



WELSH BACCALAUREATE

Advanced

Community Challenge
Colegau Cymru
Public Services



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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 a 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

In this Challenge you will be given the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the local community. You will focus on real-life concerns and needs whilst engaging in activities which aim to make a real difference. The Community Challenge should provide experiences that help you understand what it means to be an active citizen. The Challenge should enable you to develop as effective and responsible members of the community. In completing the Community Challenge you will be able to recognise the contributions you can make towards improving the chosen community and the benefits this will have for you, for others and for the environment. Where appropriate, you will be able to demonstrate independence, responsibility and an ability to work well with others.



Using skills, knowledge and understanding gained through your Public Services learning programme, highlight specific areas of concern within your local community considering what you can do to make a positive difference. As an individual or in a team (3-6 members) your task is to identify, develop and implement **opportunities/events** for a community group of your choice. Examples of this could be creating community meetings to bring people together to further a common cause e.g. making older people feel safe, getting younger people to participate in/contribute to activities that will assist their local environment or working with uniformed services to create a safer environment. It could also include educating and supporting the local community to increase their knowledge and understanding on a particular issue or concern to develop these opportunities for your selected group in your community, providing advice and support, to encourage further understanding of a local community public services issue.



The Challenge will involve you and/or your team (3-6 members) planning, organising and carrying out your proposed programme. You must organise and implement your proposal with commitment, over a minimum of **30 hours** and at **least 4 weeks**. Consideration must be given to the requirements of the Challenge with regards to skills, resources, health and safety and needs of the community.