

Scouts (10 ½ - 14 years old) - Leader Notes

Objectives

- To be able to understand what the National Assembly for Wales do and how the work of Assembly Members affects them.
- To be able to organise a visit or meeting with their Assembly Members and hold a discussion on their work.

Requirement 1

Know who your local AMs are and how to contact them. Arrange to meet one of them to understand how the National Assembly for Wales works and what their particular responsibilities are.

Resources

- PowerPoint - I don't do Politics!
- Preparing to meet your Assembly Member (AM) sheet.
- National Assembly for Wales Quiz - paper version and PowerPoint version.

Introduction

Discussion - I don't do politics! (PowerPoint - possible to print off too)

- Ask the group whether they do politics or understand what politics is? (Slide 1)
- Ask them to put their hand up if they agree with the statements you show them and ask some to say why they agree or disagree. (slide 2,3 and 4)
- Explain, following these discussions, that really they do understand politics and politicians discuss the same things as they discussed every day. (slide 5)

Main activity

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

Tell the Scouts to use the 'Preparing to meet your Assembly Member' sheet to help you find out some general information about the Assembly Member and for ideas of questions to ask.

Ask the Scouts to prepare a sheet of questions they would like to ask the Assembly Member in a group and to arrange who will ask each question during the meeting.

Have a National Assembly for Wales quiz before the meeting with the Assembly Member to ensure they know the basic information - Paper copy available or PowerPoint version.



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–To be able to understand the responsibilities of the National Assembly for Wales and how they affect them.

Requirement 2

Investigate one of the responsibilities of the Welsh Assembly and give feedback to other Scouts.

Resources

- Your Assembly* booklet.
- Mural Game sheet.
- Presentation template.
- Strange laws - PowerPoint version.
- TRUE or FALSE wall signs - PowerPoint.

Introduction

Ask the Scouts to look at the mural in the *Your Assembly* booklet. Make sure they understand that the National Assembly for Wales are responsible for the things in the mural e.g. they are responsible for recycling, sports and hospitals. (List of 20 responsibilities - page 15 of *Your Assembly* booklet)

Complete the Mural Game sheet. You could give a small prize to the group/individual that receives the most points.

Main activity

Ask the Scouts to look at the information in the links below:

www.assemblywales.org - click About the Assembly

www.wales.gov.uk - Welsh Government website - click *Topics*

- Ask them to concentrate on one of the responsibilities and create a presentation to give feedback to other Scouts (use presentation template).
- Ask each group to present their presentation to the other Scouts. Have a discussion on what they learnt.



To close

Strange laws - PowerPoint version. As they have been discussing responsibilities and laws, this little closing task will finish the session in a fun way. The laws may be true or false anywhere in the world, not just the United Kingdom.

Set up a TRUE or FALSE wall and ask the Scouts to run to their preferred answer.

