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ABSTRACT

The purposes of this study were : to identify conditions in group formation of vocational adult learners trained in vocational interest group from Ang - Tong Non - formal Education Centre. A qualitative study was conducted by using observation, interview, documentary study and note takings in Tambon Sanchaw Rongthong, Tambon Khlong khanak and Tambon Phaiwong, Amphur Wisetchaichan, Ang - Tong. The data were collected from 4 interest groups between July 1989. December 1989 within six months.

The study revealed that there were three supporting conditions in vocational group formation. The first condition was motivation including group benefits as well as occupational guiding from other people who were government officials and community leaders. The second condition was community, condition which referred to marketing and supporting from community leaders. The last condition was about personal characteristics which are understanding in the importance of vocational group formation, work commitment, time available, skills, funds and close

relationship among group members.

Lack of group benefits, lack of coordinating between students and vocational resources, the unsupporting from other related people; the lack of funds, skills, time and the lack of learning needs are main obstacles in vocational group formation.