

Who Decides What?

Introduction

The Northern Ireland Assembly Education Service website provides information and resources for pupils studying CCEA GCSE and Non GCSE Learning for Life and Work.

Developed in partnership with CCEA, Years 11–12>Who Decides What? targets:

CCEA GCSE Learning for Life and Work

Local and Global Citizenship

Pupils should be able to demonstrate knowledge, understanding and, where appropriate, skills in relation to:

- key democratic institutions and their role in promoting inclusion, justice and democracy; and
- the role of society and government in safeguarding human rights.

Please refer to the CCEA GCSE Specification in Learning for Life and Work for specific content requirements.

Non GCSE Learning for Life and Work

Local and Global Citizenship

At Key Stage 4, pupils should be enabled to:

- develop awareness of key democratic institutions and their role in promoting inclusion, justice and democracy; and
- develop their understanding of the role of society and government in safeguarding individual and collectives rights in order to promote equality and to ensure that everyone is treated fairly.



Online Activity

The community scene contains symbols for areas affected by decision making at different levels of government. Have the pupils search the scene to find 40 highlighted symbols. They click a symbol to guess which democratic institution is most responsible for that area, for example the Northern Ireland Assembly or local councils? A correct answer will provide them with further detail about that issue.



How to Use the Multimedia

Use this resource to help explore key democratic institutions making decisions that affect everyday life in Northern Ireland. It can also be used to consider the impact of Devolution under the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement:

- what it means for us locally;
- the relationship between the UK Parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly; and
- the implications of Transferred, Excepted and Reserved Matters.

Search the community scene to find highlighted symbols. Click on:

- a highlighted symbol to view the related issue;
- the democratic institution you think is responsible for that issue; and
- the help or information buttons to recap on instructions or hints on who decides what.

A correct answer will provide you with more detailed information about that issue. Track the number of symbols you have found using the score at the top of the community scene.

Web Resources

You will find information about the following areas on the Who Decides What? web page:

- key democratic institutions making decisions affecting our community; and
- terms connected to the devolved relationship between the UK Parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly.

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