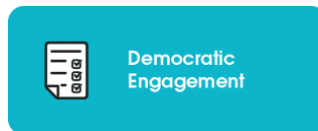




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Citizenship and Democracy project ‘Meet the Mayor’

Annually, Llanelli Town Council carries out a Citizenship and Democracy project called ‘Meet the Mayor’. The project involves inviting all Town Council area primary schools (8) to visit the Council Chamber to ‘Meet the Mayor’ and have a session based on the school curriculum, democracy, voting history, citizenship, the importance of partnership working within the Community along with the young person’s place in the democratic process. The project is carried out in partnership with Llanelli Community Partnership Volunteers who support the school sessions.

The sessions are targeted at Years 5 and 6 in order to meet the curriculum provision on citizenship and to try to ensure that all primary school pupils have an opportunity to visit during their time in Primary School prior to progressing to Secondary School.

The sessions provide an opportunity for the young people to visit the Council Chamber, to meet the Mayoral Team, ask questions about the work of the Mayor and Councillors and to understand the role of the Council and the services provided across Llanelli.

The sessions are offered to all primary schools and are available via the Welsh and English Languages.

In the 2023-24 Civic Year, during April, 6 primary schools visited the Chamber, with over 150 young people attending over 3 days. In addition, the project was extended this year to carry out an extra session, held on a Saturday for the Polish Language weekend school. This session brought together the Town Council, Community Partnership and the Llanelli

Multicultural Network and provided an opportunity for an underrepresented group to attend the Chamber. This was very well received by this Community.

During 2023-24, following meetings with Secondary Schools and the local college, a need was noted for additional sessions for the GCSE Politics Students and the College Public Service Students. Therefore, in October, 120 Students studying Politics GCSE from 2 Secondary Schools and 2 Sessions for Students studying Public Service at Coleg Sir Gar attended. Following these sessions Officers were invited to address the Public Service and Politics classes at Coleg Sir Gar, providing a further briefing on the Well-being of Future Generations Act to over 90 students.

Small-scale funding has been obtained from the Welsh Government, and plans are already developing for the April 2024 sessions, additional secondary school sessions, and the creation of a dedicated democracy page on the Council website.



Meet the Mayor

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