



WELSH BACCALAUREATE SKILLS CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE

National/Foundation

Global Citizenship Challenge

Living Sustainably – can Wales become a zero-waste nation?



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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Global Citizenship Challenge is to develop learners' skills, whilst providing opportunities to understand and respond appropriately to global issues. During the Global Citizenship Challenge learners will explicitly develop skills of Critical Thinking and Problem Solving and Creativity and Innovation and apply them in an appropriate manner.

BRIEF

The Well-being of Future Generations Act (or law), proposed by the Welsh Government, was passed by Members of the Senedd in 2015 and is unique to Wales. Living sustainably, to help future generations underpins the law and aims to create a healthier, prosperous and more environmentally friendly Wales.

The Act says that 44 public bodies in Wales must work together to look after the environment and think about other people around the World. These public bodies include Local Authorities, the NHS, Natural Resources Wales and the Sports Council of Wales amongst others.

One goal of the Welsh Government in achieving this and working with others is to make Wales a zero-waste nation by 2050.

For example on 18 March 2020 the Welsh Government announced plans to ban plastic straws, balloon sticks, cutlery and polystyrene food and drink containers. The ban of up to 11 commonly use items is being debated during October 2022- Spring 2023. This will make a significant contribution to reducing plastic waste in Wales and help us ensure that as a country we all contribute to sustainable development.

During this Challenge you will use a variety of information to discuss the problem of waste, to investigate different ways to tackle the issue and your own ideas on reducing waste so that we live sustainably in Wales and the world e.g. food waste, plastic packaging. You then must raise awareness of your idea(s) with The Senedd's Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee in a creative and innovative way. You should design your raising awareness so that it will appeal to Members of the Senedd and make use of effective communication by providing a clear message which is memorable, original and relevant.

By completing this Challenge, you will show that you can reason, make judgements and make decisions in order to create an informed personal standpoint on the issue of minimising waste. The raising awareness allows you to show how creative and innovative you can be in communicating your ideas and presenting your message to other people.



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USEFUL INFORMATION

For information about the work of the Senedd's Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee please use this link:

https://senedd.wales/committees/climate-change-environment-and-infrastructure-committee/

Welsh Government: https://gov.wales/waste-prevention-programme-wales

Friends of the Earth Cymru: https://www.foe.cymru/

Keep Wales Tidy: https://www.keepwalestidy.cymru/Pages/FAQs/Category/the-eco-schoolswales-topics

Welsh Youth Parliament's Litter and Plastic waste Committee and report: https://youthparliament.senedd.wales/our-work/littering-and-plastic-waste

Homepage WYP: https://youthparliament.senedd.wales

CONTACTS

You can contact the Senedd's Education and Youth Engagement Service to discuss your work or visit the Welsh Youth Parliament's website for further inspiration about their campaign to tackle plastic waste in schools and colleges:

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