

Education and Training Standards grant 2015/16 maximum amount of £35,000

The Purposes

The grant aid is provided towards your organisations 'management costs' to enable you to achieve the following objectives:

- To be responsible for the professional endorsement and recognition of qualifying training for Youth Work, meeting JNC requirements.
- Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Joint Negotiating Committee relating to relative responsibilities and arrangements for the professional endorsement and recognition of qualifying training for youth work and manage organisational requirements.
- Represent Wales at UK ETS and respond on behalf of ETS on appropriate matters.
- To develop the endorsement of youth support worker qualification (Level 3), establishing a welsh system of peer review.
- Work with the YMCA Community College Wales and other stakeholders to develop a coherent training package for youth workers across Wales.

The Targets

Objective 1

To be responsible for the professional endorsement and recognition of qualifying training for Youth Work, meeting JNC requirements.

Description of target	Dates it should be achieved	Evidence to demonstrate
Manage the professional endorsement of HEI programmes as a self-funded activity. Re-endorsement of <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Glyndwr University BA programme- University of South Wales (Newport) BA programme- Open University BA (this is a joint endorsement conducted by Joint ETS and led by England ETS)	Ongoing June 2015 June 2015 April 2015	Panel visits held and reports produced. Details of endorsed programmes added in JNC Agreement and available on ETS Wales website.
As above, from September 2016 onwards, preparation for the re-endorsement of <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cardiff Metropolitan University BA programme- Cardiff Metropolitan University PgDip programme	All to take place summer 2016	Preparations made and timetable agreed for endorsement process and panel visit.

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Annual Monitoring of endorsed programmes conducted and draft report produced. Results shared with WG & Estyn. Report used to secure accountability of HEIs and allow evidence-based decisions by ETS Wales in response to workforce development issues.	Oct-Dec 2015 Jan-Mar 2016	Reports produced
Maintain database of qualified youth workers as per ETS endorsement requirements and in preparation for Education Workforce Council	Ongoing	Database available

Objective 2

Maintain a Memorandum of Understanding with the Joint Negotiating Committee relating to relative responsibilities and arrangements for the professional endorsement and recognition of qualifying training for youth work and manage organisational requirements.

Description of target	Dates it should be achieved	Evidence to demonstrate
Building on 2010 version, ensure MoU reflects current arrangements and any potential changes to Local Government Employers structures. MoU produced and signed by both parties and copy submitted to WG.	Ongoing, updated as necessary.	Up to date MoU held.
Business meetings of ETS Wales Committee prepared for and held in order to achieve impact as set out in objectives.	May 2015 Oct 2015 & Feb 2016	Meetings held, actions agreed and completed. Minutes produced as record.
Conduct day to day running and management of ETS, including timely reporting of grant targets and appropriate financial management.	Ongoing	Organisational requirements met.
Maintain and develop ETS Wales website to ensure communication with field and availability of appropriate information.	Ongoing	Website accessible and up to date.

Objective 3

Represent Wales at UK & Ireland ETS and respond on behalf of ETS on appropriate matters.

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Description of target	Dates it should be achieved	Evidence to demonstrate
Attend Joint ETS meetings. Practice and policy shared and promoted across jurisdictions to ensure parity in standards of provision across the UK and Wales issues reflected in UK-wide arrangements.	Joint ETS meetings in October 2015 and March 2016	Meetings held, actions agreed and completed. Minutes produced as record.
Work with Joint ETS colleagues as Sector Specialist Body to complete activities for Youth & Community SOC code.	Ongoing	Record kept of activities and documents produced and included on website.
Contribute to Welsh Government policy agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth Engagement and Progression Framework and related activities - National Youth Work Strategy document and related activities - Registration of Professional Youth Workers 	Ongoing (depending on wider WG policy decisions)	Record kept of activities and documents produced and included on website
Represent ETS Wales at Youth Work Alliance Wales and other business meetings and events	Ongoing	Records kept and included in final annual evaluation report.

Objective 4

To develop endorsement procedures of youth support worker qualification (Levels 2&3), establishing a welsh system of peer review.

Description of target	Dates it should be achieved	Evidence to demonstrate
Attend meetings with NYA, Agored Cymru and England Awarding Bodies to finalise developments relating to the new Youth Work Practice qualifications at Levels 2&3. This includes a new assessment strategy and a process for endorsement and includes ongoing consultation with employers.	Summer 2015	Record of meetings, availability of updated qualifications on QCF and documentation.
Produce guidelines for the endorsement of YSW qualifications.	October 2015	Guidelines available.

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Conduct endorsements of Awarding Bodies in Wales (Agored Cymru) and collect data on courses delivered by all relevant Awarding Bodies . Identify sample for follow up visit by ETS panel.	December 2015 Jan-Mar 2016	Courses included in JNC Agreement. Data collected and annual monitoring report produced. As above.
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Objective 5

To work with Welsh Government consultant and CWVYS to develop an updated Quality Mark system using learning from existing NYA systems and previous pilot projects.

Description of target	Dates it should be achieved	Evidence to demonstrate
Work with CWVYS and Welsh Government consultant from NYA to finalise a single Quality Mark system for Wales, appropriate for voluntary and local authority youth work organisations at all levels.		Quality Mark system in place

Monitoring requirements:

You will be required to provide a mid-year and annual evaluation report on the progress of the activity supported by this grant. This will need to include details of actual performance against objectives and targets detailed above.