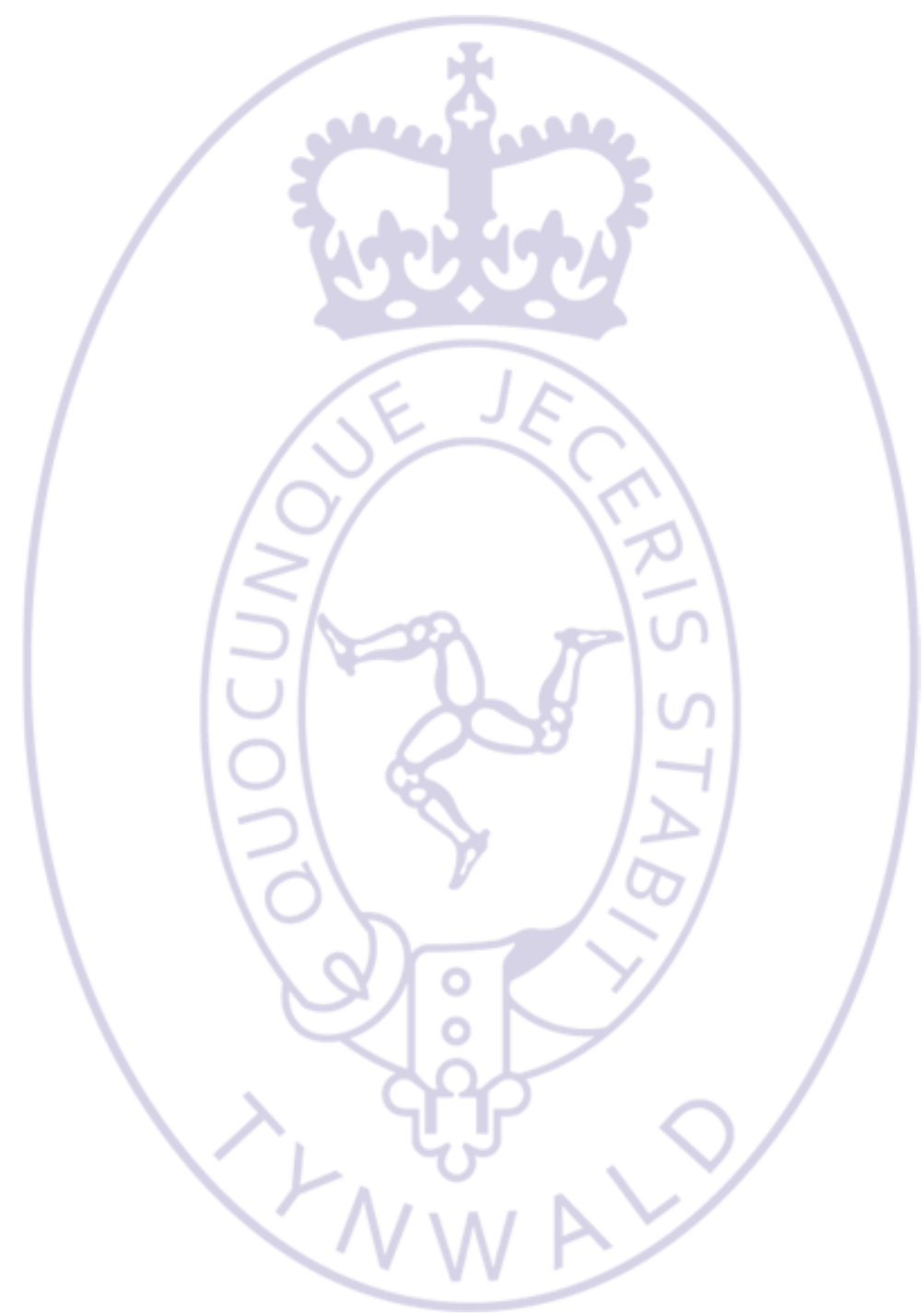




TEACHER RESOURCES FOR KS4 SUPPORTING LESSON 3

Representation

Includes additional resources for Active Learning Plan 3:

- What do members of parliament do ?
- The role of an MHK

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**Baseline Knowledge →
Intended Learning Outcomes**

Identify How people can get involved with parliament/government
Analyse Issues and cause and effect
Evaluate What role young people can play

Differentiation / Challenge

Escalating level of challenge through the skills - Identify, analyse, and evaluate.

Representation (L3)

Objectives

To understand and practise how to get involved



Curriculum



Scheme of Learning - young people and Manx Politics (Year 9 PSHE)

Engagement

Consider All Factors
Circle face-to-face
5 questions

AfL / Deepening Thinking

Deep questioning

Why?
What do you mean by that?
Why do you think that?
Tell me how you know?
Convince me?

Monitoring / Progress check

Levels of understanding check - Red, Amber Green(or simple show of hands) - then question to assess progress



Starter – establish prior learning and engage

Look at how decisions made in Tynwald from the “Why does it matter to me” lesson.

In small groups choose one and decide what you want to be changed - 5 questions (why, what, how). Add to Activity Sheet.

10mins

Teaching, Role Modelling & Learning

Activity – Pick one thing to change from Activity Sheet.

Evaluate **cause & effect** of possible solutions for individuals and wider society.

10mins

Teaching, Role Modelling & Learning

Teach – Voting at 16 in the IOM.
Who represents you? **What does your representative do?** *Optional: Could use phone to visit Tynwald website*

Activity – **Do you feel represented?**
What is happening now that you could get involved in? Do you feel you should have a say in politics?

10mins

Plenary – where next?

