

## **Let's Talk Youth Work!**

An opportunity for Youth Workers to help young people to have their say about youth work with the new Interim Youth Work Board for Wales

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The role of the Youth Work Board for Wales is to advise Welsh Government on how youth work services across Wales can work for all young people. To achieve this the Board will be developing a strategy for youth work and want to put young people at the heart of it.

I recognise that if we are serious about protecting and developing youth work services in Wales we need to include youth work practitioners from the beginning of our work. The Board has to make sure that young people are central in helping to shape our work so I'm hoping you will be excited by the opportunity to facilitate those discussions and then to link in directly to the Youth Work Board for Wales.

We have produced some starter questions for young people to get the discussion going. You will see that the PowerPoint includes some guidance notes to assist you in facilitating the discussions. This is about giving young people the chance to get involved and to say what's important to them. Alongside the PowerPoint we have also prepared a feedback sheet so you can record young people's views and then send it to us at the Youth Work Board.

At the Youth Work Conference in North Wales on 20<sup>th</sup> February we are hoping to feedback on what young people have said and use this as an opportunity for practitioners to talk through their experience. This just marks the beginning of an on-going discussion with you and with young people in Wales... so **Let's Talk Youth Work!**

Many thanks,



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