



# WELSH BACCALAUREATE

## Advanced

### Community Challenge

Shelter Cymru / Legal & General  
(Housing Matters & Financial Inclusion)



# COMMUNITY CHALLENGE: Preventing Youth Homelessness

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Community Challenge is to develop learners' skills, whilst encouraging learners to identify, develop and participate in opportunities that will benefit the community. During the Community Challenge learners will explicitly develop skills of **Planning and Organisation** and **Personal Effectiveness** and apply them in an appropriate manner.

## BRIEF

As Wales's people and homes charity, Shelter Cymru is driven by the founding belief that everyone in Wales has the right to a decent, secure home. Every young person has a right to learn about independent living to give them the best possible start in adult life.

The purpose of this challenge is to increase awareness and understanding of housing matters and financial inclusion in your school or local community.

This challenge will give you the opportunity to work as an individual or a team (3 – 6 members). You will be required to plan, organise, develop own activities for a minimum of **30 hours'** worth of active engagement that has a positive impact on others' understanding about leaving home to live independently for the first time.

To achieve this, you will first need to research and develop your own knowledge and understanding of housing matters and financial inclusion in Wales. You must then plan how you will carry out 30 hours actively educating others in your community.

The sessions or workshops which you organise in your local community need to offer opportunities for young people in the local community to become better aware of the challenges they might face when they leave home for the first time, and the options and support available to them. In doing so, young people will be better equipped to make informed decisions around housing. The Shelter Cymru Education resources and Legal & General Everyday Money materials will give you the necessary tools to undertake this challenge.

You must keep a record of what, who, where, when and how you have delivered your challenge. On completion of the challenge you will evaluate your performance identifying strengths and areas for improvement.

Coaching involves supporting and helping others to improve, learn new skills and achieve personal goals. Through developing opportunities and by sharing your skills and knowledge, you can help other to increase their knowledge, understanding, enjoyment and confidence when participating in an activity.

This Challenge will enable you to develop as effective and responsible members of your local community. You will demonstrate how you can create and manage an action plan when developing opportunities for the community and with the use of feedback can reflect and review your personal performance in planning and carrying out the activity.



You must actively engage and demonstrate commitment over a minimum of 30 hours and at least 4 weeks to run these activities and opportunities, providing advice, support and encouragement for local young people.

## **RESOURCES**

Visit [www.sheltercymru.org.uk/education](http://www.sheltercymru.org.uk/education) to provide your contact name and email address where guidance notes, resources and further information on the challenge will be automatically sent to you. Once you have provided your contact details Shelter Cymru's Education development Officer will also be in touch to offer further support.

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

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