

Fact Sheet: Model Senedd Event for Scout Explorers

What is a Model Senedd?

The Model Senedd event is an interactive, hands-on experience where young people will get to experience how the real Welsh Parliament (Senedd) works. The event is designed to help young people learn about how laws are made, and how democracy works in Wales. Participants will take on the role of a Member of Senedd (MS), representing their area and just like in the real Senedd, they will discuss and debate issues that are important to young people in Wales. They will learn how to propose new ideas or changes to existing policies and vote on them as real MSs would.

Where will the event take place?

This event will take place in person at the Senedd, in Cardiff, on Wednesday the 19th of February 2025

What time is the event?

The event commences at 09:30 am and will end at 15:00 pm. All refreshments and lunch will be provided.

What you will do before the event

You will need to be available to join two online sessions with young people from across Wales to help you prepare for the event at the Senedd, it will include:

- Meeting the adult team that will be supporting and guiding the event
- Meeting the young people you will be working with and joining you at the event
- Deciding on the important issues you would like to discuss
- Helping you prepare for the event, what to research and find out
- Understanding more about how the event will run, what to expect and what your role will be
- The opportunity to practice and asks lots of questions

Who is running the event

The event is being coordinated by ScoutsCymru, with some help from the Welsh Centre for International Affairs. Neil Horbury, Lead Volunteer Programme – Wales and Emily Davies, Lead Volunteer for 14 – 24 Programme are overseeing the project. The project is funded by the Welsh Electoral Commission.

What are the costs for the event?

There are no costs for the event itself. If selected for the Model Senedd, you will be eligible for travel costs for the event. You may also be eligible to apply for funding for costs of overnight stay, dependent on where you are travelling from.

What You'll Do:

As a participant, you will:

- **Discuss Local Issues:** Learn how the issue affects your area and compare it to other regions in Wales.
- **Prepare a Speech:** Share what steps your constituency has taken to address the issue and make suggestions for improvement.
- **Collaborate:** Work with others to develop solutions, negotiate agreements, and participate in decision-making.

Debate & Vote: Engage in final discussions and vote on the proposed solutions.

Where can I get more information or ask question about the event?

- If you would like more information on the event, you can e-mail admin@scoutscymru.org.uk and we'll get back to you with the information you need!