



COMMUNITIES: Governance in the UK

Activity 1

Every person in a community has a voice and say on how the country and local area is governed. The public is able to express this by voting. On a local level, each area in the country has an elected MP who represents the community.

- Research which political party represents your local area.
- Who is your local MP?
- What are their policies around the areas of education, health and defence?
- Think about whether you agree with their policies, and if there are areas that you think should be focused on more.

Activity 2

Political lobbying is when individuals, pressure groups and organisations try to either persuade the government to form a particular opinion, change policies, highlight an issue or encourage action to be taken.

Think about an issue in your community that you feel passionate about, perhaps something you feel is not being dealt with and needs to be changed, such as littered streets or vandalism. Research whether lobbying about this issue is currently taking place.

Write a letter to your local newspaper expressing your view, and providing justification for your opinions.