



# It's my Assembly

Your introductory guide to how Wales works

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**“Young people should be given the vote at 16”**

**Leanne Wood – Plaid Cymru Leader and Assembly Member for the Rhondda tells us why it’s time to put youth issues on the political agenda.**



Many of our parents headed to the polls last month to vote in the Welsh Assembly elections. However, we won't be able to vote until Year 13 – at least! We'll be able to buy a lottery ticket at some point in Year 11, we'll be able to join the Army, we'll be able to pay taxes but we still won't be able to decide who makes the big decision that effect our daily lives.

Is this fair? Leanne Wood doesn't think so and in this first issue of 'My Assembly' the Pen-y-Graig born AM talks about her journey towards her role leader of Wales' National Party.

**More inside!**

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**Parties? Committees?**

**Test your Knowledge! Turn to page 4 for a Puzzle time!**



**Who are the main political parties are there in Wales? Find out on page 3**

# An interview with Leanne Wood

## What is your role in the Assembly?

As the new Assembly Member for Rhondda my job is to keep in touch with the people who live in my community. I have to do this to make sure their voice is heard in the Assembly when decisions are being made.

## How did you become interested in politics?

I was interested in the politics around me growing up such as the closure of the pits in my communities and the protests taking place at Greenham Common. I had a lot of friends around me at university who were also interested in politics and I joined Plaid Cymru when I was 20.

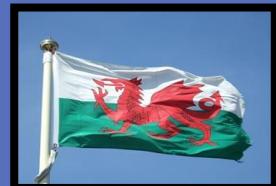
## Should young people be able to vote at 16?

Certainly, I hope the elections last month were the last in which 16 and 17 year olds were excluded. Young people have a role to play in creating a prosperous Wales.

## What IS The National Assembly for Wales?

The National Assembly for Wales is made up of 60 people called Assembly Members who live across Wales.

They represent people and their communities, make laws for Wales and make sure the Welsh Government is doing its job properly.



## HELP! What ON EARTH does this mean...? 'DEVOLUTION'

In 1999 – London (the UK Parliament) stopped making many decisions for Wales.

Wales decided that they wanted to make their own decisions in areas such as Health, Education, transport and the environment. The *posh* word for this is DEVOLUTION.

## FAST FACTS



Name: Leanne Wood

Party: Plaid Cymru

From: Penygraig, Rhondda

Job 1: Leader of Plaid Cymru

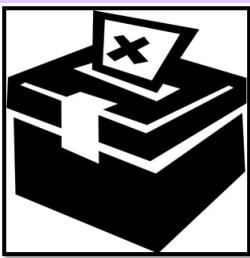
Job 2: Assembly Member for the Rhondda

Languages spoken: Welsh and English



## What is 'democracy'?

In a democracy people get to elect leaders in their communities to represent them. People place a vote in order to give their opinion. At the moment, we must wait until we're 18 to have our say but we can vote in elections at school as a way of making sure our voice is heard.



In order to vote, people must go to a Polling Station.

Elections take place on a Thursday.

A cross must be placed in the box.

The names of candidates and parties are written in alphabetical order.

This building is called the Senedd.

The Queen officially opened it in on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2006.



### Committees

A committee is made up of a small group of Assembly Members from different parties who look at particular issues in more detail.

They often ask for input from expert advisors and members of the community before making decisions. New committees are always being set up for specific purposes.

# THINGS TO KNOW AND TELL

### FAST FACTS



Name: Carwyn Jones (AM)

