

NIA Education Service

KEY:

N: Narrator
B: Boy
G: Girl
M: Male Speaker
F: Female Speaker

(SOFT MUSIC) (BUS ENGINE) (IRISH MUSIC)

F: Welcome to Parliament Buildings everybody. This is where the Northern Ireland Assembly meets and you're going to head off on quite an exciting day today. (MUSIC CONTINUES)

B: I had never been here before and I just wondered what was inside.

B: The best part of today was that I got to see inside this brilliant building. (MUSIC CONTINUES)

G: I really enjoyed meeting one of the MLAs and learning how to become an MLA.

B: What I really enjoyed about today was having a miniature debate in the Senate Chamber, because that's what MLAs really do.

B: The best part for me was the mock election where we got to pretend that we were leaders of parties and asked for votes.

M: My pupils loved today. They loved hearing about the legislative Assembly and how laws are made. (MUSIC CONTINUES)

B: Today I'm here as part of my AS Government and Politics modules.

B: What I've most enjoyed about today is meeting MLAs from all the different political parties.

G: Having the opportunity to question them and put them on the spot for issues that are really important to me. I've also really enjoyed seeing through the public gallery, democracy in action.

M: If you've never been, you've missed an absolutely wonderful opportunity. It is both free, informative and I think an experience not to be missed.

B: I think it's very important that young people come to this building because this is their building and they get to see what actually happens in here.

F: Thank you very much for allowing the Northern Ireland Assembly to come out here to you today. (MUSIC CONTINUES) (CHATTER)

- F: I would advise any school to make full use of this facility. It's a free service to your school. The facilitators that come out are very pupil friendly and they have pupil friendly activities that the children can relate to and will make a real impact on what they are doing in the classroom.
- M: Of course, as well as visiting Stormont, there's also the outreach event which the Assembly Education Service organises. Recently, my school, accompanied with six or seven others, attended the Let's Talk event in Newry. Not only did they meet our local MLAs but also, they had the opportunity to ask questions with schools from other parts of the community. (MUSIC CONTINUES)
- F: I came here today because a letter came through in the post, inviting us as teachers to come to this teacher training event. I really loved working in the groups and the part where they amended a Bill.
- F: I came to Parliament Buildings today as part of a teacher training event, in ways that we can link PDMU in with the Northern Ireland Assembly and the work that it does. I really enjoyed when I got to act the part of the Health Minister, and even better when I got my Bill passed.
- M: The Assembly Education Service provides an iBook and all the material. In fact, it's the best material that I've seen in over 40 years of teaching politics. (MUSIC CONTINUES)