

Explorer Scouts (14 - 18 years old) - Leader Notes

Objectives

- To be able to understand the work of the National Assembly for Wales and the responsibilities of the Assembly Members.
- To understand the process used in the delivery of democracy.

Resources

- Post-it ideas storm* (for use with requirement 1 below)
- Question Time organising sheet* (for use with requirement 2 below)
- Your Assembly Booklet*
- Mock election resource pack (for use with requirement 4 below)
- Felt pens, pencils, glue, A3 paper, scissors. (for use with requirement 4 below)

Requirement 1 :

Places - Looking at where democracy happens. Observe from a public area meeting of a parish council, local council, the Welsh Assembly or Parliament. Discuss your visit within your unit, looking at topics such as the format of the meeting, the behaviour of those taking part and how decisions were made.

Main Activity:

Ask the Explorer Scouts to arrange a visit to the Senedd (Welsh Assembly) by clicking [here](#).

Following their visit, within the unit use the *Post-it ideas storm* method to discuss what everyone saw.

Requirement 2:

People - Looking at some of the people involved. Invite several members of local or national government (MP, AM, local councillors etc) to an Explorer Scouts meeting to broadly discuss their role and to specifically discuss issues affecting young people today.

Main Activity:

Arrange to meet an AM - Use the **Assembly's** website in order to find their 5 AMs. All contact details will be on this website.

Organise a question time event with AMs to discuss their role and issues affecting young people today. Use the *Question Time organising sheet* to help with organising the event.



Requirement 3:

Powers - Looking at the powers of some of the institutions. Understand how powers are devolved from the UK Parliament to regional and local government.

Requirement 4

Process: Looking at the processes used in the delivery of democracy at various levels of government. Participate in an election for a Unit position.

Main Activity:

Leader to explain the election process used to elect Assembly Members. Information to help you can be found **here**.

Explain that they will participate in a mock election today.

Split everyone into groups and provide each group with the mock election resource pack. This includes instructions to follow in order to complete the groups campaign - each group will need at least an hour to complete.

Leader to appoint each group with a colour to coincide with the ballot paper template that is in the pack.

Ensure you have a table set up in the corner of the room with ballot papers and ballot box - ballot paper template included in the resource pack.

Ask each group to present their campaign to the rest of the groups.

Individuals to cast their vote before counting them up and revealing the result.

