

1. Agree that voters should be required to provide Personal Public Service Numbers (PPSNs), to avoid duplication of entries.

2. Please have polling on Saturday or Sunday so that 3rd level students and others working away are at home to vote.

3. Returning Officers should employ unemployed people or students, particularly in Paid Positions in Polling Stations and Counting Centres. Advertise all these jobs and do not allow public servants to take these positions as well as their own positions (for example, teachers whose school close, get double pay which is a windfall if they are also working in the polling station).

Unemployed people should have access to these paid positions. Unemployed and students are denied opportunities to undertake these roles, there is a lack of transparency.

Positions are available for paid work in Polling Stations and Count Centres for the (long) day. Although applications can be made to the Returning Officer for each area, this information should be available on government websites and local government websites, with clarity. publicjobs.ie website or local government website.

<http://www.localgovernmentjobs.ie/search/SearchResults.asp>