Party: Labour

From: Swansea but was raised in Bridgend

Job 1: The First Minister for Wales

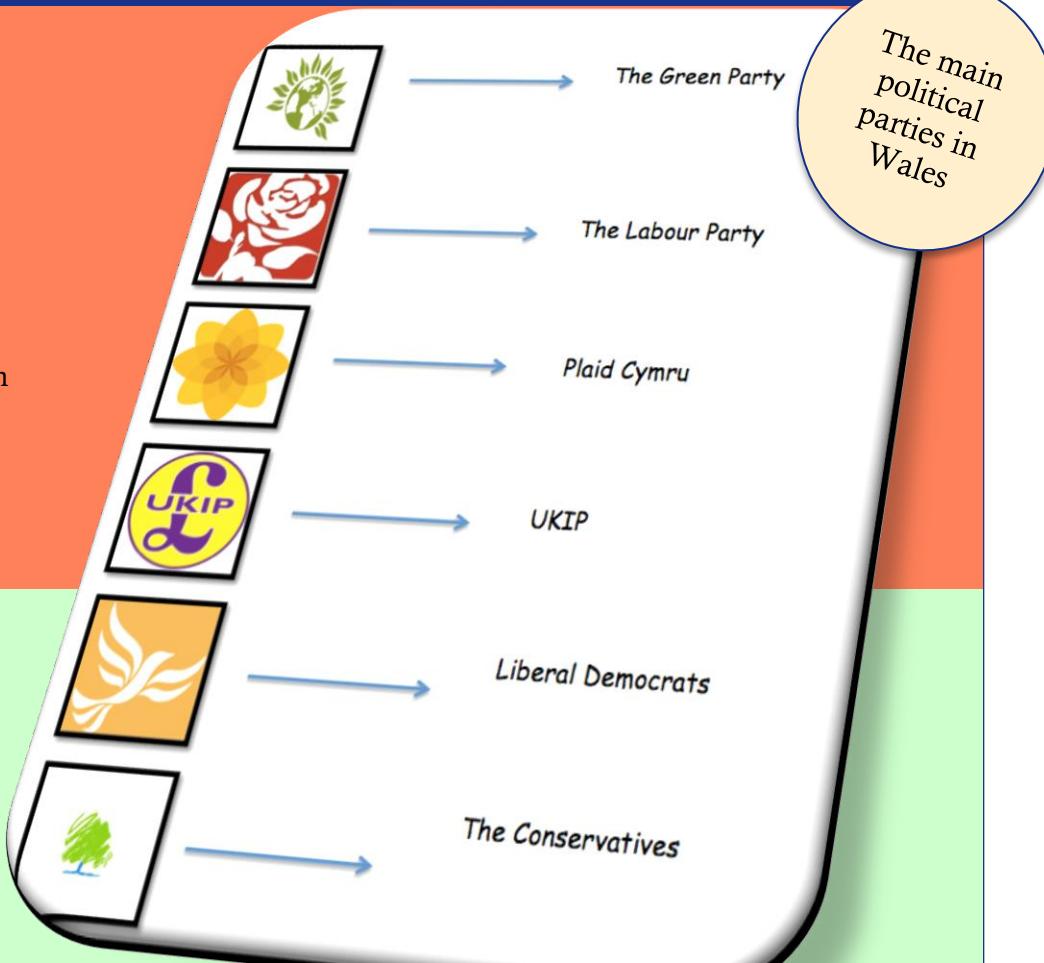
Job 2: Assembly Member for Bridgend

To communicate Welsh and English

### Did You Know?

The First Minister of Wales is the boss of the Government.

He needs to make sure everyone is doing their job properly and he also attends lots of meetings with important leaders from other countries.



# PUZZLE TIME

## ANAGRAMS

Unscramble the jumbled up letters to reveal a word. Write your answer underneath.

1. CONDIEIS

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2. SABLESMY

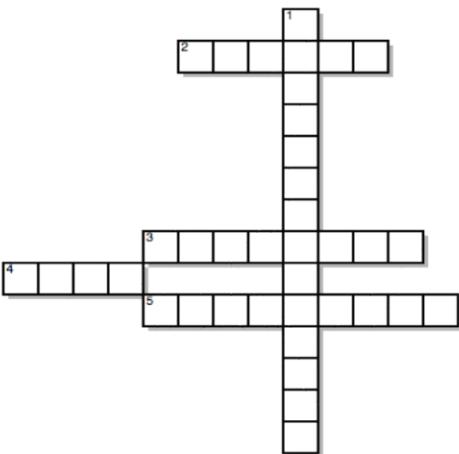
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3. HYDRAUTS

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4. BLASTODERMICEARL

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### ACROSS

- 2 Its logo is a rose
- 3 The day people head to the polls
- 4 The year devolution was introduced
- 5 The Assembly is responsible for this area

