



scottish credit and
qualifications framework

RPL Network Seminar

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RPL in Scotland and the Role of the SCQFP

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- Setting a context for the day
- SCQFP priorities and best fit
- Current and planned activity
- Relationship with post 16 Review
- European position

Current priorities

- Capacity building of CRBs
- Increasing demand for credit rating
- Wider use of the Framework
- Employer engagement
- Recognition of wider achievement (including informal and non formal)
- Government agenda on a better “learner journey” post age 16

Current activity

- SCQFP RPL Network
- SCQFP RPL toolkit – increase sectoral use and understand sectoral differences
- Develop institutional workshops (see invite in pack)
- We are using EQF monies to support a small RPL and sectors project across UK
- We are now piloting RPL related toolkits for young people and those facing redundancy
- We have been stocktaking in order to advise Government

Scottish Govt quote

“There is some excellent practice in Recognising Prior Learning. We want to ensure such practice is adopted as a minimum benchmark across the sector, ensuring that entry to courses happens at Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework (SCQF) levels which properly reflect people’s academic and wider experience.”

- The impact assessment of the Recommendation has been submitted to the European Parliament
- The results of the public consultation are yet to be published – expected end November
- Likely recommendation - ***Member States should create (by 2015) comprehensive and systematic national arrangements for the validation of NFIF learning.***
- The proposal will be formally made by the European Commission in December 2011 with adoption by Council of Ministers in May 2012.
- The Commission will present templates for the description of education and skills, fund projects, arrange peer learning.

How can RPL add value?

- Smoother learner journey
- More effective transitions
- Economic efficiency
- Genuinely joined up approach for learners and for institutions
- More effective use of Framework

BUT

- Invest to save?

Summary

- RPL is crucial to the success of the aims of the Framework
- SCQFP has invested quite a lot of time and resources to develop tools, but we are not the solution to successful RPL
- We know that in some countries there are far more structured approaches
- We need to consider how we will respond to the European Commission
- We look forward today to hearing about good practice across the UK and beyond