

Introduction

This activity book is designed for primary school students to learn about local government and how they fit into their communities.

Teachers can use this resource to meet the Grade 4 Humanities and Social Sciences Australian Curriculum. <https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/resources/work-samples/portfolios/hass-satisfactory-year-4/>

After completing the activities in this resource students will be better equipped with:

- engagement with, civic life as an active and informed Australian citizen in the context of local government in a secular democratic nation
- knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the values, principles, institutions and practices of local government in Australia
- skills, including questioning and research; analysis, synthesis and interpretation; problem-solving and decision-making; communication and reflection, to investigate contemporary civics and citizenship issues and foster responsible participation at the local government level

For most students, this guide will provide the first opportunity to study these terms in depth. It's important to note that the knowledge they are acquiring is gained in the context of sharing it with others. We hope that this will set the stage for a life in which the individual's personal growth and sense of citizenship are an integrated whole.

Teachers might choose to work on one activity per lesson with the class. Some activities are suitable to complete at home. Greater understanding of some material might be achieved in collective discussion with peers and teachers in the classroom setting.

Happy learning!