### DOWN

- 1 The name of the place where people cast their vote



S X M F J X G T K D N Y S  
S E Y Q P G V W T T A W J  
Q F V K G U O Y W G I U T  
Z J N I S A L Q P A C R G  
H M S W T B L G G S I S D  
W E I N M A J L B A T V M  
S E N E D D V R A I I W Z  
U L S E E D W R S B L F C  
Y S V I V V E K E K O V I  
A W L Q H S U H N S P U V  
P X V N N A C O J X N O R  
A R K A R V Y V P J L O E  
C K C A N N V S V Q M F C

ASSEMBLY CONSERVATIVES LABOUR  
POLITICIAN SENEDD

Thank you for  
reading.  
Good luck with  
the treasure hunt.

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# Fy Nghynulliad i

Eich canllaw rhagarweiniol i sut mae Cymru'n gweithio

**Eich gyflwyniad i wleidyddiaeth Cymru**

**Rhif 1 – Mehefin 2016**

**“Dylai bobol ifanc cael y  
bleidleis yn 16 oed ”**

**Leanne Wood - Arweinydd Plaid Cymru  
ac Aelod Cynulliad dros y Rhondda yn  
dweud wrthym pam ei bod yn amser i roi  
materion ieuengtid ar yr agenda  
wleidyddol.**



Aeth llawer o'n rhieni i'r orsaf bleidleisio mis ddiwethaf ar gyfer etholiadau'r Cynulliad Cenedlaethol. Fodd bynnag, ni fyddwn ni'n cael pleidleiso tan ein bod ym Mlwyddyn 13 - o leiaf!

Byddwn yn gallu prynnu tocyn loteri ar ryw adeg yn ystod blwyddyn 11, gallwn ymuno â'r Fyddin a thallu trethi ond nid oes hawl gyda ni benderfynu pwysy'n ein cynrychioli yn y Cynulliad.

A yw hyn yn deg? Ddim yn ol Leanne Wood. Yn y rhifyn cyntaf o 'Fy Nghynulliad' bydd yr Aelod Cynulliad o Ben-y-Graig yn siarad am ei rôl fel arweinydd Plaid Cymru.

**Mwy ar Tyd. 3**

**Beth yw ystyr...?**  
**Dataganoli?**  
**Aelod Cynulliad?**  
**Pleidiau?**

**Beth yw'r prif  
bleidau yng  
Nghymru?**

**Profwch yr hyn ry'ch chi'n dysgu. Ewch i  
tydalen 8 ar gyfer amser pos!**

# Cyfweliad gyda Leanne Wood

## Beth yw eich rôl yn y Cynulliad?

Fel yr Aelod Cynulliad newydd ar gyfer y Rhondda fy ngwaith i yw cadw mewn cysylltiad â'r bobl sy'n byw yn fy nghymuned. Mae gen i ddyletwydd sicrhau bod llais pawb yn cael ei glywed yn y Cynulliad pan wneir penderfyniadau.

## Sut ddechreuodd eich diddordeb mewn gwleidyddiaeth?

Roedd gen i ddiddordeb mewn gwleidyddiaeth o 'm cwmpas wrth i mi dyfu i fyny. Rwy'n cofio'r pyllau'n cau yn fy ngymuned a'r protest yng Nghomin Greenham. Roedd gen i lawer o ffrindiau o fy nghwmpas yn y brifysgol a oedd â diddordeb mewn gwleidyddiaeth hefyd ac ymunais â Phlaid Cymru pan oeddwn yn 20.

## A ddylai pobl ifanc cael y bleidleis yn 16 oed?

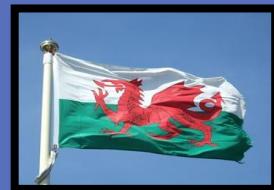
Yn sicr, yr wyf yn gobeithio mai etholiadau mis diwethaf oedd yr olaf lle na chafodd pobol ifanc 16 a 17 y bleidlais. Mae gan bobl ifanc rôl i'w chwarae wrth greu Cymru llewyrchus.

## Beth YW Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru?

Mae Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru'n cynnwys 60 o Aelodau Cynulliad o bob rhan o Gymru.

