

Assembly member demographics for the Oxford Citizens Assembly on Climate Change

In line with best practice, 50 Assembly participants were recruited through a stratified random process, creating a 'mini-public' broadly representative of the demographics of the city's population.

Residents were not able to apply to become an Assembly member, but as the Oxford's postcode address file was used for selection, all local residents had the potential to be invited to participate.

The size of the Assembly enables citizens with diverse backgrounds and perspectives to come together in detailed discussion on a common issue.

To ensure we had a genuinely representative a sample of Oxford's population a range of selection criteria were applied, including gender, age, ethnicity, disability and area of the city.

Additional data on participants was also monitored, including socio-economic group, employment status, educational attainment and political viewpoint – but this was not used to select or deny participation.

The 2011 Census was used to draw up the target quota for the Citizen Assembly.

In line with good practice in encouraging full participation, participants will each be paid a £300 honorarium, recognising the time they are giving up to take part and ensuring that a diverse range of people - including those on low-incomes or with caring responsibilities etc. can take part.

Citizens Assembly selection criteria	Quota	Oxford – 2011 Census percentage	Achieved numbers	Achieved proportion
Gender				
Male	25	50%	25	50%
Female	25	50%	25	50%
Age				
16-19	4	8%	3	6%
20-24	9	15%	8	16%
25-29	7	11%	7	14%
30-44	13	21%	13	26%
45-59	8	14%	9	18%
60-64	2	4%	2	4%
65 +	7	11%	8	16%
Ethnicity				
White	39	78%	37	74%
BME	11	22%	13	26%
Disability				
Yes	6	12%	6	12%
No	44	88%	44	88%
Area				
OX1	6	11%	5	10%
OX2	12	25%	12	24%
OX3	14	27%	9	18%
OX4	18	37%	24	48%