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EWC to Award Quality Mark for Youth Work in Wales

The Education Workforce Council (EWC), in partnership with ETS Wales, has been commissioned by the Welsh Government to deliver and develop the nationally recognised Quality Mark for Youth Work in Wales until January 2023.

The Quality Mark badge of excellence assures young people, their parents, guardians, funders, partner organisations and other organisations of high quality youth work provision.

Hayden Llewellyn, EWC Chief Executive said: “In Wales, we are undergoing a period of major education reform, and high quality youth work provision plays a crucial role in this.

“We look forward to developing the Quality Mark alongside ETS Wales and other partners to ensure this provision delivers the appropriate support to young people in Wales to improve their life chances.”

Minister for Education, Kirsty Williams AM said: "The Quality Mark is an important tool to help youth work organisations really raise the bar for the important work they do.

“I look forward to seeing the new contract build on the momentum of the successful Quality Mark and ensure this reflects the vision set out in our Youth Work Strategy for Wales.”

ETS Wales Chair, Steve Drowley added: “The Quality Mark for Youth Work in Wales is one of the key foundations of good quality work with young people.

“We're delighted to be part of the process for ensuring young people have a voice, are properly supported by well trained and qualified youth workers, and benefit from a wide range of opportunities through voluntary and maintained youth work services.”

Since 2015, 17 youth work organisations in Wales have achieved the Quality Mark. As the new awarding body the EWC will work with these organisations and the sector as a whole to develop and grow the Quality Mark for Youth Work in Wales.

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Notes for editors

1. The EWC is the independent regulator for the education workforce in Wales, covering teachers and learning support staff in school and further education settings, qualified youth/youth support workers and work-based learning practitioners.

1. ETS Wales professionally endorses programmes of training for Youth Workers to ensure they are of a suitably high quality, relevant to the needs of employers, youth workers themselves and the young people they work with.

2. Two distinct elements make up the quality mark:
 - A set of Quality Standards that youth work organisations can use as a tool for self-assessment and improvement; and
 - An externally assessed Quality Mark that is a national award demonstrating an organisations' excellence

Find out more about the [Quality Mark for Youth Work in Wales](#).