

## 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 Are Your MLAs? 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.

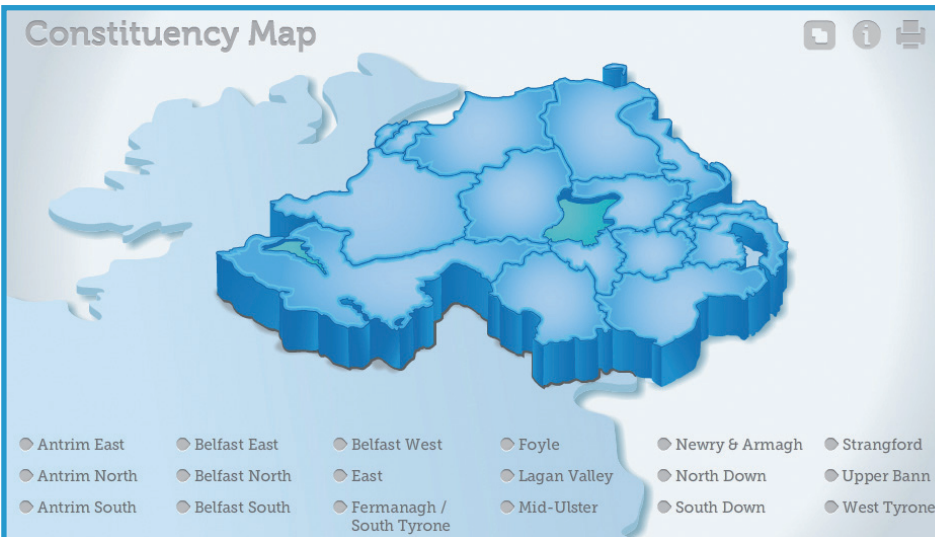
*Please refer to the CCEA GCSE Specification in Learning for Life and Work for specific content requirements.*

## Non GCSE Learning for Life and Work

### Local and Global Citizenship

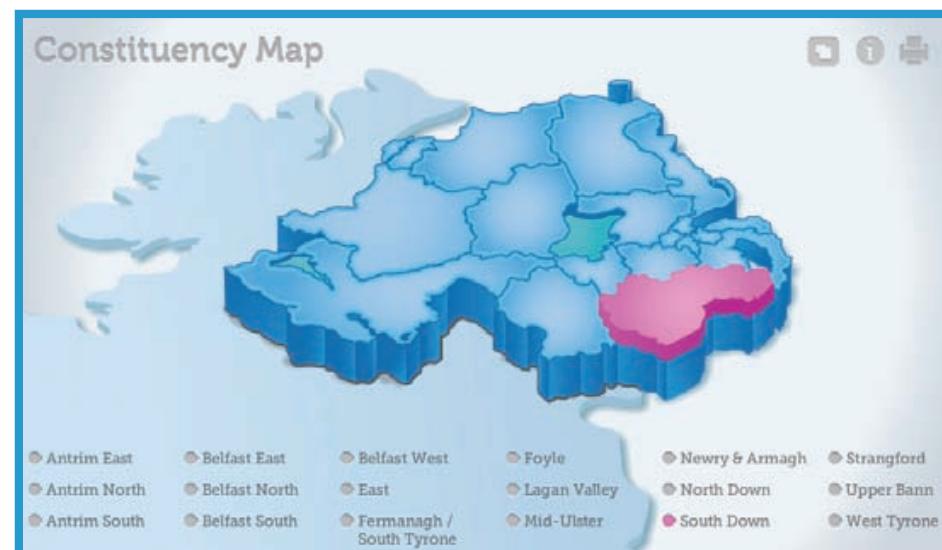
**At Key Stage 4, pupils should be enabled to develop awareness of:**

- Key democratic institutions and their role in promoting inclusion, justice and democracy.



## Online Activity

The interactive Constituency Map displays the 18 constituencies for the Northern Ireland Assembly elections. Have the pupils use the map to explore MLAs in different constituencies.



## How to Use the Multimedia

Regular, free and fair elections are a principle of democracy. You can use this resource to help explore elections to the Northern Ireland Assembly and the role of our elected representatives.

To use the map:

- roll over a constituency name to highlight that constituency on the map; and
- click on a constituency to view the photographs of the MLAs elected in that constituency.

## Web Resources

You will find the results of the most recent election and further information about elected representatives on the Who Are Your MLAs? web page:

**Years 11–12>Who Are Your MLAs?**

**Who Are Your MLAs?**

Who represents you in the Northern Ireland Assembly?

The people of Northern Ireland elect **MLAs** to represent them in the Assembly. MLAs make laws on our behalf and scrutinise the work of **Ministers** in charge of **Government Departments**.

MLAs represent the people in a particular area, called a **constituency**. For **election** to the Assembly, Northern Ireland is divided into 18 constituencies. Each constituency elects six MLAs, making a total of 108 MLAs.

Most MLAs belong to one of the **political parties**. Before an election, each party publishes a **manifesto**. These tell **voters** what the party believes in and what it plans to do if it is **elected**. **Policies** are party's plans for matters, such as health, education or the environment.

The results of the last election to the Assembly on 5 May 2011 are:

Party	Votes
Democratic Unionist Party (DUP)	38
Sinn Féin (SF)	29
Ulster Unionist Party (UUP)	16
Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP)	14

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**What age do you think you should be able to vote?**

18: It's time the way it is.

32% (8 votes)

19: you can decide to join the army at 16 so why not vote?