



Are you aged 16 and over, and in work-based learning or studying vocational qualifications in Wales? Want to help influence qualifications in the future?

We're recruiting members for our new Vocational/Work-based Learner 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 Vocational/Work-based Learner Group

We're setting up a Vocational/Work-based Learner Group that will help us talk to learners and understand the challenges faced by work-based learners or learners studying vocational qualifications. We want members of the group to challenge us, as well as supporting us in our work, to help us give learners and students the information they need about qualifications.

The group will be made up of 12 learners, who will be part of the group for one year initially.

Members should be:

- aged 16 and over
- in work-based learning (traineeship/apprenticeship) or studying vocational qualifications
- from different types of backgrounds and education settings (such as colleges and work-based learning environments) 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, outside usual education and work hours.

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We ask you to commit to the 'Welcome' meeting (12 October 2021), and three 'main' meetings this year. The first main meeting will be held on 16 November 2021, and the others will be held in February and April 2022.

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 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 and an awareness of the importance of qualifications in helping learners progress.

How to apply

Interested? You can apply to join by completing a brief expression of interest form or sending us a short video or voice recording, telling us why you'd make a great Vocational/Work-based Learner Group member.

The closing date is **22 September 2021**. We'll tell all applicants whether they are successful or not, and if you're selected, we'll also contact your training provider or college to let them know.

Further information

We have established a Learner Advisory Group to talk about general qualifications such as GCSEs, AS and A levels and you can find the latest news from that group on our website: <https://qualificationswales.org/english/awarding-2021/learner-advisory-group/>

You can read more about our work at www.qualificationswales.org.