on Monday, October 9. You can register by clicking the link below!

October 9: https://www.yes.org.au/booth_volunteer_training_20231009

The booth packs are heavy. Are we getting any kind of help?

Morning captains are responsible for receiving or picking up booth packs and supplying booths with materials. This includes 10 GetUp t shirts, 2x corflutes, including a QR code linked to our #WriteYes page for your electorate, and pamphlets for your electorate containing the QR Code - for voters to scan.

To help you with this, a safe lifting procedure will also be circulated today.

What's the protocol for any emergency?

For any on the ground concern, it needs to be immediately escalated to the AEC official on the ground. For any issues with AEC official on the ground and other legal issues, you can call GetUp HQ - legal / urgent issues (02 8188 2887)

I need help with transportation.

Please email refday@getup.org.au about your concern so we can get this sorted. Thank you!

What will we do with spare pamphlets, flyers, corflutes after the day?

All flyers and corflutes can be recycled in most states and they can go to the recycling bin. Any leftover or spare GetUp t-shirts are yours to take home or do whatever you want with.

When can we get a copy of our booth volunteer guide?

We're emailing a copy of your booth volunteer guide to you but you can also access here: https://cdn.getup.org.au/2957-Booth_Volunteer_Guide___2023_Referendum.pdf

ABOUT ROLES

I'm not sure about taking on the Morning Captain role, what does it involve?

Morning Captains are a vital part of our referendum day team, but the role doesn't actually involve too much extra effort! Morning Captains arrive at the booth at 7am to carve out a high-visibility space and set up our GetUp banners. Once you set up, you'll introduce yourself to the AEC official, and get ready to welcome your first volunteers who'll arrive at 7.45am.

To make the role as easy as possible, we will be sending Morning Captains their booth material packs straight to your door. You may have to pick up your booth's box of #WriteYes pamphlets from a distributor in your electorate, or your closest GetUp office, one week prior to referendum day. If you live remotely, don't worry, these can also be sent straight to you if needed!

And that's it! All you'd have to do as Morning Captain is turn up a little earlier, and possibly pick up the #WriteYes pamphlets from nearby. But all this would be a massive help, and would make sure we can have a big impact on election day!

What if something urgent happens and I can no longer volunteer on the day?

If your situation changes or if you need to change shifts, please contact your Rostering Volunteer as soon as possible. You should have received an email already now with a subject line that says **"You've been rostered on at [booth name]"**. You'll find the contact details of your Rostering Volunteer there.

ABOUT UNTOWARD INCIDENTS

Do we have a protocol for managing conflict or any difficult interactions?

Your safety and well-being is important to us. In case of conflict or any difficult interactions, try to stop engaging and remove yourself from the situation. The best thing you can do is remain calm and collected. You can then call GetUp HQ. Staff members will be available on these numbers all day. You can find the number for GetUp HQ on the top of your roster. You can also save this number 02 8188 2887 and your on the ground support persons number in your phone.

What do I do if I feel threatened in any way?

As soon as you can, remove yourself from the situation. If you need immediate help you can, call 000 or 112. You can also report the issue to an AEC official if at a booth. Contact the GetUp Referendum day Support number for legal / urgent issues at 02 8188 2887

ABOUT #WRITEYES PAMPHLETS

What are #WriteYes pamphlets, and when can I see them?

Our #WriteYes pamphlets work like 'how-to-vote' cards in elections. It's a powerful tool that gives undecided voters clear information on how to write Yes and why.

The pamphlets are based on the *Passing the Message Stick* research, a groundbreaking project that identified messaging and strategy to build widespread support for First Nations justice. And since voting in a referendum is a little different to a regular election, we've also provided a guide on the pamphlet that shows people how they can write 'Yes' and ensure their vote counts.

We also designed them to be larger than usual pamphlets in consideration of accessibility concerns. You'll also get a mock copy of the pamphlets in your volunteer guide.

How were the #WriteYes pamphlet developed?

The pamphlets are based on the *Passing the Message Stick* research, a groundbreaking project that identified messaging and strategy to build widespread support for First Nations justice.

The pamphlet is designed based on the research insight about the importance of communicating shared values and a collective vision for our future. Using messages grounded in First Nations strength, knowledge and expertise that centre the aspirations of communities, we combine truth with action.

OTHERS

I signed up to volunteer on election day, but I live far away from any target booths. What can I do to help this election?

Thanks for putting your hand up to volunteer, it's great that you want to join us to take action this election campaign! Unfortunately, GetUp isn't active at any polling booths close to you this election, but no matter where you live, there are still loads of ways to have an impact this election with GetUp.

Here's some other ways you can help this election:

- **Join our Triple The YES vote**

This means committing to reach out to 3 people in your network and creating impactful conversations with them. The idea is to triple the power to generate change on issues that First Nations communities have been fighting for decades, like Truth-telling, Treaty and cultural heritage protection.

This tactic is backed up by robust research from social change contexts right around the world, including major national elections. In fact, our sister organisations around the world have mobilised thousands to triple their votes. In the USA, they mobilised over 3 million voters to vote out Trump in 2020 and just recently in Brazil, they used vote tripling and mobilised over a million people to boot out the extreme right wing Jair Bolsonaro.

Join the Triple The Yes vote here: <https://www.yes.org.au/tripletheyesvote>

- **Join a calling party**

Research shows that conversations between real people are our most powerful tool for persuading voters to shift their vote to a resounding Yes



So this election, we're hitting the phones at calling parties in person and online to have conversations with swing voters in marginal electorates about key issues, and ask them to vote to win better representatives.

All calling parties kick off with training, and first time callers are often surprised by how powerful a simple conversation can be.

Check out the calendar of upcoming calling events here:

<https://www.yes.org.au/events>

If you have any more questions about how to help, you can email refday@getup.org.au.

Are we coordinating with Yes23?

We are coordinating with different Yes movement partners to ensure coverage for remote polling, pre-polling and polling

Tips on handling corflutes and a-frames

- If the weather is wet, good idea to put the boxes in large garbage bags to protect from rain
- Top-heavy A-frames are a pain in windy conditions, as they fall over all the time. They can be weighted-down by having cords connecting to bottoms of the two back-to-back posters and weighting these down with some heavy object. And a design with a low centre-of-gravity will be an advantage too.