



# NCFE SkillsFest25

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# Who we are



We're NCFE: an educational charity and leader in vocational and technical learning

We're working for a fairer education system for all learners to power inclusivity and choice

We are recognised by the UK's Department for Education and regulated by OFQUAL

We work in over 20 countries from Asia, to the Middle East and our clients include government organisation, State agencies as well as private education institutions

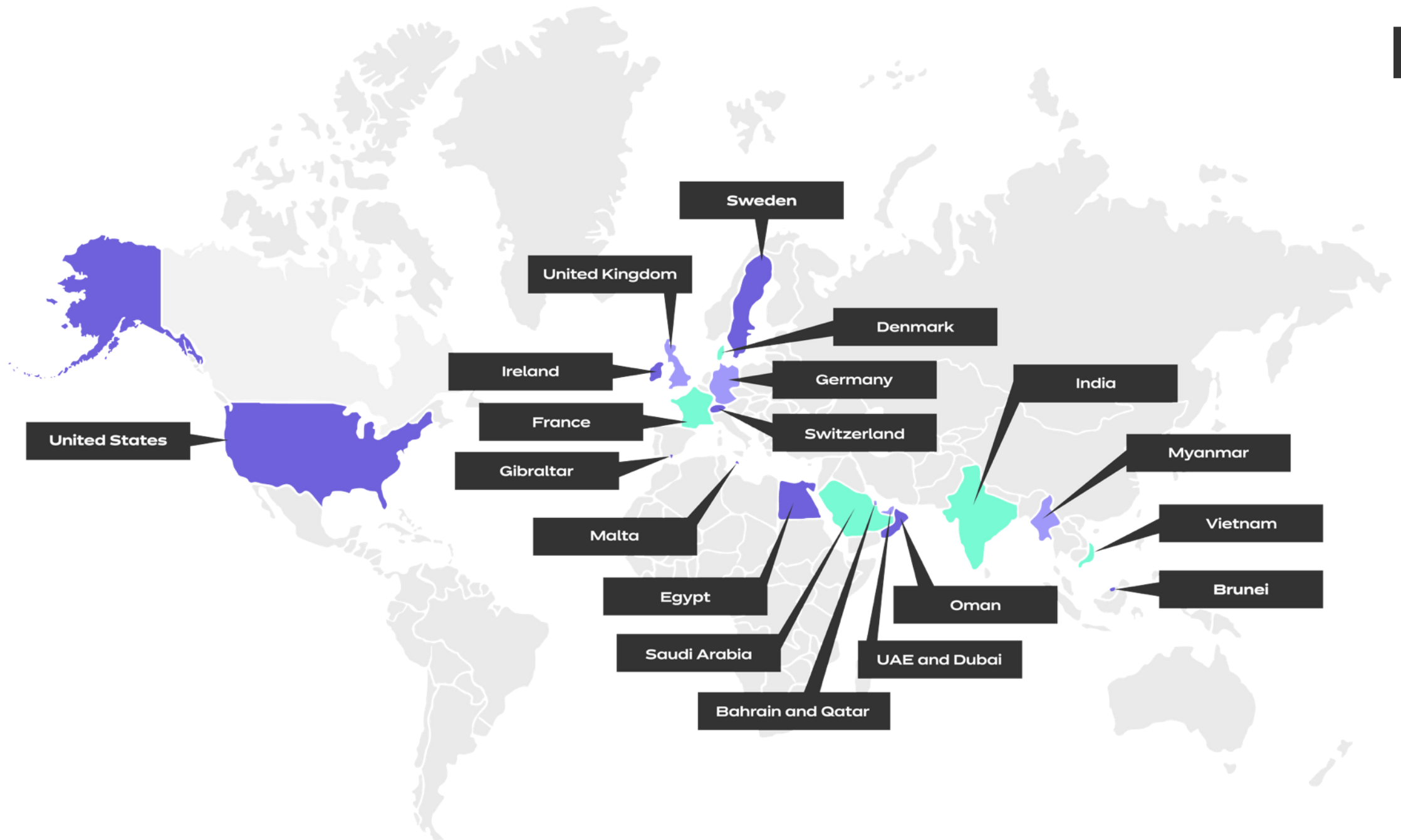
We work closely with AIQ to expand our international reach and are proud to be in partnership with Learning Curve Group.



