

Introduction

The Northern Ireland Assembly Education Service website provides information and resources for students studying CCEA GCE Government and Politics.

Developed in partnership with CCEA, Post 16 >Levels of Government targets:

CCEA GCE Government and Politics

Unit AS 1: The Government and Politics of Northern Ireland The Government of Northern Ireland

Students should be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

- the government of Northern Ireland since 1994 including political arrangements such as direct rule and devolution of power to the Northern Ireland Assembly; and
- a range of political concepts such as democracy, power, authority, democratic deficit and power sharing and apply these in the political context of Northern Ireland.



Online Activity

The community scene contains symbols for areas affected by decision making at different levels of government. Have the students search the scene to find 45 highlighted symbols. They click to guess which democratic institution is most responsible for that area. A correct answer will provide them with further detail about that issue.



Click on:

- a highlighted symbol to view the related issue;
- the level of government 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. You can track the number of symbols found using the score at the top of the community scene.



Web Resources

You will find information about Devolution and terms connected to the relationship between the UK Parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly on the Levels of Government web page:

Post 16 >Levels of Government



How to Use the Multimedia

Use this resource to explore the different levels of government making decisions that affect Northern Ireland. It can act as a basis for discussions about the:

- issues highlighted in the activity;
- significance of Devolution for the population of Northern Ireland;
- relationship between the UK Parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly alongside the implications of Transferred, Excepted and Reserved Matters; and
- impact of European level decisions on the government of the UK and Northern Ireland.

