

Activity 1: History of devolution in Wales

Devolution means the transfer of power to a more local level. Devolution brings important decisions about Wales closer to you.

Can you match the correct dates with key events in the history of creating a parliament for Wales?

Dates:

950

1832

1950

1965

1997

1999

2020

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The voting age in Senedd elections is lowered to 16-year-olds.

The National Assembly for Wales is renamed the Welsh Parliament (commonly known as the Senedd) to reflect its status as a fully-fledged parliament.

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The Parliament for Wales campaign puts devolution back onto the political agenda.

This cross-party campaign, led by Lady Megan Lloyd George MP, culminated in the presentation of a petition containing 250,000 signatures calling for the establishment of a Welsh parliament.

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A referendum was held on 18 September proposing the creation of a Welsh Assembly.

The result was **50.3** per cent in favour, and **49.7** per cent against with a majority of just **6,721**.

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The Chartist movement begins named after the People's Charter which had 6 main goals which sought to expand the voting franchise, equalise society, human rights etc.

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The National Assembly for Wales met for the first time on 12 May before its official opening by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 26 May.

24 of the 60 Assembly Members were female which had, until that point, been overwhelmingly male dominated.

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Following the 1964 election, the office of Secretary of State for Wales was created by the new Labour Government.

The following year, the Welsh Office was established to execute UK Government policy in Wales.

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During the reign of Hywel Dda, the native laws of Wales were codified for the first time, meaning they were made more accessible to the public.

The language of the law was Welsh and the system of law was significantly different from England.

Did you know?

An estimated 22 people were killed in a Chartist protest in Newport. Many were arrested and deported to Australia!

Find out more about their cause and how women later campaigned for their right to vote.

