



# LEARNER ADVISORY GROUP MEMBER

## INFORMATION



**Are you aged 14-21, and in education in Wales?  
Want to help influence qualifications in the future?  
We're recruiting members for our new Learner Advisory  
Group – *here's how to get involved***

### Who are we?

We're the independent organisation that regulates qualifications in Wales. We make sure that exam boards (organisations that create and assess qualifications) follow our rules so that qualifications are assessed fairly, and that they give learners the knowledge and skills they need for the future.

### The Learner Advisory Group

We're setting up a Learner Advisory Group that will help us talk to learners and understand what they need from us. We want members of the group to challenge us, as well as supporting us in our work, to help us give learners the information they need about qualifications.

The group will be made up of 10-14 learners, who will be part of the group for two years.

#### **Members should be:**

- between the ages of 14 to 21 years-old
- in education and studying a range of qualifications (including vocational qualifications, GCSEs, AS and A levels and the Welsh Bacc)
- from different types of backgrounds and education settings (such as colleges, schools, private candidates), and include different types of learners (such as Welsh-medium learners and those with Additional Learning Needs).

We'll be recruiting members from across Wales. Before the first meeting, we'll hold a 'Welcome' session for the group, where members can get to know each other and learn more about the group.



## How and when we'll meet

Our group meetings will be held online, using Microsoft Teams or Zoom, outside usual school and college hours.

We ask you to commit to the 'Welcome' meeting (23 March), and three 'main' meetings this year. The first main meeting will be held on 29 March, and the others will be held in May and October 2021.

Occasionally, we may ask for extra catch-ups with the group, if we need more time to discuss activities. These meetings would be optional, although we do encourage you to join them so that you can get involved with new pieces of work and catch up with other members.

## Trust

We want group members to be honest, and to tell us what they really feel about the issues affecting qualifications and learners in Wales.

## Skills, knowledge and experience

We'll recruit Learner Advisory Group members via open competition.

We want group members to show us their commitment and willingness to help us solve problems. We're looking for a range of skills, but will want to see evidence of good communication skills, examples of team work and initiative, as well as an awareness of the importance of qualifications in helping learners progress.

## How to apply

**Interested?** You can apply to join by completing a brief application form or sending us a short video, telling us why you'd make a great QW Learner Advisory Group member.

The closing date for applications is **7 March 2021**. We'll tell all applicants whether they are successful or not, and if you're selected, we'll also contact your school or college to let them know.

## Further information

You can read more about our work at [www.qualificationswales.org](http://www.qualificationswales.org)

