

Vote

Your 3 chances to vote in 2011

Easy read version



Cynulliad
Cenedlaethol
Cymru

National
Assembly for
Wales



Things we talk about in this leaflet

1. The National Assembly



The National Assembly is a group of 60 people from different parts of Wales.

Their job is to speak up for the people in their part of Wales and help them with what they need.

The National Assembly works with the Government in Wales.



They do things like

- make laws for Wales
- make sure the Welsh Government is doing a good job.

2. The Welsh Government



The Welsh Government does things like

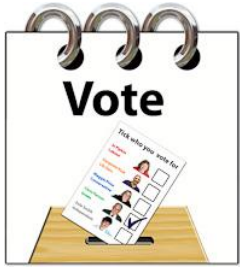
- make big decisions and rules about Wales
- say what new laws it thinks Wales needs.

3. The Government in London (The UK Government)



The UK Government is in London, England. It makes some of the laws and decisions about Wales.

Your chances to vote



This leaflet tells you about **3** chances you will have to vote in the year 2011.

What is voting?



Voting is about saying what you want to happen.

For example, you can vote to say who you want to make big decisions about your country or your local area.

You have to be **18 years old** or more to vote.



Now you can find out about the **3** things you can vote for.

1.Choosing who to be in the National Assembly



On 5 May 2011 you can vote for who you want to be in the **National Assembly**.

You can find out more about the National Assembly on page 2.

There are 2 people to vote for



1. The person from your local area you want to be in the National Assembly.

This person is called your **Constituency Assembly Member**



2. The person from the part of Wales you live in that you want to be in the National Assembly.

This person is called your **Regional Assembly Member**

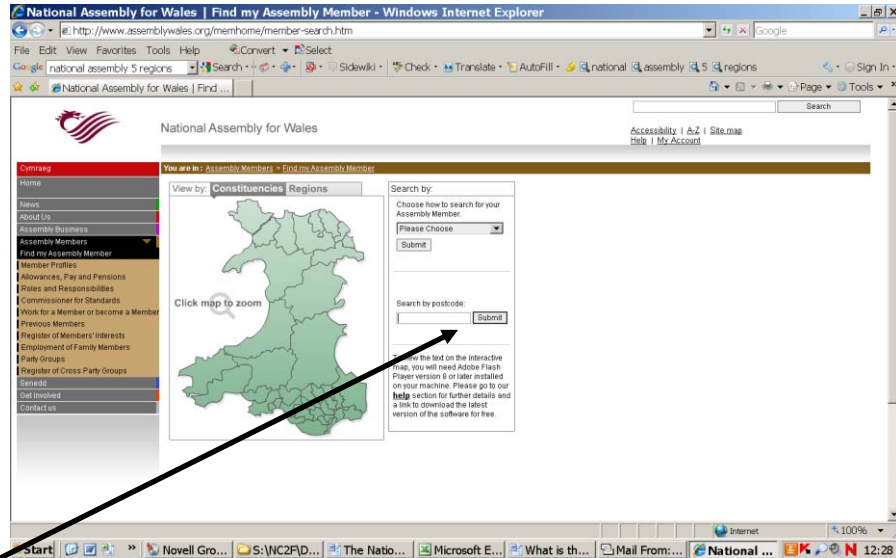
You can choose from a list of people.

How to find out who your Assembly Members are at the moment



1. Go to this website

www.assemblywales.org/memhome/member-search.htm



Type your postcode into the **search by postcode** box and click **submit**.



This will tell you the Assembly Members for

- your local area
(This is your **Constituency Assembly Member**)



- the part of Wales you live in
(These are your **Regional Assembly Members**)



2. Or you can phone us on **0845 010 5500** to find out.

2. Making laws for Wales



On 3 March 2011 you can vote to say if you think Wales should be able to make its own laws without checking with the Government in London first.

What happens at the moment?

At the moment, Wales can make its own laws about 20 different things. For example,



- food
- health
- housing
- transport.



But Wales cannot make **all** the laws it wants to about these things.



Sometimes it needs to ask the Government in London first if it OK to make the laws.

What can you vote for?

You can vote to say:



1. You want things to stay the same.
This means you think that for some laws Wales should ask the Government in London if it is OK first.



2. Or you want Wales to be able to make all the laws about the 20 things without checking with the Government in London first.

3. A new way of voting for people in Parliament in London

Parliament in London works with the Government in London. It does things like

- check the Government is doing a good job
- make new laws.



In May 2011 the UK Government in London will ask people if they want a new way of choosing who works for Parliament in London.

This new way is called the **alternative vote system**.



It is really important that you use your 3 votes in 2011 so that you can say what you think should happen.

To find out more go to this website
www.assemblywales.org/vote2011