Mae nhw'n cael eu hethol gan bobl Cymru i'w cynrychioli nhw a'u cymunedau.

Rol Aelod Cynulliad creu cyfreithiau ar gyfer pobol Cymru, ac i sicrhau bod Llywodraeth Cymru yn gwneud ei gwaith yn gywir.



Yn 1999 stopiodd Llundain wneud llawer o benderfyniadau yng Nghymru.

Yr enw am y newid yma yw datganoli (*devolution*)

Mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn gyfrifol am ddeuddeg (12) maes yn cynnwys:

Addysg, iechyd a'r amgylchedd

## Beth yw democratiaeth?



Democratiaeth yw system wleidyddol sy'n sicrâu fod gan bawb lais ac mae pawb yn cael pledleisio er mwyn mynegi barn. Ni does modd pleidleisio yng Nghymru nes i ni gyrraedd deunaw (18) oed. Fodd bynnag, rydym ni yn pleidlesio am bethau fel y cyngor ysgol i sicrhau bod ein llais yn cael ei clywed.



## Ffeithiau Cyflym!

Enw: Leanne Wood (AC)

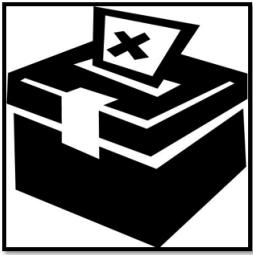
Aelod o Blaid Cymru

Yn wreiddiol o Benygraig yn y Rhondda

Swydd 1: Arweinydd Plaid Cymru

Swydd 2: Aelod Cynulliad dros y Rhondda

Ieithoedd mae'n siarad: Cymraeg a Saesneg



Er mwyn pleidleisio mae angen i bobol fynd i'r Gorsaf Bleidleiso.

Mae'r etholiad (election) yn digwydd ar ddydd Iau.

Mae angen ysgrifennu croes yn y bocs ar y papur pleidleiso.

Mae'r enwau wedi'u ysgrifennu yn nhrefn y wyddor.

Enw'r adeilad yma yw'r Senedd.  
Agorwyd yr adeilad yn swyddogol gan y Frenhines ar y cyntaf o Fawrth 2006.



Mae 60 Aelod Cynulliad (Assembly Member) yn gweithio ac yn mynd i gyfarfodydd (meetings) yn y Senedd.

### Pwyllgor

Mae pwyllgor yn cynnwys grŵp bach o Aelodau Cynulliad o wahanol bleidiau sy'n edrych ar faterion arbennig mewn mwy o fanylder.

Maent yn aml yn gofyn am fewnbwn gan gynghorwyr arbenigol ac aelodau o'r gymuned cyn gwneud penderfyniadau.

## FFEITHIAU I WYBOD A DWEUD

### FFEITHIAU CYFLYM



Enw: Carwyn Jones (AC)

