

Welshness

6.1 Government

The National Assembly for Wales

In Wales, people over 18 years old can vote. The Welsh people elect AMs (Assembly Members) who go to the Welsh Assembly. The Welsh Assembly is in Cardiff. The Welsh Assembly makes decisions about how Wales is governed. The Welsh Assembly decides things about the Welsh economy, health and education.



The First Minister of Wales is the leader of the Welsh Assembly. He or she chooses ministers to help run the Welsh Assembly. The ministers are AMs from the same political party.

The biggest political party in Wales today is the Welsh Labour Party. The First Minister is Rhodri Morgan. He speaks Welsh fluently.

Welsh people also vote for representatives called MPs (Members of Parliament). The Welsh MPs go to the House of Commons in London. The Government in London makes laws and decides things about the whole of the United Kingdom.

