

## **NEW MEMBERS WANTED FOR YOUTH WORK'S EDUCATION & TRAINING STANDARDS COMMITTEE in 2019.**

**Do you want to influence youth and community work training and qualifications for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?**

***Education and Training Standards Committee (ETS)*** is the body that provides professional validation for youth work qualifications in England, on behalf of the JNC for Youth & Community Workers.

ETS is part of the National Youth Agency (NYA), and its role includes:

- Validating youth work professional qualifications provided through universities and HEIs
- Developing and validating qualifications at pre-degree levels such as Level 2 and 3 Certificates/Diplomas in Youth Work Practice
- Monitoring quality and participation in youth work qualifications and reporting this to JNC and the wider field
- Ensuring that the qualifications and professional development offer is fit for the current and future demands of youth workers

ETS is now actively seeking to recruit new members to reflect the wide field of youth workers and youth work employers, who want to play an active role in developing and maintaining the best possible suite of qualifications for youth work in England. ETS ensures that we continue to collaborate with similar bodies in other parts of the UK and Ireland to ensure mutual recognition of qualifications across nations.

We are particularly keen to recruit new members who fulfil some of the following characteristics:

- Managers and leaders of organisations that utilise youth work skills and methodology in service delivery – including large and small voluntary organisations, local authorities, housing associations, public sector mutual and others
- Work in organisations that focus on work with Black and Ethnic Minority young people
- Work in developing sectors such as youth social action and volunteering
- Work for volunteer-led youth organisations such as Scouts and GirlGuiding UK.

We are seeking a geographical spread across England: at present some regions are under-represented.

## What are the expectations?

ETS meetings take place 4 times a year, usually at the National Youth Agency in Leicester. In addition, members are asked to take part in occasional working groups – for example, to develop a new apprenticeship standard for youth work – and to be part of validation panels for university courses. Depending on your capacity, ETS can be expected to take between 3 and 8 days a year.

ETS members do not receive payment for their involvement but NYA does provide travel and subsistence expenses. Being part of ETS is a great way to influence the direction of youth work training and increase your understanding of a complex and really important element of the youth work profession.

## How to get involved

If you, or someone in your networks would be interested in getting involved, then you can speak to Gill Millar, the Chair of ETS for more information on 07930 550322 or [gillmillar2000@outlook.com](mailto:gillmillar2000@outlook.com).

To put yourself forward to join ETS, please provide a short biography including your background in the youth sector, current role(s) and any youth and community work qualifications you hold. Please return these to Abbee McLatchie at NYA [abbeem@nya.org.uk](mailto:abbeem@nya.org.uk) by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

We will contact you to discuss your expression of interest and progressing this for 2019.

Many thanks for your interest – we look forward to welcoming you to ETS at this crucial time for youth work and for young people!

Gill Millar  
Chair, Education & Training Standards Committee