

**National Assembly for Wales
Children, Young People and
Education Committee**

**Fourth Assembly Legacy Report:
Views of Children and Young People**

March 2016

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales



The National Assembly for Wales is the democratically elected body that represents the interests of Wales and its people, makes laws for Wales and holds the Welsh Government to account.

An electronic copy of this report can be found on the National Assembly's website:
www.assembly.wales

Copies of this report can also be obtained in accessible formats including Braille, large print; audio or hard copy from:
Finance Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay
CF99 1NA

Tel: 0300 200 6565
Email: SeneddCYPE@Assembly.Wales
Twitter: [@SeneddCYPE](https://twitter.com/SeneddCYPE)

© National Assembly for Wales Commission Copyright 2016

The text of this document may be reproduced free of charge in any format or medium providing that it is reproduced accurately and not used in a misleading or derogatory context. The material must be acknowledged as copyright of the National Assembly for Wales Commission and the title of the document specified.

**National Assembly for Wales
Children, Young People and
Education Committee**

**Fourth Assembly Legacy Report:
Views of Children and Young People**

March 2016

Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales



Committee remit:

The Children and Young People Committee (the Committee) was established on 22 June 2011 with a remit to examine legislation and hold the Welsh Government to account by scrutinising expenditure, administration and policy matters encompassing: the education, health and wellbeing of the children and young people of Wales, including their social care.

On 22 January 2014, the Assembly agreed to alter the remit of the Committee to include Higher Education. This subject continued to be included in the remit of the Enterprise and Business Committee, with both committees looking at Higher Education from their particular perspectives. At the same time, the opportunity was taken to formally add the word 'education' into the Committee's title to better reflect the nature of its work.

Committee membership:

| Committee member | Party | Constituency or Region |
|--------------------|------------------------|---|
| Ann Jones (Chair) | Welsh Labour | Vale of Clwyd |
| Angela Burns | Welsh Conservative | Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire |
| Keith Davies | Welsh Labour | Llanelli |
| Suzy Davies | Welsh Conservative | South Wales West |
| John Griffiths | Welsh Labour | Newport East |
| Lynne Neagle | Welsh Labour | Torfaen |
| David Rees | Welsh Labour | Aberavon |
| Aled Roberts | Welsh Liberal Democrat | North Wales |
| Rhodri Glyn Thomas | Plaid Cymru | Carmarthen East and Dinefwr |
| Simon Thomas | Plaid Cymru | Mid and West Wales |

Previous members of the Committee:

| Committee member | Party | Constituency or Region |
|----------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Christine Chapman (former Chair) | Welsh Labour | Cynon Valley |
| Jocelyn Davies | Plaid Cymru | South Wales East |
| Rebecca Evans | Welsh Labour | Mid and West Wales |
| Bethan Jenkins | Plaid Cymru | South Wales West |
| Julie Morgan | Welsh Labour | Cardiff North |
| Jenny Rathbone | Welsh Labour | Cardiff Central |

Introduction

The Children, Young People and Education Committee published its main Legacy Report on 24 March 2016. The purpose of the report is to provide a useful starting point for the Committee's successor committee, to show what we have done during the Fourth Assembly, how we have done it and the lessons we have learned.

