

Your Radically Different Awarding Body



The **Diversity** of Learning

Why are we different?

- Our mission and core values
- Our 25 years credit experience
- Our regional structure

Who are we?

The National Open College Network (NOCN) is the leading credit and unit based Awarding Body in the UK. NOCN is nationally recognised as an Awarding Body and accredited by the Regulatory Authorities in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

NOCN offers a complementary range of national and local services to over 2,500 centres across the UK including curriculum development to support local, regional and national demand.

We have 25 years experience of working with partners to offer credit based awards and qualifications.

What do we do?

NOCN has nine regional OCNs in England, one in Wales and one in Northern Ireland. This structure makes it possible for NOCN to respond flexibly to local and regional needs, whilst working within a national quality framework. Across the UK we are working with key stakeholders:

- **In England** we are well placed to meet regional skills priorities and contribute towards LSC targets
- **In Wales**, we are working with key partners in relation to CQFW and developing Wales as a Learning Country
- **In Northern Ireland**, we are contributing to the priorities identified by DEL in their consultation documents FE Means Business
- We are working effectively with Sector Skills Councils to enable successful implementation of Sector Qualification Strategies to ensure that the needs of our key customers and learners are met.



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NOCN works with providers, employers, sector bodies and others to develop flexible and responsive credit based awards and qualifications that widen access to lifelong learning and address exclusion, participation and achievement.

The NOCN Credit and Qualification Framework provides opportunities for learners to achieve unit credits and use these to provide a route to full qualifications and further learning. Quality assurance, supported at the point of delivery, underpins all NOCN credit achievement and qualifications.

Core Values

NOCN has:

- *A belief in the entitlement of people to gain recognition for their achievements in learning and to fulfil their potential*
- *Respect for and encouragement of diversity – in learners and learning approaches, partners and settings*
- *A passion to make a difference to disadvantaged individuals, groups and communities*
- *An ambition to open up opportunities for vocational progression and personal and social development*
- *A commitment to integrity and ethical business practices.*

How do I find out more?

Further information is available from your OCN. For contact details please see the NOCN website.

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