



# WELSH BACCALAUREATE SKILLS CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE National/Foundation

## Community Challenge

Coaching – What is the Senedd’s role,  
powers and structure?



**Senedd Cymru**  
**Welsh Parliament**

**Available for assessment from September 2021**



## Educating young people about the Senedd

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Community Challenge is to develop learners' skills, whilst encouraging learners to identify, develop and participate in opportunities that will benefit the community. During the Community Challenge learners will explicitly develop skills of Planning and Organisation and Personal Effectiveness and apply them in an appropriate manner.

### BRIEF

As a result of a law passed in Wales in early 2020, the National Assembly for Wales officially became Senedd Cymru and Welsh Parliament, commonly known as the Senedd on the 6th May 2020. The 60 Members elected to represent the people of Wales are now known as Member of the Senedd (MS), and Aelod o'r Senedd (AS) in Welsh.



During the Covid 19 pandemic many young people learnt how governments across the four nations of the United Kingdom tried to tackle the issue. As a result more young people became interested in decisions taken by governments affecting their lives. Local and global issues also raised young people's awareness about political issues. However, many young people in Wales do not know what the role of the Senedd and its powers is compared to the UK Parliament.

In Wales, the Senedd scrutinises the work of the Welsh Government and makes laws unique to Wales. Your challenge is to ensure that young people from all backgrounds understand its work, who represents them, the effect it has on the lives of people in Wales and how people of all ages can get involved and have a voice in the decisions that are made by the Senedd. Remember 16 and 17 years old were given the right to vote in the 2021 Senedd Elections for the first time, so they will need to know what they are voting for!

As an individual or a member of a team (3 – 6 members) your challenge is to spend 10 hours running workshops to inform and educate young people about the Senedd and how young people can get involved, even if they are not eligible to vote yet. It is essential that the work of the Senedd is communicated in a fun and informative way.

In preparation you must consider how you research and extend your knowledge and understanding of the Senedd (see resources section for inspiration). You must plan and organise how you will spend 10 hours leading a series of workshop sessions with young people, ensuring the activities are suitable to the age group.

Coaching structure could be:

- a) Preparation for coaching sessions (2 hours maximum)
- b) Coaching sessions (8 hours)
- c) Feedback



Example of coaching activities:

- a) Preparation of worksheets and area of work
- b) Coaching sessions to include a variety of activities
- c) Collect feedback from participants on how the session could be improved You must keep a record of what, who, where, when and how you have delivered your activity. You will demonstrate how you managed the work and with the use of feedback can reflect and review your personal performance in planning and carrying out the activity.

## RESOURCES

'Our Senedd' - Educational resources about the Senedd on Hwb:

<https://hwb.gov.wales/repository/resource/5fc12e2f-ba8e-49c2-8716-ea43f80a7c7a>

Inspiration for delivering your session under specific topics:

History of the Senedd - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SstlZfnDHQg>

(vlog): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hgC3jwW9xhQ>

Powers of the Senedd (video)- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9nARURnSF0>

(vlog): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9J0pkASWy\\_4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9J0pkASWy_4)

Members of the Senedd video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WoSG115QpCY>

(vlog) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdQWA8bT41M>

Voting in Senedd elections: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wy6hDeCzDfA>

(vlog)- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4jTlnUnix5g>

Information about elections: [Voter | Electoral Commission](#)

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