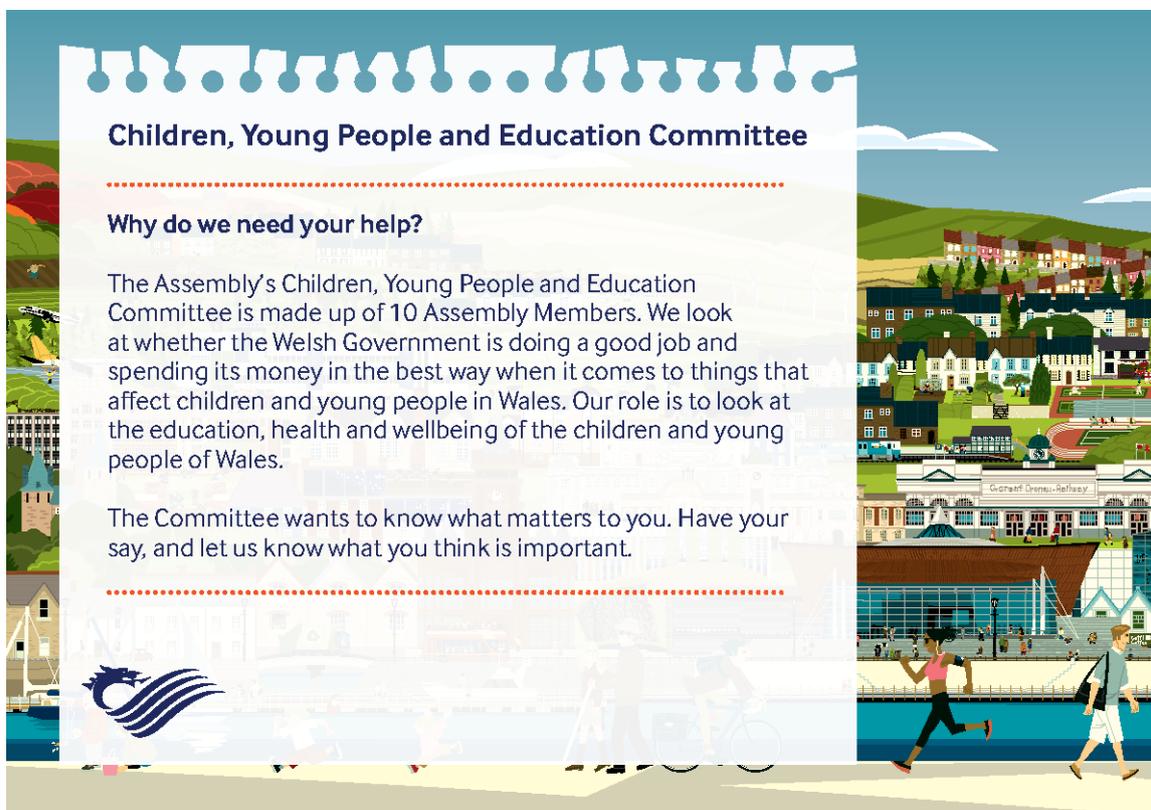
The Committee's main aim over the five years of the Fourth Assembly has been to scrutinise the policies and proposed legislation of the Welsh Government, and to monitor their implementation, to ensure that children and young people of Wales are offered high quality access to education, health and social care.

As part of its Legacy work, the Committee was keen to ensure that issues affecting children and young people continued to be one of the Assembly's key priorities in the Fifth Assembly. Following the election on 5 May, there will be many challenges our successor Committee(s) will want to tackle. In trying to help focus on any future work, the Committee wanted to know what issues mattered to children and young people.

Views of children and young people

In looking ahead to the Fifth Assembly, the Committee spoke to young people directly during the Assembly's Youth Event on 15 July 2015. The Committee also produced 'question cards' aimed specifically at children and young people asking:

- What are the most important issue(s) affecting you today?
- What would you like to change?



Children, Young People and Education Committee

.....

Why do we need your help?

The Assembly's Children, Young People and Education Committee is made up of 10 Assembly Members. We look at whether the Welsh Government is doing a good job and spending its money in the best way when it comes to things that affect children and young people in Wales. Our role is to look at the education, health and wellbeing of the children and young people of Wales.

The Committee wants to know what matters to you. Have your say, and let us know what you think is important.

.....

The Committee received 1,380 responses, on a range of issues and from a wide age group. The main areas of concern are highlighted below:

- Education
- Transport
- Local government
- Health
- Student Fees
- Welsh Language
- Leisure and Sport
- Community
- Politics
- Recreation
- CAMHS
- Safety
- Housing
- Employment and Skills
- Environment
- Wages
- Internet
- Farming

Online Report

Many of the views expressed in these areas were extremely relevant to the work of the Assembly in the Fifth Assembly, not only to this Committee, but across all portfolios. The Committee has therefore produced a more detailed online report highlighting the key messages.

The Committee would like to thank all those children and young people who took the time to respond.

Read the report: <https://sway.com/YAFMAzkyGTGgXd82>