

COMMUNITY YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES (IN WALES)

Advice Notes

Under section 118 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, a community council may appoint no more than two individuals to act at any one time as community youth representatives. A “community youth representative” is an individual:

- who is over the age of 15 but has not attained the age of 26; and
- whom the community considers to be suitable to act as a community representative, that is to represent the interests of those individuals who live, work or receive education or training in the community area who have not attained the age of 26.

A community youth representative is to hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms of the representative’s appointment. His or her appointment shall cease if the representative attains the age of 26.

The community council must give public notice of its intention to appoint a community youth representative in accordance with section 119. This section requires notice to be given to the head teacher or proprietor of any school and to the principal and governing body of any institution within the further or higher education sector which are in the community council’s area, and in such other manner, if any, as appears to the community council to be desirable for ensuring that as many individuals as possible who may be eligible for appointment as community youth representatives are aware that the council intends to appoint such a representative. The notice must contain contact details of an individual from whom further information about the appointment and the selection process may be obtained, such other information as the community council considers appropriate and such other information as is required to be included in the notice by any regulations made by the Welsh Ministers.

In exercising functions under sections 118 and s. 119, a community council must have regard to guidance given by the Welsh Ministers (s. 120).

A community youth representative is not a member of the community council which appointed the representative, but the Welsh Ministers may by regulations provide that a community youth representative is to be treated for prescribed purposes as a member of the council which appointed the representative.