

## Applications open for LeadHerShip 2020

*Are you interested in how political decisions are made in Wales?  
Gain experience of what it's like working as an Assembly Member with our unique shadowing opportunity*

Chwarae Teg is Wales' leading Gender Equality charity, working to help women achieve and prosper, and ensure women's voices are represented in public life.

Apply now for your opportunity to shadow a Welsh Assembly Member

National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2020  
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Chwarae Teg is offering young women across Wales the opportunity to shadow an Assembly Member at the National Assembly for Wales. You could be part of a group of young women from all around Wales to gain first-hand experience from inspiring role models within Welsh public life.

This year we're bringing back our **LeadHerShip** Programme, giving women aged 16-22 from across Wales a unique insight into the day-to-day work of an AM. **LeadHerShip** will bring young women from across Wales together to learn more about how decisions are made in Wales. You will spend time with an Assembly Member, learn about how the Assembly Works and see what a future political career could be like.

*"LeadHerShip has inspired me to speak up when I have something to say"*

*"I want to make sure there are many visible women in politics so other women can see that this is a career they can achieve"*

Women continue to be under-represented in politics and public life. The decisions made at the Assembly affect every area of our lives and it's crucial that women's voices are heard in these debates so the decisions made affect everyone fairly. We want to build young women's understanding and engagement with politics, and confidence to speak up about the issues that matter most.

*"The day has inspired me to follow my dreams and have enough confidence to follow them. Also to NEVER feel less important because of my gender"*

Following the huge success of last year's event, we're back at the Senedd on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March** with a packed day full of activities to inspire you to consider a future political career for yourself.

Apply now for your chance to take part.

## How to take part:

This programme is open to all women from diverse backgrounds and communities across Wales. We recognise that currently, elected representatives aren't very diverse or representative of the communities they serve, so we want to make sure that young women who identify as LGBT+, BAME, disabled women and any groups of women who feel they are currently under-represented feel encouraged to apply.

Applications will close on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January**. In order to take part, you need to be aged between 16-22 and living in Wales. No previous political experience or engagement is required.

In your application, you need to tell us what this opportunity would mean to you, and why you think that International Women's Day is important and still needs to be celebrated in 2020. Complete these questions and any other details required in the application form on our website. If you are successful, Chwarae Teg will be in touch to notify you.

**LeadHerShip 2020** will take place on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March** at the National Assembly for Wales in Cardiff Bay, you will need to be free to be in Cardiff on that day in order to take part.

## What will the day include?

The day will be packed full of activities to give you better insight and understanding of how the Assembly works, what the responsibilities of an AM include and the opportunity to meet other inspiring young women from across Wales.

Activities will include:

- Shadowing an Assembly Member and their team
- Tour of the Senedd
- Talk with the Assembly Commission about how the Welsh Assembly works and how you can engage
- Attending First Minister's Questions
- A mock debate based on 'Why is International Women's Day still important in 2020?'

*This is a fun activity to demonstrate how AMs participate in Assembly debates, and a chance for you to share your views with a group of passionate and engaged participants. It can be whatever you make it, so feel free to contact us if you have any questions about this part of the day.*

## Take part and stay in touch

If you're interested in taking part in **LeadHerShip 2020** please complete the application form on our website by **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January**.

If you have any questions about the programme, or would like an information at all, don't hesitate to get in touch.

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