

What is a society?

A society is a group of people who share some things in common e.g. Where they live, their culture, an interest, etc.

**What are the benefits
of living in a society?**



As humans, we have a need to belong. A society is like a large family. In a society people form strong bonds with each other. When a need arises, they value the support of their society.

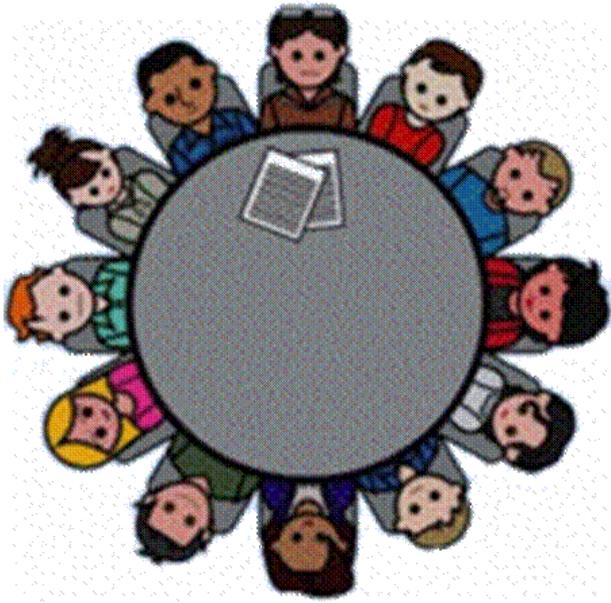
This support may be financial, medical, emotional, or physical help.



In our society there are people who make decisions for the common good. They share and oversee our resources and services.

**Who are these people,
and
how are they chosen?**





School Council



Council

Parliament



In Britain, everyone over the age of 18 has the right to vote for the people they wish to represent them in their local council and in our national parliament.



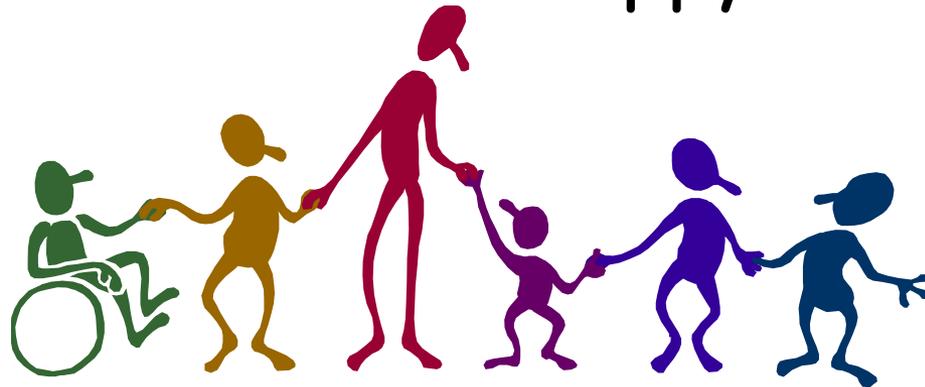
We entrust our councillors and members of parliament (MPs) with making important decisions. If we don't like the decisions they make we can vote them out.



Societies make rules and laws to help people address serious problems that could affect its members. These include:

- Racial discrimination
- Poverty
- Crime
- Inequality

When society addresses its problems, people feel safe and happy.



Too many laws and our society can't grow.
Too few and our society becomes unfair.
Strong societies have the balance just right.