# NCFE International



- NCFE International established for 15 years
- Currently operating in 29 Countries
- 87 active international NCFE Centres
- Certifying over 4000 international learners



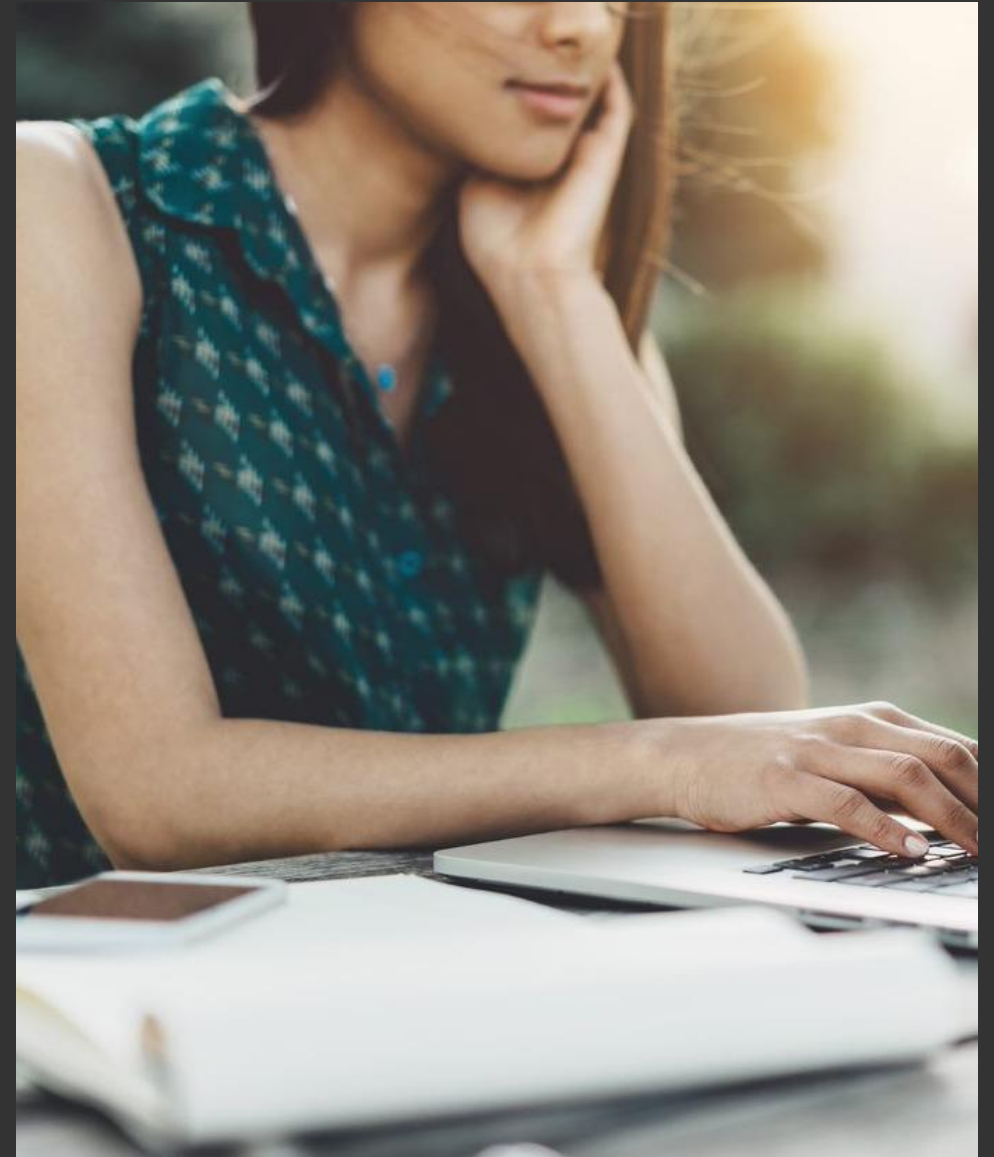
# Our Sector Specialisms



During our more than 170 years of experience in vocational and technical learning, we've developed deep expertise in a number of specialist sectors. We're proud to offer the highest quality qualifications, content and transformational learning experiences in these areas, with the aim of helping learners to master the skills they need for a successful career in these growing sectors.

