

Workforce Reform



The National Youth Agency is a key player in workforce development in the youth sector – developing and implementing policy, engaging widely with practitioners, training and education providers and employers of youth workers. We have ensured that the Common Core of Skills and Knowledge are embedded into youth work qualifications and that future qualifications will meet the Integrated Qualifications Framework requirements.

We currently:

- manage the Professional Validation process for qualifications delivered through Higher Education Institutes on behalf of the Joint National Council (JNC)
- work as part of the Joint Educational Training Standards and other ETS agencies responsible for quality and standards in youth work training
- endorse sector pre-professional youth work qualifications on behalf of JNC.

We are undertaking feasibility work on the development and potential take up of a voluntary registration scheme for youth work professionals. We are committed to supporting improving practice and see registration as a way of driving up the currency of professional qualifications and promoting continuing professional development.

We have a range of products and services to assist deliverers of services to young people, including a self assessment toolkit and bespoke consultancy.

Benefits

- Strong links and direct engagement with employers and practitioners to inform our contribution and outputs.
- Over-arching view across integrated youth support services and wider young people's workforce.
- A positive and forward-looking approach to service delivery and developing a workforce fit for purpose now and in the future.

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