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Introducing the third sector young people's workforce capacity building project - to deliver 25,000 accredited training places

A FREE conference: Tuesday 23rd March 09.30-16.00
Prospero House, 241 Borough High Street, London SE1 1GA



Project delivery partners



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NCVYS, YMCA George Williams College and Skillsprofile are delighted to offer you an early opportunity to engage with the national young people's workforce capacity building project.

Background to the Young People's Workforce Reform Programme

The government's ten-year strategy for young people, *Aiming High for Young People*, aims to develop a more skilled and confident workforce who can deliver the best possible outcomes for young people. The Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC), in partnership with national young people's workforce organisations including the voluntary sector, was asked to deliver a programme to enhance and develop the young people's workforce as a part of the *Aiming High* strategy.

The programme aims to ensure that those who work with young people in existing professions and at different levels can offer their expertise from a platform of agreed and shared skills.

The Project: to further improve the skills of the Third Sector young people's workforce through a capacity building programme

An estimated 70 per cent of all youth support work is done by the Third Sector. Whilst courses and training are available to equip front-line workers for Every Child Matters and integrated working, the Third Sector's capacity to deliver, fund or enable training of front-line workers is uneven.

The purpose of this project is to build the capacity of the third sector by providing 25,000 accredited training opportunities for volunteers and paid staff covering the five priority training areas:

- Facilitating **learning and development** of young people;
- Safeguarding the **health and welfare** of young people;
- Maintaining **health and safety** in the workplace;
- Promoting **access to information and support**;
- Promoting **equality** and the valuing of **diversity**.

This training includes not just the capacity of staff and volunteers to meet the needs of young people, but also the capacity of organisations to develop their workforce.

Audiences and key outcomes

The conference is aimed primarily at representatives from the voluntary and community youth sectors, Children's Trusts, training providers, employers, sector networks, managers and practitioners. Delegates will receive an introduction to all key elements of the project and be supported to identify how they can engage and benefit from it.

Draft agenda

Time	Item	Lead
9.30	Registration and refreshments	
10.00	Welcome	Susanne Rauprich, NCVYS
10.15	Introduction to the Young People's Workforce Reform Programme	Vas Patel, CWDC
10.30	Introducing the Third Sector Capacity Building Project	Gethyn Williams, NCVYS
11.00	Roundtable discussion 1 Challenges and opportunities – for delegates and project partners	NCVYS & partners
11.45	Training priorities and core content	Mary Wolfe, YMCA George Williams College
12.15	Roundtable discussion 2 Moving towards an agreement of core learning outcomes for the third sector	NCVYS & partners
13.00	Lunch and networking	
14.00	Training and accreditation: a perspective from a regional coordinating body and from an awarding body	TBC
14.30	Roundtable discussion 3 How best can training providers be engaged?	NCVYS & partners
15.15	Recording progress	Mark Callaghan, iProfile
15.45	Conclusion and next steps	Susanne Rauprich, NCVYS
16.00	Close	