## **Our five sector specialisms are:**

- Early years and childcare
- Education and training
- Health and science
- Social care
- Digital







**Save the Children**



# **NCFE and Save the Children - Competency based Professional Approach to Qualifications and Training (COMPAQT)**

- Save the Children are a global charity that work alongside children in more than 100 countries
- Over the past 8 years we have been working with Save the Children International to develop customised qualifications and accreditation, that will ensure staff are equipped with the knowledge and skills required to carry out their important work.



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## **NCFE and Save the Children - Competency based Professional Approach to Qualifications and Training (COMPAQT)**

- Delivered in 116 countries
- Developed with NCFE, based on CACHE principles

This global child protection framework, grounded in CACHE standards, helps practitioners in some of the world's most challenging environments gain recognition and skills.



**Save the Children**





**“I’m inspired by the  
work you’re doing  
here”**

**Steve Miller** | Global Child Protection Director as of March 2023



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National Institute of childhood



## **National Institute of Childhood (NIC), launched 2023**

- First NCFE-approved centre in Oman – milestone for CACHE qualifications in the region
- 90+ learners enrolled in the first year across Levels 2–5 Early Years programmes
- Recognition by the Ministry of Social Development – embedding into Oman’s national workforce development strategy
- Pathways for learners: from entry-level training to supervisory and leadership roles in nurseries and early childhood education
- Helping Oman meet its Vision 2040 targets around education, workforce participation, and social development



# Longterm Partnerships



15+ years delivering EYE in UAE

Government recognition: KHDA (Dubai), ADEK (Abu Dhabi), and Oman's Ministry of Social Development, BQA Bahrain, HRDF KSA

Employer investment: nurseries, schools, and training providers

Sustainability – programmes embedded into national workforce development plans


Collaboration that delivers quality assurance, innovation, and continuity for learners and educators



# Working with Active IQ



- We work with over 33 international providers from around the world
- We have 4 International Programmes of Study developed specifically for overseas delivery
- We've seen rapid growth internationally, with international centres generating over £360,000 of income last year.

- All courses come equipped with resources such as e-learning and manuals, plus options to upskill tutors, assessors and internal verifiers.
  - Study to become a Fitness Assistant, Fitness instructor, Personal Trainer or develop learning in Nutrition.
  - All IPOS are recognised by bodies such as E-reps, ICREPS to ensure that they are mapped to all relevant frameworks.
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# International Development



- Over the next few years, we plan to expand our international provision into new areas, with qualifications in management, and specialisms such as working with disabled clients, to allow our centres to create highly skilled health and fitness professionals.
- We'll continue to remain a visible presence internationally, attending trade shows alongside our quality assurance centre visits.
- We're attending Dubai Active, 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October, to meet operators and discuss industry next steps





## Why choose us?

- Developed by professionals for professionals
- Global reach
- Tutor / Assessor friendly
- Tutor support
- Wide range of assessment methods
- One EQA for all childcare qualifications.



**NCFE International – powering skills for a smarter future. Let's build it together.**

Seeking new partners in **South East Asia** and the **MENA region**

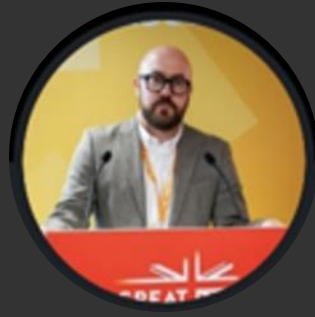
Deliver NCFE's quality assured qualifications in Early Years, Health & Social Care, Education, and Fitness

Access to UK standards, bilingual resources, and flexible delivery models  
Long-term, sustainable collaborations with government, NGOs, and training providers

*"Work with us to shape the future of skills in your region."*



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