



# WELSH BACCALAUREATE

## Foundation (Post-16)

### Shelter Cymru (Preventing Homelessness)

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# Preventing Homelessness

## 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 Wales's people and homes charity, Shelter Cymru is driven by the founding belief that everyone in Wales has the right to a decent, secure home. At present, there are over 300,000 young people aged between 16 and 24 in Wales, all needing somewhere to live. To avoid the risk of becoming homeless, it's important they are aware of the challenges they might face when they leave home for the first time, and the options and support available to them. For example; by carefully considering costs, budgets, benefit entitlements, accommodation, and the other day-to-day practicalities of independent living, young people will be better equipped to make informed decisions around housing.



**HOUSEMATE**  
PART OF THE SHELTER CYMRU EDUCATION SERVICE

Coaching involves supporting and helping others to improve, learn new skills and achieve personal goals. Through developing opportunities and by sharing your skills and knowledge, you can help other to increase their knowledge, understanding, enjoyment and confidence when participating in an activity.

As an individual or a member of a team (3 – 6 members) you must spend **10 hours** educating others about **leaving home to live independently for the first time**. You will first need to research and develop your own knowledge and understanding of housing and independent living in Wales. You must plan and organise how you will carry out **10 hours** actively coaching the community.

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) Provide feedback on how participants can improve and progress

This Challenge will enable you to develop as effective and responsible members of your local community. In completing the Community Challenge you will be able to recognise the contributions you can make towards improving the community in which you live and the benefits this will have for yourself, for others and for the environment. You will demonstrate how you can create and manage an action plan when developing opportunities for the

community and with the use of feedback can reflect and review your personal performance in planning and carrying out the activity.

## **RESOURCES**

[www.housemate.org.uk](http://www.housemate.org.uk) is a Shelter Cymru Education Service website, which aims to provide information to young people. Download our easy-to-use, [Housemate Education pack](#) for further information and activities. We can visit schools to deliver an introductory session, depending on availability.

## **CONTACT**

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Let us know if you're undertaking our challenge by tweeting us on @housematesc