

# CROSS FINGERS AND VOTE AV!

In May 2011 there will be a national referendum on changing the voting system. Unfortunately, the referendum will only offer a choice between **First Past The Post (FPTP)** and **Alternative Vote (AV)**.

FPTP is how we vote at local council and parliamentary elections. You get one vote per number of seats and the candidate(s) with the largest number of votes is elected. Many people see this as unfair because minority viewpoints rarely become represented in Town Halls or Westminster.

AV will give every voter a second vote for the person/party they like second best. It means the eventual winner has over half the total votes but it still leaves minority opinion largely **ignored**.

This problem would not exist if the referendum included a proportional option, i.e. sharing out seats based on the percentage of votes cast per party/candidate such as the **Single Transferable Vote (STV)**.

**A step in the right direction?**

However the STV option isn't being offered so we will have to support AV otherwise we will be stuck with the present system. If FPTP wins the referendum, the professional politicians will say, *"you've had your referendum, the matter is now settled for another hundred years!"*

**Cross your fingers and have your say!**

That's why those in favour of reform need to **cross their fingers** and vote AV and hope a win will lead to further reform.

# VOTE YES ON MAY 5TH 2011

# NATIONAL REFERENDUM ON VOTING REFORM - MAY 5th 2011

# HAVE YOUR SAY

# Vote Yes ✓ Vote AV ✓

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