



PSHE and Citizenship

Living in the Wider World | Britain

Local Government



Aim

- I can discuss the terms democracy and human rights in relation to local government.

Success Criteria

- I can talk about what local government is.
- I can talk about what local government does.
- I can explain how local government works.
- I can think about how local government affects me and how I could become involved in it.



What is 'local government' and what does it do?

How does local government work?



Democracy and Human Rights



What do you already know about democracy and human rights?

Share your thoughts with a partner and then feed back all you have talked about to the class.



What We Already Know about Democracy and Human Rights

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Democracy is a belief in freedom and equality between all people.

There are basic human rights shared by all people and all societies and protecting and respecting these is an important part of democracy in Britain.

Britain is a democracy because it has a government which supports the belief in freedom and equality between all people.

It is also a democracy because the British people vote for the politicians in government.

In Britain, we have local government and national government.

Towns and other areas in Britain have a local government. It is an organisation which runs towns and small areas and the services they provide. Politicians who the people of the towns and small areas have voted for, and elected, work in local government.



Local Government Jigsaw



Local government has many different roles and responsibilities.

In your group, work to match the part of local government and the job it does.

What have you found out about the roles and responsibilities of local government?

Consolidating

Reflecting

Local Government Jigsaw Pieces

Put the children into small groups and give each member a jigsaw piece. They must find their matching pair.

County Councils

These are responsible for services across the whole of a county. For example education, transport, planning, libraries and waste management.

District, Borough and City Councils

These cover smaller areas than county councils. They are usually responsible for services like rubbish collection, recycling, housing and planning applications.

Parish, Community and Town Councils

These are responsible for services across the whole of a county. For example education, transport, planning, libraries and waste management.

London Boroughs, Metropolitan Boroughs and Unitary Authorities in Shire Areas

These cover smaller areas than county councils. They are usually responsible for services like rubbish collection, recycling, housing and planning applications.

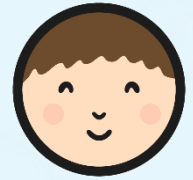


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Working Together



Local government plays an important part in our daily lives in Britain.

Use all you have learnt to help you answer the quiz questions.

Word Bank:

- human rights
- local
- democracy
- government

Local Government Quiz

Fill in the missing words using all you have learnt.

elected city councils	towns city councils	smaller parish	county community and town councils	councils one	district one	borough and services
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Local government is responsible for running _____ and _____ areas. Its members are _____ by the people who live in these areas.

_____ are responsible for services across the whole of the county.

_____ cover smaller areas than county councils.

_____ operate at a level below district and borough councils.

London boroughs, metropolitan boroughs and unitary authorities in shire areas have just tier of local government, which provides all of the _____.

List five areas of responsibility of local government.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Local Government and Me



We can play an active part in local government and its projects.

Think about all we have learnt about what local government does.

Think about your answers to these questions:

How does local government benefit me?

How could I become more involved in local government?

If you feel happy to do so, share your thoughts with the class.





What is 'local government' and what does it do?

How does local government work?

What is the most important thing you have learnt today?

