

# UK Playwork NOS Consortium NOS Writing Group Person Specification (voluntary role)

## Purpose

The UK Playwork NOS Consortium is a partnership of the national play and playwork organisations: Play Wales, Play England, PlayBoard Northern Ireland, Play Scotland and the Playwork Foundation. The consortium has been approved by the UK Standards and Frameworks Panel to undertake a self-funded review of the National Occupational Standards for Playwork on behalf of the UK playwork sector.

The NOS writing group will be a group of committed sector experts who will take forward the work of writing new NOS for playwork during 2024/25. Due to the intensive nature of the work and the requirement for consistent attendance and focus we are looking to recruit a maximum of eight members. This is not a paid position, so successful applicants will be required to fit meetings around other commitments. Writing group meetings will be held online.

The writing group will be supported by various Expert Reference Groups (ERGs). The purpose of the ERGs will be to act as a critical friend to the NOS Writing Group and UK Playwork NOS Consortium.

We are also recruiting for members of the ERGs with specific knowledge of Higher Education, Qualifications and Awarding Bodies, Further Education delivery, open access playwork and out of school childcare. A separate person specification for ERGs is available.

## How to apply

If you are interested in being part of the writing group, please email us explaining how you meet the desirable attributes, skills and knowledge in the person specification below, along with an accompanying CV.

Please email to: [nosreview@play.wales](mailto:nosreview@play.wales)



## Desirable attributes for the writing group

Across the membership of the writing group, we need to aim for a range of skills, expertise, knowledge and lived experience. We are seeking to have a balanced group that contains within it the following attributes:

- Previous experience and expertise in writing NOS
- Detailed knowledge of the national context and priorities for NOS/qualifications in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland or Wales
- Playwork qualifications development
- Diversity in respect of protected characteristics
- Current experience of playwork practice
- Playwork in non-dedicated settings
- Understanding of the scope of qualifications across the children's workforce in the UK.

Whilst experience of developing NOS and/or qualifications is important, we are also keen to build knowledge and capacity in the sector for future NOS reviews. For this reason, we welcome applications from potential writing group members who have not been involved directly in this work before.

## Person specification:

Writing group members also must be able to demonstrate experience, knowledge, understanding and skills to address each of the following:

- Knowledge of the current playwork sector
- Practical experience of working face to face with children in a play or playwork context
- Knowledge and understanding of the NOS development process and how NOS and qualifications are linked
- Excellent communication skills and diplomacy
- Proven experience of working as part of a team with a set workplan and timescales
- Writing learning outcomes, assessment criteria or other standards to a set brief, template or format
- Working remotely using online meeting software
- Time and capacity to attend online meetings on a regular basis for a period of six to nine months (from July 2024 onwards)
- Commitment to attend 80% of meetings.

**The closing date for submitting an application is 31 July 2024.**

