

Abergavenny in World War Two

How did life change for people living in Abergavenny and the surrounding area during World War Two? What impact did the conflict have upon local people? This workshop provides hands-on enquiry-based learning opportunities that explore many of the major themes and topics of life on the Home Front during WW2.

Venue: Abergavenny Museum & Castle

Key Stage: KS2

Duration of workshop: 2 hours

Maximum number of pupils: 35

What will pupils do?

- Handle and explore a wide range of WW2 objects and costume relating to topics including evacuation, rationing, Civil Defence, the Land Army, Make-do and Mend, Blackout and propaganda.
- Visit an authentic WW2 Anderson Shelter.
- Take part in a wartime mystery object game
- Use object based clues to solve wartime 'Who Do You Think You Are?' challenges.

By taking part in this workshop pupils will:

- Interpret primary sources to make comparisons between life in WW2 and contemporary life
- Increase knowledge and understanding of local life in WW2
- Problem solve
- Work as a team
- Think creatively and critically
- Employ prior knowledge

Which Areas of Learning and Experience does this workshop support?

- Humanities

How this workshop supports the Four Purposes

<p>Ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• set themselves high standards and seek and enjoy challenge• are building up a body of knowledge and have the skills to connect and apply that knowledge in different contexts• are questioning and enjoy solving problems• undertake research and evaluate critically what they find	<p>Enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• connect and apply their knowledge and skills to create ideas and products• think creatively to reframe and solve problems• lead and play different roles in teams effectively and responsibly
<p>Ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• find, evaluate and use evidence in forming views• are knowledgeable about their culture, community, society and the world, now and in the past.	<p>Healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• are building their mental and emotional well-being by developing confidence, resilience and empathy

Workshop links to What Matters statements.

Humanities

- Enquiry, exploration and investigation inspire curiosity about the world, its past, present and future.
- Events and human experiences are complex, and are perceived, interpreted and represented in different ways.
- Human societies are complex and diverse, and shaped by human actions and beliefs.

Pre-visit requirements: Please divide your class into four groups.