



## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

# **FURTHER EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES POSITIVE ABOUT NVC**

The following are statements issued in response to the news of the establishment of NVC, a new national vocational award service, on 20 June 2005:

“Innovative approaches to the design and delivery of higher education are essential if employers and providers are to work together to develop a highly trained workforce. NVC will play a vital part in ensuring that higher level skills receive the recognition and value they deserve, establishing them alongside more traditional academic pathways.”

John Widdowson – Principal, New College Durham and Chair, Mixed Economy Group of Colleges (MEG)

"I believe that NVC will provide a further opportunity to raise the profile of work related qualifications which for so long has not been seen as being part of our higher education system. This welcome development will I hope encourage more students to progress to a higher level qualification."

Ray Dowd – Principal, Wirral Metropolitan College and Chair, Association of Colleges HE group.

### **About NVC**

NVC is a partnership organisation made up of Higher Education Institutions and the University Vocational Awards Council (UVAC).

NVC is a company limited by guarantee, formed to provide a national vocational award service to meet the needs of public institutions and private organisations, including large businesses, without degree awarding powers.

NVC's initial validating members are: the University of Kent, London Metropolitan University, the University of Luton and Southampton Institute. Thanks to the flexibility of the operating model, the organisation can develop and adapt its membership and validation delivery to reflect the evolving interests of the higher education sector.