

Local area report

Aim:

To collect information about the local area by means of a questionnaire and other research methods.

Objectives:

- To make pupils aware of who represent them in the National Assembly for Wales Assembly.
- To make pupils aware of what the National Assembly for Wales is responsible for.
- To develop pupils' research skills.
- To develop pupils' presentation skills.

Year group:

Year 9

Resources:

- Resource 1: Research Questions
- Resource 2: Local Issues questionnaire
- Resource 3: Writing frame (optional)
- Resource 4: The 20 areas of responsibility of the National Assembly for Wales.



- General information booklets and websites regarding the local area.
- For relevant information regarding the National Assembly for Wales go to www.yourassembly.org or www.assembly.wales.
- Or use the National Assembly for Wales poster 'Who represents you?'. These can be ordered free of charge by calling the information line on 0300 200 6565 or emailing contact@assembly.wales.

Possible differentiation:

Writing frame for lower ability pupils.

Task:

Pupils have been asked by The National Assembly for Wales to give a presentation about your own town or village. This is an opportunity to highlight issues, both positive and negative that the Assembly should be aware of.

The pupils will need to carry out some research to find out what the issues are in the area and what can be done to improve the situation. To do this, as a class, create a short questionnaire (or you can use the attached example).

Each pupil should complete a questionnaire and take two more home to be completed by family members, friends or neighbours (encourage the pupils to ask people from different age groups) by the next lesson.

During the next lesson, pupils will need to analyse their findings and in groups of four or five, extrapolate all data and summarise.

Each group should then use their findings and knowledge about their local area to create their presentation. To give the fullest picture possible of the area, pupils should try to include answers to the questions outlined in Resource 01 – Research questions.



Questions and discussion topics:

Once the questionnaires have been completed hold a class discussion regarding the main issues and discuss how they can be resolved.



Resource 1 – Research questions

01. Where in Wales is your town or village?
02. What is the name of your constituency?
03. What is the name of your Assembly region?
04. Who are the five Assembly Members that represent you?
05. Is your area rural or urban?
06. How many people live in the area?
07. Give examples of services or amenities in the area: eg 'There is a primary school in the village, the nearest secondary school and leisure centre is 20 miles away'.
08. What are the good points about living in your area? (Use the answers from the questionnaires).
09. What are the problems in the area? (Use the answers from the questionnaires).
10. 10_What are your ideas for solving the problems?



Resource 2 – Local issues questionnaire

As part of a school project we have created this questionnaire to find out what are the good and bad points about living in

I would be grateful if you could take five minutes to complete the questions.

01. Which age group do you belong to?

5-10	11-15	16-25	26-40	41-60	61+

02. What's good about living in this area?

03. What do you think is the biggest problem in the area?

04. What ideas do you have to solve this problem?

Thank you for your time



Resource 3 – Writing frame

Thank you for the invitation to present information about

The town / village of is in

It is in the constituency of which is represented
by It's also within the
..... region which is represented by

This is an area with a population of

The main employers are

In the town/village there is

We need to travel miles to the nearest

For me the best part of living in the town/village is

Others think the best part of living here is



However there are some problems, these include

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This could be solved by

Another problem is

.....

This affects

This could be solved by

Thank you for listening.



Resource 4 – The 20 areas of responsibility of the National Assembly for Wales

The Assembly can make laws in the 20 following areas:

01. Agriculture, fisheries forestry, and rural development
02. Ancient monuments and historic buildings
03. Culture
04. Economic development
05. Education and training
06. Environment
07. Fire and rescue services and promotion of fire safety
08. Food
09. Health and health services
10. Highways and transport
11. Housing
12. Local government
13. National Assembly for Wales
14. Public administration
15. Social welfare
16. Sport and recreation
17. Tourism
18. Town and country planning
19. Water and flood defence
20. Welsh language

