

Press release

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Students prepare to vote in EU referendum – one of the biggest votes of their lives

On Tuesday 17 May, Ealing, Hammersmith & West London's College hosted EU referendum workshops for students at Hammersmith campus. Led by charity, Hope Not Hate the theme was; 'In or out of the EU? Consider the biggest decision of the next generation'. Students came to find out about the European Union, learn how to vote and how to register to vote.

During the workshops, students explored both sides of the debate; to leave or stay in the EU, and the speaker gave a clear account of all the issues surrounding the European Union, as well as looking at the nations the EU is made up of. These workshops follow close on the heels of a visit from Nick Boles MP, Minister for Skills, who came to the Ealing, Hammersmith & West London's College the day before to discuss the benefits of staying in the EU, and why it is so important for students to vote.

Dee O'Dell-Athill from the College's Student Services Department said: "Although our students are here to study, we ensure that they are able to take part in a wide range of activities designed to give them skills as citizens, and to give them confidence to enter this kind of debate, equipping them with all the information they need."

In some cases, this will be the first time the students are able to vote, and will probably be one of the biggest and most important decisions of their lives.

Students must register to vote by 7 June to be able to vote in the EU referendum on 23 June. The College is encouraging all students to vote and participate in this opportunity via the following website: www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

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(Images of students participating in the EU referendum workshops. Hi-res images available upon request.)

