

Become a Peer Inspector in the Youth Work sector

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About the role

We're looking for people with the relevant senior leadership experience in youth work to become Peer Inspectors.

At Estyn, we value the contribution that Peer Inspectors make to our work. Peer Inspectors are a key part of our inspection teams. We also know that Peer Inspectors gain a great deal professionally from the professional learning we provide and from opportunities to visit other providers during inspections.

When qualified, you'll use your knowledge and skills to engage in activities such as observing activities and talking with learners and staff to gather first-hand evidence about the life and work of the youth work provider. Working with Estyn is a brilliant opportunity to use your existing skills, develop new skills and to see effective practice in other providers.

Eligibility

You'll be able to inspect through the medium of English and/or Welsh, and will:

- have a professionally endorsed qualification in Youth Work;
- be Education Workforce Council (EWC) registered;
- have at least 3 years of experience in a Youth Work organisation/the field of Youth Work;
- experience of Youth Work in a quality role.

Professional learning

The professional learning will be available in English and Welsh and will be held in person, 28-30 April 2026 in Cardiff.

The initial training event is free of charge, and we'll pay for your travel and subsistence and accommodation (if you're eligible) in line with our [travel and subsistence policy](#).

Endorsement

In order to attend training and, if successful, attend inspections we must receive an endorsement from your employer. This must be received in advance of the training, or you will be unable to attend. An email will be sent to the contact you shared in your application.

Disclosure and Barring Service check

To be deployed on inspection, you must complete the written assessments successfully and have a valid Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) Enhanced certificate. The certificate must be less than three years' old, and include the Child workforce category. Once we've got your certificate, our Planning and Deployment team will be in touch with details of the assessed inspection.

We'd recommend that you apply for a DBS as soon as you pass the face-to-face training - these certificates can take up to six weeks to be issued. Once you've received your DBS, or if you have one already, please send a scanned copy to dbschecks@estyn.gov.wales and include the name and date of the training so that we can check it meets our requirements. **You will not be deployed or considered as having fully passed the training until your certificate has been received.**

Deployment

We usually deploy Peer Inspectors around once every two years. A few Peer Inspectors are deployed more often. When you're on inspection, we'll pay a flat rate contribution to your provider. We'll also cover your travel and subsistence costs.

Every year we invite all Peer Inspectors to attend update training periodically; you must attend this training to continue your role as a Peer Inspector. There's no charge for the training, but we're not able to pay supply cover or travel and subsistence costs. You must have a valid DBS certificate to attend.

How to apply

Online application form: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/3U5S7A/>

Closing date: Midday on 4 March 2026

Any fields marked with * are mandatory, so you won't be able to submit the form without entering a response for these fields. If they don't apply to you, please enter 'N/A'.

Contact details

This pack contains all of the information you need about the role and the application process, but if you have any questions, please email us at events@estyn.gov.wales or call us on 02920 44 6510.

If you'd like to discuss the roles outlined above prior to making an application, please contact Gavin Gibbs, HMI – gavin.gibbs@estyn.gov.wales

We look forward to receiving your application.