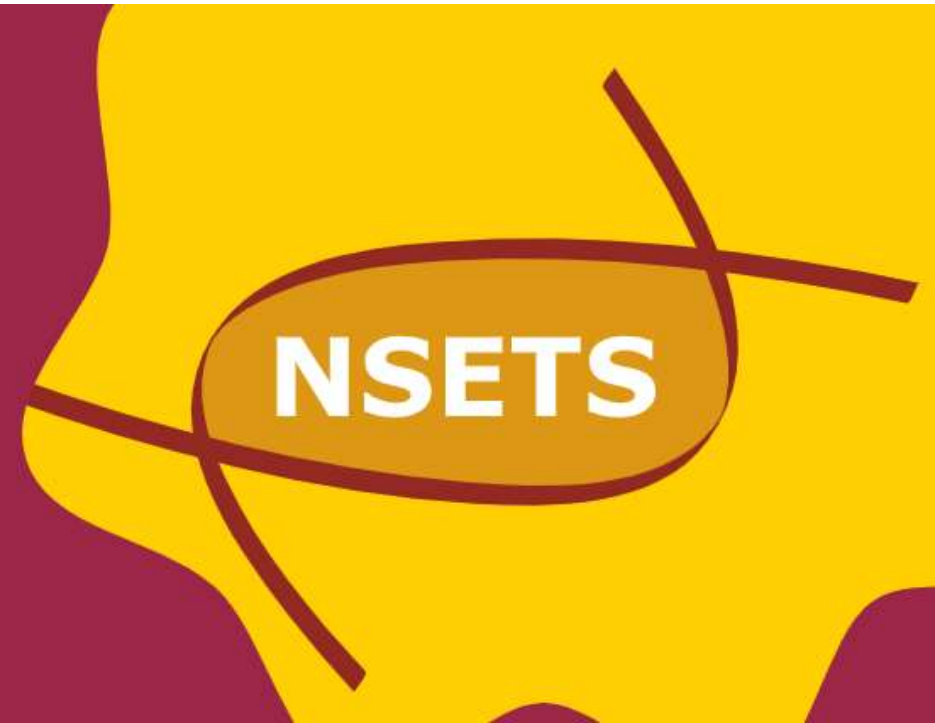


NSETS

NSETS – North/South Education and Training Standards – is responsible for the professional endorsement of youth work programmes on the island of Ireland



Quality Standards in the Education and Training of Youth Workers

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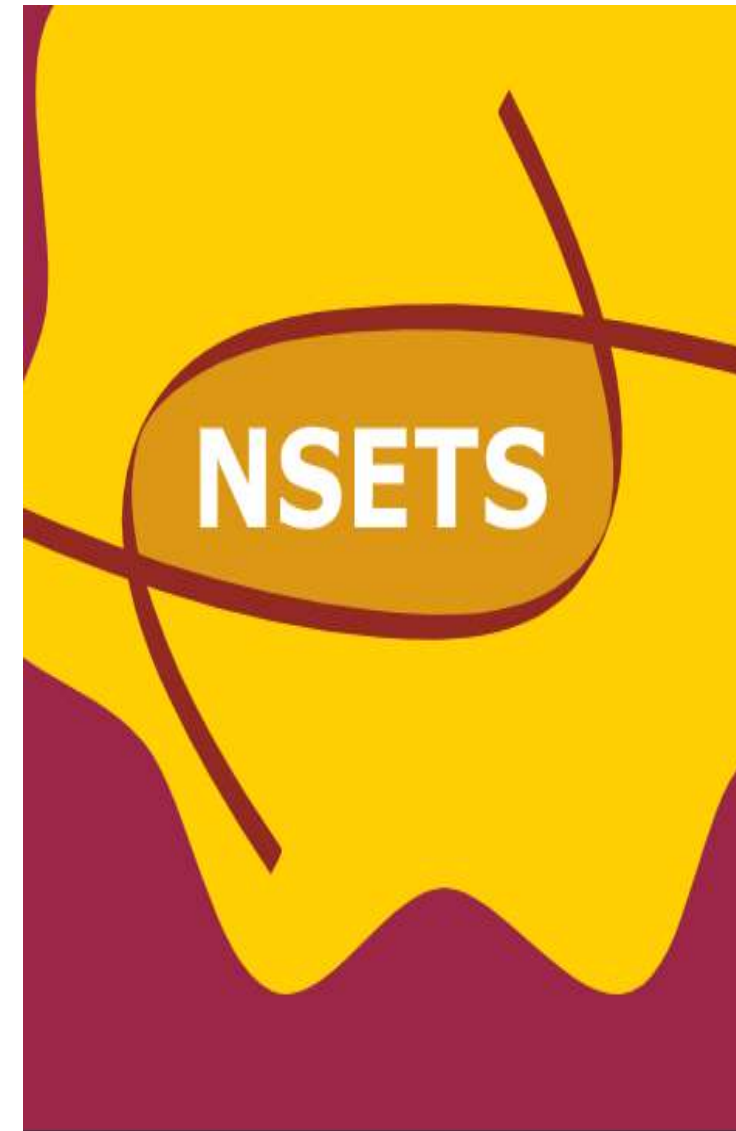
NSETS

