



Re-validation offers organisations that have come to the end of their award validation period an opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to maintaining the same high standards and level of quality through a condensed assessment process and hold the Quality Mark Award for a further three years. We recognise that organisations have already undertaken a rigorous assessment process for their original award, and after three years the assessment process would focus on how organisations have continued to deliver high quality provision and responded to the recommendations made in the final report.

Reasons to re-validate:

- 1. Ensuring ongoing quality:** Re-validating the Quality Mark Award ensures that the organisation continues to deliver high-quality services. It serves as a means of accountability, validating that they still meet the required standards and are dedicated to providing excellent youth work provision through continuous learning and development.
- 2. Demonstrating continued commitment:** By going through the re-validation process, the organisation can showcase their ongoing commitment to high quality youth work. It reassures stakeholders, including young people, funders, and the wider community, that the organisation is dedicated to maintaining and developing the quality of their services.
- 3. Reflecting on practice:** Re-validation offers the organisation an opportunity for reflection, a key component to high quality youth work practice. This process helps ensure youth work provision remains relevant and effective to meet the emerging needs of young people in a contemporary youth work landscape.

There will be an initial screening process which will enable NYA to establish if the organisation is eligible for re-validation. This will be a similar process to the original Self-Assessment and Evidence and Action plan that all organisations undertake at the very start of their Quality Mark journey. Eligibility will be based on how the organisation has continued to operate during the period since the original assessment to ensure any significant changes to the organisation have not had a negative impact on youth work practice and provision, and the organisation is able to gather evidence to support the demonstration of continued quality.

Once re-validation has been agreed there will be a period of up to six months for the organisation to prepare for assessment. The organisation will need to complete the New Developments, Initiatives and Changes document, Assessment Narrative and supporting evidence for three indicators. Once this has been submitted there will be an interview organised with the Quality Mark lead/s for the organisation and a stakeholder focus group.

The outcome of the assessment will be shared with the organisation with a report to outline the findings of the assessment and make recommendations for continued quality through the new validation period. Assessment for re-validation does not guarantee the award.

Eligibility to re-validate is assessed by NYA

Re-validation agreement in place

Developmental phase initiated 6 months before validation period ends

New Initiatives document and Assessment Narrative with supported evidence is submitted

NYA completes desktop assessment and report

NYA and organisation announce re-validated award