Involvement in the new level 2 construction craft qualifications

City & Guilds is about to start development work on a suite of new level 2 construction craft qualifications listed below. We are looking for representatives from industry and colleges/training providers who are passionate about the construction crafts and want to be involved.

- Level 2 Advanced Technical Certificate in Bricklaying (360)
- Level 2 Advanced Technical Certificate in Architectural Joinery (360)
- Level 2 Advanced Technical Certificate in Site Carpentry (360)
- Level 2 Advanced Technical Certificate in Painting and Decorating (360)
- Level 2 Advanced Technical Certificate in Plastering (360)

These new qualifications and assessments will be aimed at full time delivery and must be written to meet Department for Education (DfE) requirements and the needs of the industry. The DfE requirements will be things like end synoptic assessment, qualification grading using a holistic approach, external assessment and more. Don’t worry, we know these requirements and want to work with representatives from the various parts of the industry to ensure we have the right content in the qualification and the best assessments (while meeting DfE requirements). Basically we want to work with those who will potentially be delivering these quals in the future and those who will be employing and working with the candidates once they get out into industry.

**What we’re looking for?**
We’re looking to work with a cross representation from the industry and those providing qualifications/training to industry. Typically we’d be looking for a minimum of five years’ experience in construction either in small, medium or large organisations/colleges or training providers.

**How much time?**
The amount of involvement can vary, the minimum would be to attend a few all day meetings starting with a scoping meeting late October 2015. The more time you can work with us means more involvement and more input into the qualification content and assessments and there will be plenty of work. For each qualification listed above we’d expect to need circa eight full day meetings – you don’t need to attend all of them. Some may also be interested in reviewing and writing new content which can be done at home but you would need to attend the meeting(s) to review and tweak the content to ensure its fit for purpose. This development work is planned to be completed in April/May 2016 so that’s its ready to submit to DfE in September. It would then be available to deliver by colleges and training providers from September 2017.

**What do you get out of it?**
In addition to shaping the quals and assessments for construction crafts we’ll also reimburse you for reasonable travel expenses incurred and pay you (if working on your own time eg on leave or retired) or your employer for your time at our day rate. There may be some prep work to do before the meeting eg review some content or respond to queries following the meeting.
And the future?
This development project is planned to be completed mid-2016, after that there will be on-going assessment production every year for the level 2 and our recently developed level 3 as well as new apprenticeship developments and our construction offer for our international market also so plenty of opportunities to be involved.

How to get involved?
Please send your CV to construction@cityandguilds.com by 28 September 2015 letting us know which qual/craft you are interested in and what sort of involvement you can offer.

If you have any queries please email us at the above email address.

Thanks for your time.