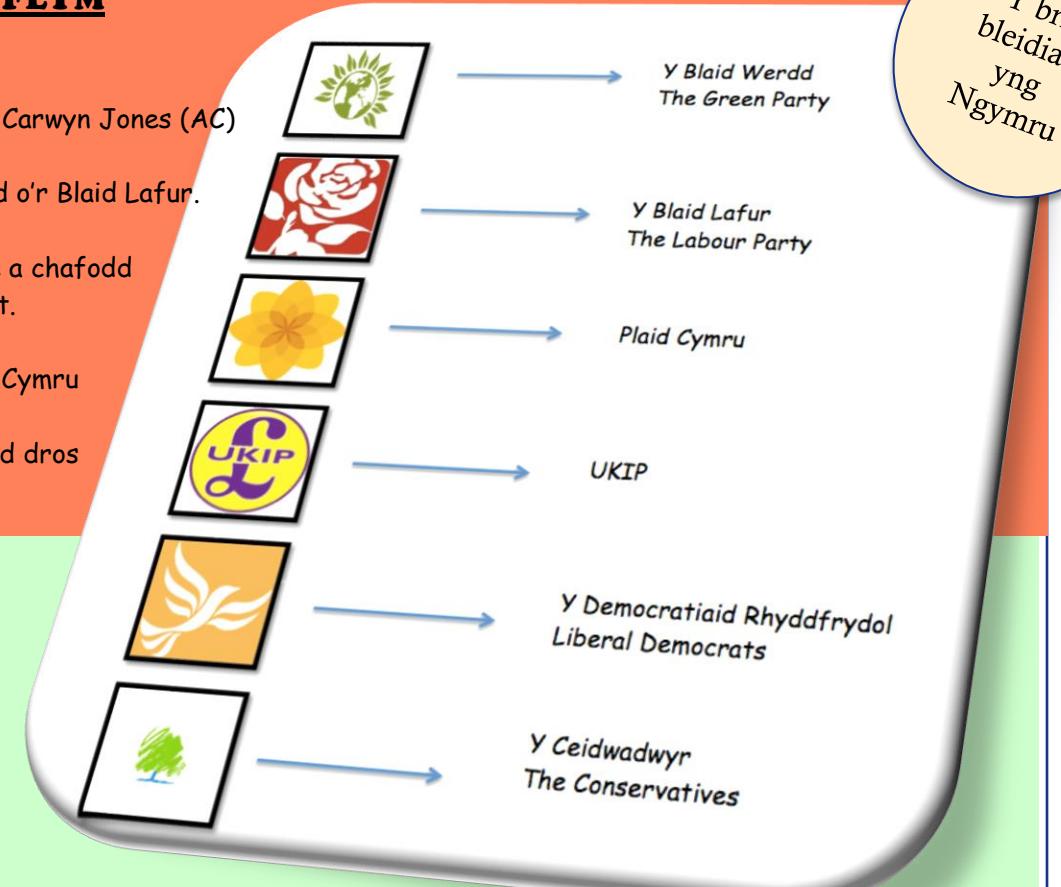
Aelod o'r Blaid Lafur.

Yn wreddiol o Abertawe a chafodd ei fagu ym Mhen-y-Bont.

Swydd 1: Prif Weinidog Cymru

Swydd 2: Aelod Cynulliad dros Ben-y-Bont

*Y brif  
bleidiau  
yng  
Ngymru*



### A oeddet yn gwybod?

Mae Prif Weinidogion Cymru yw bos y Llywodraeth. Mae angen iddo sicrhau bod pawb yn gwneud eu gwaith yn iawn ac mae hefyd yn mynychu llawer o gyfarfodydd gydag arweinwyr pwysig o wledydd eraill.

# AMSER POS

## ANAGRAMS

Aildrefnwch y llythrennau sydd eu chymysgu i ddatgelu gair. Ysgrifennwch eich ateb oddi tano.

1. PANFRYNIEDDE

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2. LUCIDLYAN

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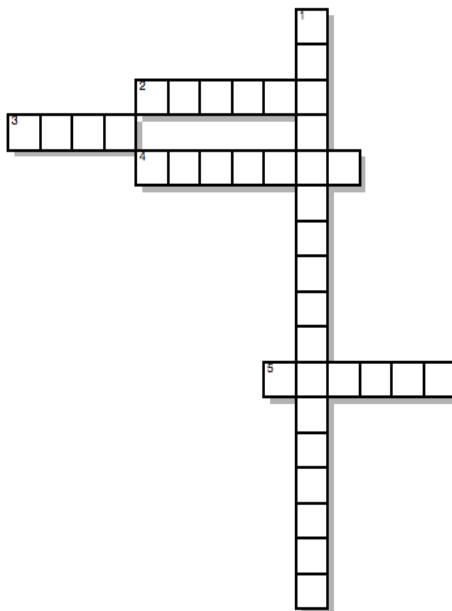
3. DUADYID

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4. HYDATIDIFORMDRAYEDCLYDOR

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R D X B O U O Q G C  
U L D J F Q W W K E  
F R B E P F L K Q I  
A T J G N E F S N D  
L A V O I E F I P W  
L L B D T E S W N A  
D U Y W K H K H O D  
U D B W I C Q U W W  
D A I L L U N Y C Y  
Y Z H Y H G T Y N R

CEIDWADWYR CYNULLIAD  
GWLEIDYDD LLAFUR SENEDD

Diolch am  
ddarllen. Pob  
lwc 'da'r Helfa  
Drysor!

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