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Dear colleague

The Awarding Organisations of England and Wales have been in the process of working with NYA ETS and ETS Wales to review the qualifications for Level 2 and Level 3 Youth Work in Practice.

I appreciate that the consultation period is very restricted due to external time pressures but we hope that as many organisations will participate in the review of the qualifications as possible. We have used feedback earlier in the year to identify potential changes and additions to the programme that support the sector's requirements.

Key areas identified from feedback in March have been the following:

- Provide consistency across Awarding Organisations by having one qualification at each level rather than several
- Reduce the level of duplication between learning areas in level 2 and level 3 while ensuring those taking the level 3 do not miss any of the learning areas at level 2
- Review the range of units in level 2 and level 3 to reflect the sector's changing roles, include units around working with gangs, managing conflict and multi-agency working
- Review the peer education units to ensure they are aimed at youth work practitioners supporting participation work

The new qualification has been written with the above feedback in mind. The qualification delivery is structured to have a common Level 2 Award for all learners with continuation pathways at level 2 and level 3 as standalone Certificate qualifications. Provision will also be made for learners to progress from a Level 2 to a Level 3 Certificate.

The structure for the qualification is shown on the accompanying sheet.

For students to complete the Diploma Level 3 it would require the completion of the Certificate units at Level 3 and an additional 12 credits at Level 3 from the optional units.

NYA and ETS Wales colleagues have reviewed the qualification based on the above feedback and we would now welcome your views on the newly shaped qualification. All units that make up the **core** of the new qualification are attached to this email for your consideration and are also available through the NYA website. Many of the optional units that currently exist will continue to be available and, as this is a lengthy list, it has not been included at this stage.

Please share with colleagues to encourage them to feedback about the proposals.

A feedback form about the qualification is available and I would be grateful if it could be returned by no later than **30th July 2014**. All responses need to be sent to Alkesh Patel at the NYA or Liz Rose at ETS Wales in the first instance, as I will be on leave until 31st July 2014. Your feedback will then be used to make final changes to the qualification before sending to the Awarding Organisations for final formatting changes for Ofqual ready for October 2014 when the current qualification is due to expire.

If you have any questions about the proposals please contact Alkesh Patel at AlkeshP@nya.org.uk or Liz Rose at Elizabeth.rose@WLGGA.gov.uk

Thank you in advance for your support with this consultation, your views are much appreciated in shaping the new qualifications moving forward.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read 'MSM', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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