

NCVYS Statement – passport registration scheme

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NCVYS extends offer to facilitate consultation with the voluntary and community youth sector over plans to register youth workers

This offer is made again to Lifelong Learning UK and the consortium of organisations currently discussing a proposal for a passport registration scheme for youth workers (as announced in Children & Young People Now, 16 October 2008). NCVYS has since learnt that **this is one of a number of proposals still being discussed by the consortium.**

It is important that third sector employers, which employ the largest number of youth workers within the youth sector, are consulted with regarding these proposals. Employers and practitioners need to learn of the benefits and have any fears or concerns answered and their views taken on board and acted upon.

NCVYS is currently seeking evidence from the sector as to the take up of the skills passports for playworkers, which the consortium may introduce for youth workers too. Nichola Brown explained “We have asked Skills Active what the take up from the third sector has been like and in the meantime ask our members to come forward to share their experience”.

In addition, NCVYS is waiting to hear from the Children’s Workforce Network, as to an announcement of any plans for registration across the whole of the children, young people and families’ workforce, following a review in to the role of regulation and registration. Nichola Brown explained “There have been discussions for many years about regulation and registration (licence to practise) which is causing fear and uncertainty. It is important that national bodies work together to bring about any proposals which meet the needs of the sector and do not deter or alienate volunteers, who are the bedrock of the youth sector”.

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