

The Education (Youth and Community Work Education and Training) (Inspection) (Wales) Regulations 2006

Responses to the Consultation



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Welsh Assembly Government

Title of Document:	Response to the consultation held on the Education (Youth and Community Work Education and Training) (Inspection) (Wales) Regulations 2006
Audience:	Higher Education Institutions, Local Authority Youth Service, Voluntary Youth Sector, Unions Welsh Language Board, Children's Commissioner for Wales, Education Training Standards Committee (Wales) and national bodies with an interest in youth work training.
Overview:	The purpose of this consultation was to seek views of individuals and organisations to these regulations to ensure that Estyn's remit extends to the training of youth and community workers provided by or on behalf of Higher Education institutions.
Action required:	For information only
Further information:	Further information about this consultation can be obtained by sending an email to YALO.mailbox@wales.gsi.gov.uk
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Responses to the Consultation on the Education (Youth and Community Work education and Training (Inspection) (Wales) Regulations 2006 held between April and July 2006.

Numbers responding

1. The Welsh Assembly Government received responses from a wide range of constituents who are listed at annex 1. A majority of the responses were made on behalf of organisations and groups.

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2. Of the responses received, many of these referred to these regulations as complementing the current role that Estyn has in relation to Youth Support Services of which the Youth Service is one part.
3. A small number of respondents felt that this would mean another layer of inspection on top of their internal processes, and that a peer review process was a better way of monitoring and ensuring quality.
4. The role of the Quality Assurance Agency was seen as the vehicle by Higher Education respondents for undertaking this work as it was directly funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales to carry out this role.
5. Developing a concordat approach was suggested as a better way of addressing this issues that the introduction of regulations.
6. The Welsh Committee of the Training agencies which is representative of the four institutions delivering courses concerned with youth and community work felt that the courses content met the needs of a wide range of sectors not only the statutory youth services and were too diverse in nature to be captured under the description “youth and community”
7. All of the Youth Service employers at local authority level (22) and the Voluntary Youth Sector were supportive of these proposals.
8. Lifelong Learning UK stated that any inspection process should build any inspection of provision of National Occupational Standards and they recognised the benefit of the proposed regulations.
9. The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education was broadly content with the proposals.
10. Concerns were raised by a respondent that the Common Inspection Framework was not flexible enough to meet the needs of this inspection process.

11. A number of respondents expressed the view that specific guidance produced for this work would need to take into account existing processes including the work of the Education Training Standards committee.

Organisations who were invited to respond

Higher Education Institutions currently delivering Youth and Community Work courses
Local Authority Youth Service
The Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services
Voluntary Youth Sector
Trade Unions
Welsh Language Board
Education Training Standard Committee (Wales)
National Bodies with an interest in youth work training
500 email contacts for individuals and organisations from across the sector who were made aware of the consultation document on the Welsh Assembly Governments website.

Respondents

The Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services
Education Training Standards Committee for Wales
Estyn
Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
Higher Education Wales
LifeLong Learning UK
Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Services
Principal Youth Officers Group
Quality Assurance Agency (HE)
Save the Children
Welsh Committee of the Training Agencies Group
Universities Council for Education of Teachers (UCET) Cymru

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations prescribe a kind of education and training for the purposes of section 75 of the Learning and Skills Act 2000 (“the 2000 Act”). Section 75 provides the extended remit of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales.

Regulation 2 prescribes education and training provided by an institution within the higher education sector in Wales for the purpose of enabling persons to become youth and community workers or as further training for persons who are youth and community workers. The effect of the prescription is that this kind of education or training is brought within the remit of the Chief Inspector under section 75 of the 2000 Act.

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Made 2006

Coming into force 2006

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 75(1)(e) and 152(5) of the Learning and Skills Act 2000⁽¹⁾, the National Assembly for Wales hereby makes the following Regulations:

Title, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Education (Youth and Community Work Education and Training) (Inspection) (Wales) Regulations 2006 and they come into force on 23 October 2006.

(2) In these Regulations—

“2000 Act” means the Learning and Skills Act 2000; and

“higher education sector” shall be construed in the light of Chapter I of Part II of the Education Reform Act 1988⁽²⁾.

Prescribed education or training

2.—(1) The education and training described in paragraph (2) below is hereby prescribed for the purposes of section 75 of the 2000 Act (extended remit of the Chief Inspector for Wales).

(2) The education and training is that provided by or on behalf of an institution within the higher education sector in Wales—

(a) for the purpose of enabling persons to become youth and community workers; or

(b) as further training of youth and community workers;

in so far as it does not fall within any of sub-paragraphs (a) to (d) of section 75(1) of the 2000 Act).

Signed on behalf of the National Assembly for Wales under section 66(1) of the Government of Wales Act 1998⁽³⁾

Date

Name

Title

⁽¹⁾ 2000 c. 21.

⁽²⁾ 1988 c. 40.

⁽³⁾ 1998 c. 38.