

General Election Drinking Game

An endurance performance by Ellie Harrison

Featuring Oliver Braid, Harriet Plewis and Paul Knight

With Ilana Mitchell as the 'Returning Officer'

General Election Drinking Game took place at the Star and Shadow in Newcastle on 6 May 2010 – the night of the UK general election. It featured four 'players' lined up as though pundits in a panel discussion. At the start of the night they drew straws to see who would represent which of the main political parties (Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat and all other parties / independents).

Following the live election results carefully, each player attempted to drink one shot of lager (34ml) for every seat in parliament their party won, out of the total of 646. Over the course of the performance, the levels of intoxication of each player became directly proportional to their party's success.

Live coverage of General Election Drinking Game was webcast throughout the night to viewers around the world, offering an alternative commentary on the election results. For the MFA DEGREE SHOW 2010 at the Glue Factory the full archive of this webcast (5 hours, 35 minutes) will be screened each day.

Screenings run from 12:25 – 18:00 each day. The table below gives an indication of which part of the performance you are watching.

Actual time in Glue Factory	Equivalent time during performance
12:25	22:25 – webcast begins
13:00	23:00 – introduction by Ellie Harrison (10 minutes)
14:00	00:05 – webcast disrupted (5 minutes lost)
15:00	01:05
16:00	02:05
17:00	03:05
18:00	04:05

General Election Drinking Game was devised by Ellie Harrison and produced by Ellie Harrison and Ilana Mitchell. It marked the first time Ellie had consumed alcohol since becoming teetotal on 1 January 2010. She is yet to watch the footage in its entirety.

More information, a full archive of the webcast and the internet chatroom which accompanied it, are available at:

www.ellieharrison.com/generalelectiondrinkinggame