

National Assembly for Wales

**Our services:**

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# Education and Youth Engagement



We are the democratically elected body that represents the interests of Wales and its people, makes laws for Wales, agrees Welsh taxes and holds the Welsh Government to account.

## Education and Youth Engagement Service

The Assembly's Education and Youth Engagement Service provides free tailored education programmes for schools, colleges and youth groups.

Our aim is to involve young people in the work of the Assembly and encourage them to get involved in the democratic process.

Our learning programmes offer activities and opportunities to discuss political issues, either at the Assembly's centre for learning, Siambr Hywel, or at a school, college, university or youth organisation.

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# Visits for schools and colleges

Your group will learn about the role of an Assembly Member and develop their debating skills by taking part in a debate in a fully equipped chamber.

Pupils will enhance their understanding of how the Assembly works for the people of Wales and how they can get involved. You will visit the Senedd and have the opportunity to engage with your Members, but please note Members may not always be available due to business.

**The Assembly offers educational visits on:**

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	Flexible
11.00-13.00	11.00-13.00	11.00-13.00	
12.40-14.30*	12.40-14.30*	12.40-14.30*	
14.00-15.30*	14.00-15.30*	14.00-15.30*	

\*visits start at the Senedd.

Tickets are also available to visit Plenary after your session on Tuesdays and Wednesday. A lunch area is provided on request.

Suitable for KS2, KS3, KS4, school councils, 16+, colleges, politics students and Welsh Baccalaureate Groups (maximum number of pupils is 44). See our website [www.yourassembly.org/siamb-r-hywel](http://www.yourassembly.org/siamb-r-hywel) for learning outcomes on all our sessions, including travel subsidy and other essentials.

# Outreach programmes in your community

## We offer:

- Outreach programmes in schools, colleges and universities
- Youth engagement sessions for youth organisations

By connecting young people of Wales with the work of the Assembly, we provide opportunities for children, pupils, students and young people involved with youth organisations (of all varieties), to learn about Welsh politics and debate issues that affect them through a variety of participatory and inclusive methods.

## Our work in schools and colleges

- interactive presentations for 7-18 year olds
- group work activities and the chance to debate recent topics discussed by Assembly Members
- consultations where young people are given the chance to feed back to the Assembly on issues that affect them
- School Council Ambassadors programme
- teacher training
- workshops tailored to meet the needs of your students
- Two stand-alone WBQ workshops:  
An Introduction to Devolution and the National Assembly and a skills-based workshop on the reliability of sources of information, from Wikipedia to government statements.



# Your Assembly Ambassador Scheme – School Councils

Are you looking to expand the engagement opportunities available to your school council?

Sign up to register as National Assembly School Council Ambassadors, and you will receive:

- a free workshop at your school, tailored to fit your timetable;
- a chance for council members to decide what political issues are important to them as young people, and have their say on the Your Assembly blog; and
- opportunities to contribute to Assembly inquiries, so that the voices of your pupils are heard in the Senedd, and the new youth parliament for Wales

All participating school councils will receive a certificate and the opportunity to be consulted on any future inquiries affecting young people.

# Welsh Baccalaureate

Through our outreach and Senedd based programmes learners will become more aware of current political issues through debate and by considering different points of view.

Learners will have the opportunity to learn about issues in Wales and think critically about them. They will learn about the role of the Assembly and their responsibilities as citizens of Wales.

Democracy-themed skills challenge briefs designed by the National Assembly's Education and Youth Engagement Team can be found on WJEC's website.

For additional information regarding our challenge briefs and the different types of visits available please visit our website [www.yourassembly.org](http://www.yourassembly.org)

## Arrange Your Own Event

Siambur Hywel, Pierhead and the Senedd can also be booked as a venue for your Global Choices conference. For further guidance and terms and conditions, please visit [www.yourassembly.org](http://www.yourassembly.org).

# Engagement sessions with youth organisations

## 'What is the National Assembly for Wales?' workshop

Our tailor made Youth Engagement workshops can include discussions on:

- What the Assembly is and how it is different from Welsh Government
- How decisions made in the Assembly affect young people in Wales
- How young people can get involved in decisions made by the Assembly
- How the Assembly holds the Welsh Government to account
- Who represents young people in the Assembly
- Developing contacts and facilitating discussions with Assembly Members
- How to contribute to [www.yourassembly.org](http://www.yourassembly.org)

All workshops are free, available during weekdays, evenings or weekends, and can be delivered in either local communities across Wales, or in Assembly buildings located in Cardiff Bay or Colwyn Bay.

Follow up sessions can be arranged or a visit to Siambur Hywel and / or Senedd for a tour inquiries affecting young people.



## Your Assembly Ambassador scheme – Young people

A four hour training session to educate young people about the work of the Assembly, to empower and enable them to go into their local communities to deliver workshops on the Assembly to other young people.

The training includes:

- 'What is the National Assembly for Wales?' workshop
- Facilitation Skills
- Social Media and website information
- Copies of all resources and Assembly staff support



# Train the Trainer – Professionals

A 3 hour training session to educate professionals who work with young people about the work of the Assembly, to empower and enable them to go into their local communities to deliver workshops on the Assembly to young people.

This particular training can be offered as points towards Continuous Professional Development (CPD) as well.

The training includes:

- 'What is the National Assembly for Wales?' workshop
- The process of Devolution in Wales
- Social Media and website information
- Copies of all resources, monitoring information and Assembly staff support

All of this work is free, available during weekdays, evenings or weekends and can be delivered in either local communities across Wales, or in Assembly buildings located in Cardiff Bay or Colwyn Bay.

To discuss this work please contact the Youth Engagement Officer, Kelly Harris.

 **0300 200 6283**

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# Get Involved

We have a dedicated website for young people to learn about the work of the Assembly and how they can get involved. We also have a dedicated section for professionals with access to information and resources about the Assembly.

 [www.yourassembly.org](http://www.yourassembly.org)

Please check our social media accounts and newsletter for updates and information about our work.

 [@yourassembly](https://twitter.com/yourassembly)

 [/yourassembly](https://www.facebook.com/yourassembly)

To book a visit contact:

 **0300 200 6565**