



WELSH BACCALAUREATE SKILLS CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE

National/Foundation

Global Citizenship Challenge

Democracy – Legal Voting Age in Wales
and around the world.



Senedd Cymru
Welsh Parliament

Available for assessment from September 2021

Legal voting age in Wales and around the world

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

In May 2021, 16- and 17-year olds were able to vote in the Senedd election for the first time. However, they will still need to wait until they are 18 to vote in Westminster government elections. The legal voting age around the world varies - most are between 16 and 21 years of age. The majority of countries in the world have a legal voting age of 18 years old. Debates continue about lowering of the legal voting age within the UK to 16



years old for all local and national elections. The Challenge will involve you being able to inform and educate people about the legal voting age around the world. During this Challenge you will use a variety of information on this topic to investigate different views of people and identify your own ideas on legal voting age. You then must raise awareness of the matter with Members of the Senedd in a creative and innovative way. You should design your raising awareness to be attractive to your audience so that it will appeal to your target audience 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 Legal Voting Age. 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.

CONTACTS

You can contact the Senedd's Education and Youth Engagement Service to discuss your work: contact@senedd.cymru

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USEFUL INFORMATION

The Senedd's Hwb site: <https://hwb.gov.wales/repository/resource/5fc12e2f-ba8e-49c2-8716-ea43f80a7c7a/en>

Vote@16 Our Senedd video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLQ1HUD_inA