Quick Background

- Established 2006 as an endorsement body as an action from the National Youth Work Development plan 2003-2007.
- **Vision:** 'A world class workforce for youth work on the island of Ireland'.
- **Mission** 'To contribute to better outcomes for young people by establishing, promoting and sustaining **all island** standards of excellence for the provision of education, training and continuous learning and development for the youth work workforce'.
- A member of JETS – Joint ETS with England, Scotland and Wales.

What NSETS does.

- NSETS works to ensure and promote quality standards in the education and training of youth workers through an endorsement process based on a rigorous assessment of all aspects of programme content and delivery.
- NSETS professional endorsement represents a formal recognition by the youth work sector that programmes of study in youth work have met prescribed criteria and are fit-for purpose.



Membership

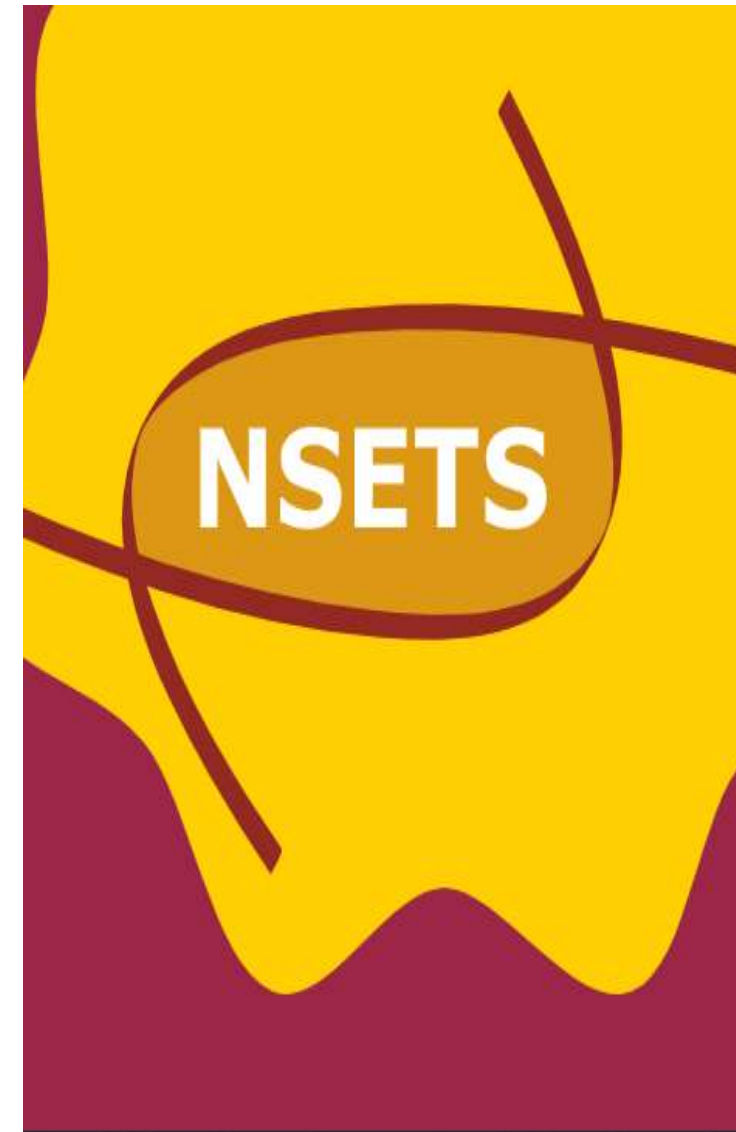
Membership of NSETS, by category, is as follows:

North	No. of Reps	South	No. of Reps
Voluntary Sector Employers	1	Higher Education	2
Youth Council for NI	2	National Youth Council of Ireland	1
Higher Education	1	Youth Work Employers	2
Education Authority	2	Youth Work Practitioners	2
Youth Work Training Board	1	Education and Training Boards	1
Union Representation	1	Ireland Association	

Government Department representatives also attend on an ex-officio basis

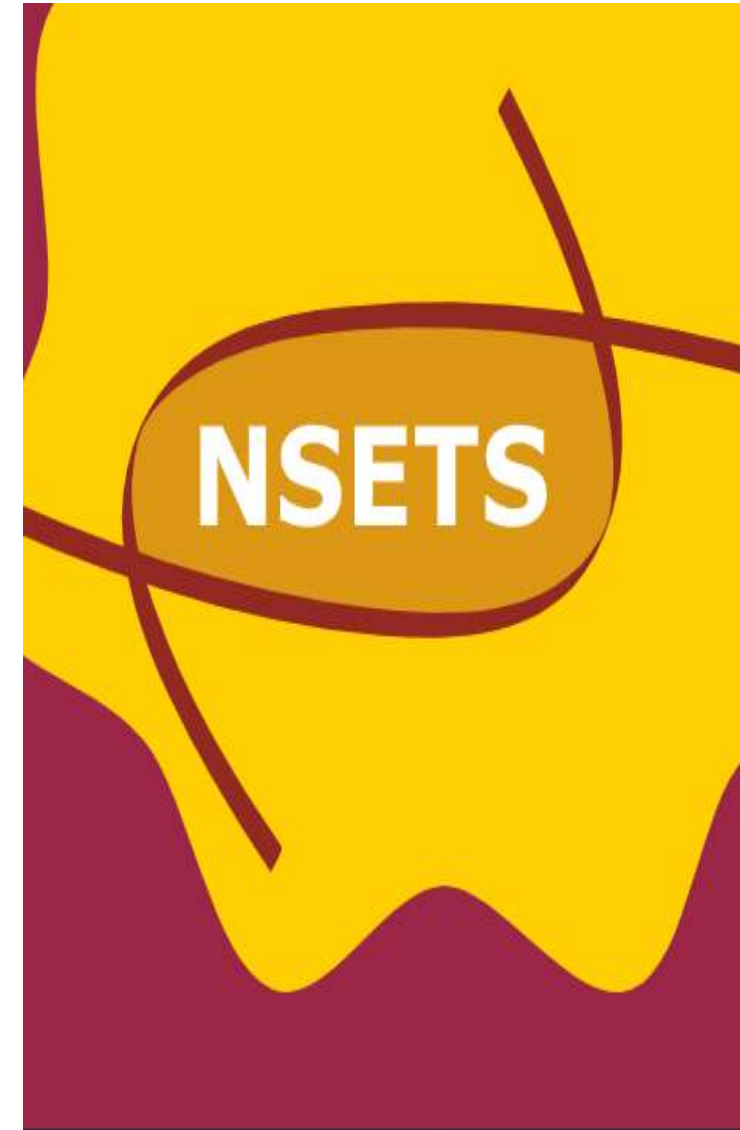
Co-operation and collaboration

- Irish Context - All Island endorsement body – Works across two jurisdictions Northern Ireland (UK) and Republic of Ireland.
- Youth Work Educators Forum – collaborative working
- Co-operative and supportive working relationships.
- Youth Worker education and training.
- Enhances the professional mobility of Youth Work graduates.



Challenges

- Different systems
- Non-Statutory
- Distinct from QQI (academic validation)
- Other forms of training for Youth Workers
- Experienced youth workers who did not graduate from endorsed courses.
- Profile, promotion and visibility.



Thank you