How to get involved & influence decision makers

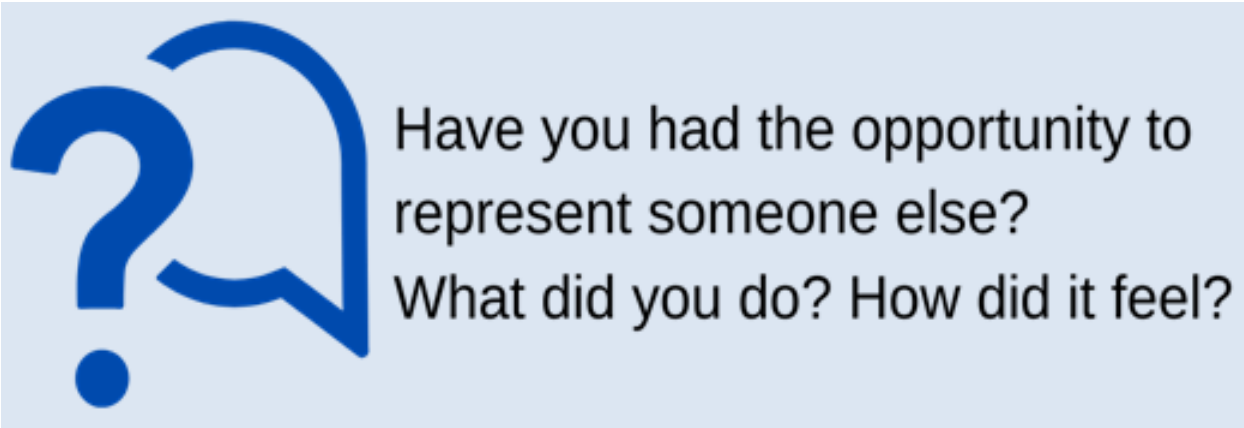
How would you contact your MHK?
Write down what you would say about an issue you think is important to you as a young person.

10mins

Homework / Out of School Learning: Finish letter to MHK. Write a letter inviting your MHK to come to your school to do a “day in the life of”

What does representing mean?

- Listening to different points of view and ideas
- Representing the views of a group of people
- Being a voice for other people
- Respecting other people's points of view



Who represents you in Tynwald?

The public elects Members of the House of Keys (MHKs) to represent their interests and concerns in the House of Keys and Tynwald. Each MHK represents a constituency. The House of Keys is made up of 24 members who represent 12 constituencies. Each MHK represents around 3,500 people.

The **House of Keys** is the lower Branch of Tynwald. It has twenty four Members directly elected, every five years, from twelve constituencies.

- The role of a Member of the House of Keys (MHK) is to represent his/her constituents, including those who did not vote for them or did not vote at all.

The **Legislative Council** is the upper Branch of Tynwald and its eleven members are either indirectly elected or sit ex officio.

- The Legislative Council is largely concerned with the consideration of draft primary legislation, but on occasion the sitting may begin with tabled Questions.

In their day-to-day activities **Tynwald Members** will:

- write to or organise meetings with a relevant minister
- speak in Tynwald during a debate
- ask questions during Tynwald or Chamber sitting
- introduce Private Members Bills on topics of concern
- raise the profile of an issue in the media
- have involvement in committees which scrutinise new legislation or question the work of the government

Current Members:

www.tynwald.org.im/members-officers

What does your representative do for you?

What your MHKs can do for you

When they are not working in parliament, MHK's work in their constituencies with their constituents. Some MHK's hold 'political surgeries' where local people can meet with their MHK and ask questions. MHKs can assist their constituents in a variety of ways, from making private enquiries on your behalf, to raising matters publicly in the House of Keys. By raising an issue in Tynwald and the branches, MHKs can bring it to the attention of the press and public.

When are MHKs elected?

In the Isle of Man a General Election is held every five years. The next general election will be in September 2026. A parliamentary by-election happens when a seat in the House of Keys becomes vacant between general elections.

How MHKs are elected

During an election everyone eligible to cast a vote in a constituency (constituents) selects two candidates to be their MHK. To be eligible to vote, you must be registered to vote.

In the Isle of Man you can register to vote when you are 16.

When you are registered to vote you can vote in all Isle of Man elections.



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Legislative
Council Members

24

House of Keys
Members

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Tynwald
Members



Mhairi Black—when elected in May 2015, she was 20 years and 237 days old, making her the youngest ever Member of Parliament (MP) elected to the House of Commons of the United Kingdom.

Juan Watterson—current Speaker of the House of Keys—was the second youngest MHK at 26 years old.

Peter Karran was the youngest MHK to ever be elected to the HOK.



Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez—Taking office at age 29, Ocasio-Cortez is the youngest woman ever to serve in the United States Congress.

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POLITICS The activities associated with the governance of a country or area.
SUFFRAGE The right to vote in political elections.
DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION
Taking action which will affect the political situation: this could take many forms – voting, joining a party or campaigning.

Additional Resources

America’s Electoral College

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-53558176>

History— UK Power Politics and Protest

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/politics/timeline/>

Suffrage in the Isle of Man

<https://www.tynwald.org.im/history>

Isle of Man Government Election Info

<https://www.tynwald.org.im/about/hok-election-2026>

How to get involved & influence

- Find out what's going on • Talk to people • Go to events • Attend political surgeries •
- Petitions in the IoM <https://www.tynwald.org.im/business/petitions/>
- Take part in Consultations <https://consult.gov.im/>



House of Keys

Communicate with your Representative



Legislative Council

Every Member of Tynwald has a profile page online:
<https://www.tynwald.org.im/members-officers/members>