



WELSH BACCALAUREATE

Key Stage 4
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Global Citizenship Challenge

Welsh Assembly – Education Service

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



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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

Currently in Wales the legal voting age is 18 years old. For many this is seen as an inequality and they argue that the voting age should be extended to include young people over the age of 16. The National Assembly for Wales held a consultation where young people between 11-25 years old had the opportunity to voice their opinion on this issue by completing a questionnaire.



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. Recently there have been numerous debates about the lowering of the legal voting age to 16 years old. In the Scottish Referendum on independence the legal voting age was 16 years old.

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 have to raise awareness of the matter with **Assembly Members** in a creative and innovative way. You should design your raising awareness so that it will appeal to **Assembly Members** 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.

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