

Teacher's note

This note provides guidance on how to use the four teaching resources and accompanying short videos. Teachers can use these resources to help pupils become ethical, informed citizens ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society and ready to vote for the first time.

Overview

A short video and accompanying resources will help learners to understand how the Senedd was established, what it does, who represents them, and their voting rights.

Four key themes will guide learners to explore issues of democracy, representation, law making and responsible action:

- History of the Senedd
- Powers of the Senedd
- Members of the Senedd
- Voting

Background

In 2020, the voting age for Senedd elections was lowered to 16 after a new law was passed by the National Assembly for Wales, the same law which also changed its name to the Welsh Parliament / Senedd.

The next Senedd election will take place on 7 May 2026, and elections will be held every four years after that.

Summary of activities

Activity 1: History of devolution in Wales

Pupils will watch the video and use resource 1, *History of devolution in Wales* to match the correct dates with key events in the history of creating a parliament for Wales. Use the Timeline resource as an aid.

Answers:

A: 2020

B: 1950

C: 1997

D: 1832

E: 1999

F: 1965

G: 950



Activity 2: Members of the Senedd

Pupils will watch the video and use resource 3, *A day in the Life of a Member* to make their own decisions as representatives.

Activity 3: Powers of the Senedd

Pupils will watch the video and use resource 2, *Powers of the Senedd* to learn about some of the different powers the Senedd has compared to the UK Parliament and UK Government. Suggested discussion topics form part of the activity.

Answers:

Senedd powers:

Health, Education, Environment, Housing, The Welsh Language, Culture, Tourism, Sports, Farming, Highways and Transport.

UK Parliament:

Media, Outer Space, Policing, Nuclear Energy, Air Transport, Defence.

Activity 4: Voting

Pupils will watch the video and use resource 4, *Voting*, for group/class discussion.

Answers:

donate blood?	17
buy a pet?	16
register to vote?	14
be held criminally responsible?	10
become a nun or a monk?	18
fly commercial planes?	21
adopt a child?	21
own a venomous snake?	18
own land, buy property and apply for a mortgage?	18
vote in the Senedd Election?	16
vote in the General Election?	18*

* but could be changed to 16 for the next General Election!

