

Your Senedd:

Activity Book



The Welsh Parliament is the democratically elected body that represents the interests of Wales and its people.

Commonly known as the Senedd, it makes laws for Wales, agrees Welsh taxes and holds the Welsh Government to account.

Your Senedd, working for you

Wales has its own parliament – the Senedd.

The Senedd passes laws about all sorts of things which affect your daily life in Wales.

Things like hospitals and GPs, schools and education, road and rail transport, farming, culture, the environment and the Welsh language.

The Senedd is made up of 96 Members elected from all over Wales. They represent you and your community in the Welsh Parliament.

Let's take a closer look at how the Senedd works.

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Representing you and your community

Members of the Senedd come from all parts of Wales to represent their communities in the Senedd.

When they're not working in Cardiff Bay, most Members have a local office. You can speak to them about issues in your community and they can take your concerns back to the Senedd.

Everyone in Wales is represented by six Members of the Senedd. You can contact any of them – in person, online, or by phone – no matter who you voted for. They all represent you equally.



Find out who represents you, and how to
get in touch with them
senedd.wales/members

► **Did you know?**

The Senedd changed its name in 2020 from the National Assembly for Wales/ Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru to the Welsh Parliament/ Senedd Cymru.

Senedd is the Welsh word for **Parliament**.

► **Did you know?**

16 and 17 year olds were allowed to vote for the first time in the Senedd elections in May 2021.

What do we call the elected representatives who work on behalf of the people of Wales?

- ☐ Members of the Senedd
- ☐ Members of Parliament
- ☐ Assembly Members
- ☐ Welsh Ministers

How many of these people are there at the Senedd?

- ☐ 44
- ☐ 60
- ☐ 80
- ☐ 96
- ☐ 101

Can you name one of the people who represent you?

What's the name of the First Minister?



What's the role of the Llywydd?



What changes would you like to see where you live?

Using the box below, why not write a letter to one of your Members of the Senedd saying what would you like to see change in your local area?





The work of the Senedd

Members of the Senedd consider, debate, and vote on laws proposed, and money spent by Welsh Government.

They also make suggestions on steps that could be taken to make Wales a better place to live and work.

You can contact your Member of the Senedd about issues that you care about.

These could be things that affect the whole of the country, or things in your local area, whether it is about a skate park closing or too many houses being built on green spaces which is effecting your local environment and wildlife.

Did you know?

Devolution means the power to make laws and policies for Wales has been transferred from the UK Government and UK Parliament to the Welsh Government and the Welsh Parliament – the Senedd.

Devolution

Since 1999, devolution has transferred powers from Westminster to the Senedd and Welsh Government.

Can you match the topic with the subject that the Senedd can make decisions about?

- Marine Conservation
- Flooding
- Internet safety
- Additional learning needs
- Mental health support
- Fostering
- Active travel
- Fast broadband

Environment



Health



Schools



Economy and transport



Did you know?

All Petitions with more than 250 signatures are discussed by the Petitions Committee. Petitions with more than 10,000 signatures will be considered for a debate in the Senedd.

Petitions

As a constituent of an area in Wales, you can write to the Senedd and start a petition on issues which the Senedd can pass laws for Wales. There is a committee called the 'Petitions Committee' who consider petitions submitted.

How do I write a petition?

Good petitions say clearly what they want the Senedd or Welsh Government to do.

Good examples:

- Ban the use of wild animals in circuses
- Lower the voting age to 16 for Senedd elections in Wales

These examples tell us what you want us to do.

Bad examples:

- Help young people
- Trains

These examples do not tell us what you want us to do.

Write your own petition

Using the box below, and a maximum of 100 characters why not practice writing a petition to send in to the Senedd.

You can find out more about petitions in Wales on our website: petitions.senedd.wales.



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