

Taking part online

While we made the decision to keep invite a range of people with a balance of expertise, we want people not present to still have the opportunity to take part in the day if they want to. For that reason we're using social media tools to widen participation as much as possible.

Twitter: #NHSCitizen

There's already a conversation about the event going on using the hashtag #NHSCitizen – and you can add your voice to that straight away and during the event. We'll be projecting tweets on this hashtag into the auditorium and we know that lots of people at the event will be looking to use the hashtag themselves. You can tweet the organisers, too:-

@curiousc Catherine Howe

@sburall Simon Burall

@demsoc Anthony Zacharzewski

The blog

We'll be posting here (<http://nhscitizen.demsoc.org/blog/demsoc-health-blog/>) in the run-up to the event and afterwards – talking about how the event will work and, of course, how a Citizens' Assembly should look and operate. This is meant to be a place for conversation so please add your comments to the blog at any time you want – don't be afraid to tell us what you think.

The webcast

You can watch the event live from its start on Tuesday morning until it ends on Wednesday afternoon on the webcast, which you'll find here: <http://www.nhscitizen.public-i.tv/>. Everything that's available live will also be available – a few hours after the event has finished – to watch on archive, too.

There are a number of ways you can join the debate on the site – we recommend that you log in to use these:-

Liveblog and chat

Within the webcast player site we'll be running a moderated chat, using a live blog. This will include updates from the main sessions and from any break-out sessions (which we won't be able to webcast). This facility will start with the beginning of the event and run until we pack up on Wednesday.

Discussion forum (UserVoice)

Before that starts you'll also be able to ask questions and make your own suggestions on the event and Citizens' Assembly by adding comments to the discussion forum. Again, this is a moderated space and you may have to wait for your comments to go live. You will need to log in – giving details of a social media account – to do this.

Twitter

You can keep track of the twitter conversation, with a Twitter widget that will show tweets on the #NHSCitizen hashtag. If you log in with your Twitter identity, you'll be able to join the conversation.

Our rules

- We're really only here to talk about one thing: What the Citizens' Assembly should look like – so we can only engage with people who are talking about this subject.
- We are only a very small team so we might sometimes struggle to get back to you straight away – and things might occasionally go wrong. Please be patient – we'll do our very best.
- If you are rude, if we think you're not engaging productively with the people joining the conversation, or if you're not talking about the Citizens' Assembly we reserve the right not to publish what you say and not to respond to you.