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Welsh Baccalaureate: Advanced Level Role play an Assembly Committee



What is the National Assembly for Wales?
The National Assembly for Wales is made up of 60 Assembly Members from across Wales. They are elected by the people of Wales to represent them and their communities, make laws for Wales and to ensure the Welsh Government is doing its job properly.

Welsh Baccalaureate: Advanced Level Role play an Assembly Committee

Aim: To role play a Committee inquiry.

Objectives:

01. To consider a topic and debate the issue.
02. To create questions for expert witnesses.
03. To consider the viewpoints of different people.
04. To decide on a list of recommendations.

Resources:

Activity sheets.

Task:

01. Divide the class into groups.
02. Provide each group with an activity sheet.
03. Each activity sheet outlines details of a Committee inquiry.
04. Each group must role play the Committee and complete all three questions on the worksheet.
05. Each group to feedback on their task.

Children and Young People Committee

Inquiry into school sun protection policy (Spring 2012)

On 04 October 2011 the National Assembly for Wales Petitions Committee received this petition from the cancer charity Tenovus:

“We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to provide free sunscreen for all children under the age of 11 in Wales.”

This petition was referred to the Children and Young People Committee for consideration. As a result, the Committee decided to hold a short inquiry into school sun protection policy, which looked not only at the availability and use of sunscreen, but also at other sun protection issues such as the provision of shade in schools and the wearing of suitable clothing whilst outdoors.

01. As current Members of the Committee prepare 3 questions you would ask the following witnesses giving evidence to the inquiry:

- Head teacher of a primary school.
- Parent group representative.
- Dermatologist (skin specialist).
- Sun cream manufacturer.
- Health and Social Services Minister.
- School council representative.

02. Consider whether there are any barriers to the use of sun protection in schools.

03. What recommendations would you make to address these barriers?

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Enterprise and Business Committee

Inquiry into the regeneration of town centres (Spring 2012)

Throughout Wales, there are examples of “weak and vulnerable high streets, blighted by empty premises and poor shopping environments”.

In 2011, The Enterprise and Business Committee began its inquiry into the regeneration of town centres and published its findings in January 2012. The Members proposed 21 recommendations, 12 of those urging concerted Government action.

01. Consider the challenges facing town centres in Wales today, using all given evidence available here.

02. As current Members of the Committee, prepare 3 questions you would ask the following witnesses giving evidence to the inquiry:

- A local business man/woman whose business is under threat.
- A representative from ‘Age Concern Cymru’.
- A representative from the local authority who is in charge of its car access policy.
- An out-of-town retailer.
- A supermarket which plans to locate in town centres.

03. What recommendations would you make to regenerate town centres?

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Children and Young People Committee

Provision of Safe Places to Play and Hang Out (2009-10)

In December 2009 the Committee began to inquire into the experiences of children (aged 11 and under) and young people (aged 11-18) in Wales in accessing safe places to play and hang out.

The inquiry considered issues affecting the play experiences of specific groups of children and young people such as:

- Children and young people living in rural areas;
- Children and young people living in disadvantaged areas and in low income households;
- Disabled children and young people;
- Children and young people from marginalized groups such as the Traveller Community.

01. Consider the barriers faced by the above when accessing play areas and safe places to hang out.

02. Look at all the written evidence submitted to the Committee available [here](#). Prepare 3 questions you would ask the following witnesses giving evidence to the Committee:

- Sustrans (a charity dedicated to sustainable transport).
- Bridgend Children and Young People's Partnership.
- Representatives of the Scouting Movement.
- Deputy Minister for Children.

03. During the inquiry 'Rhyl Youth Action' stated that 'poverty excludes many young people from engaging in sporting facilities'. Consider what recommendations you would make to the Welsh Government to address this particular point.

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Environment and Sustainability Committee

Inquiry into energy policy and planning in Wales 2012

The Committee is considering:

- The implications for Wales if responsibility for consenting to major onshore and offshore energy infrastructure projects remains a matter that is reserved by the UK Government.
- How does this affect delivery of the Welsh Government’s target for a 3 per cent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions per annum from 2011?
- The ‘Say No to TAN 8’ petition.

01. Read the petition ‘No to TAN 8’ available [here](#). What are the main concerns of the petitioners?

02. As current Members of the Committee, prepare 3 questions you would ask the following witnesses giving evidence to the Committee:

- Campaigner against large scale wind farms on land.
- A representative from Friends of the Earth.
- A representative from an electricity supplier.
- The First Minister.

03. Should the power to grant planning permission for large scale wind farms be given to the Welsh Government?

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