



QUALIFICATION OUTLINE

QUALIFICATION TITLE: Diploma in Youth Work Practice

QUALIFICATION LEVEL: Level 3

Introduction

The level 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice (QCF) is designed to prepare learners to lead work with young people in a range of youth work settings. Youth work helps young people learn about themselves, others, and society, through informal educational activities which combine enjoyment, challenge, and learning. Youth workers work typically with young people aged between 11 and 25. Their work seeks to promote young people's personal and social development and enable them to have a voice, influence and place in their communities and society. This qualification can typically be completed in 12-18 months and carries 37 credits.

Who should take this qualification?

This is for employees who deliver operational youth work and who undertake duties on their own initiative or who carry supervisory responsibility for small projects, such as one night a week clubs. Workers with these responsibilities will receive leadership and operational guidance from professionally qualified youth workers.

Qualification Content and Assessment Information

Study Location: Work based

How is the qualification delivered? The course material is delivered via blended learning; a mix of assessor visits and learner work uploaded onto an electronic portfolio. The Assessor will visit the workplace to facilitate observation of practice and professional discussion. Dependent on the payment method, the number of visits may vary.

Assessment and Exams: There are no exams for this qualification. The qualification is on-going assessment of learners work plus Observation, Discussion, Expert Witness and Assignments. Learners are allocated an experienced assessor who will have competency in your particular field and will support and guide the learner and ensure that the range of evidence produced fulfils the following criteria;

Valid is relevant to the standards for which competence is claimed

Authentic is produced by the learner

Reliable indicates that the learner can consistently perform at this level

Current is sufficiently recent to create confidence that the same skill, understanding or knowledge persist at the time of the claim

Sufficient fully meets the requirements of the standards

Units: There are **8 mandatory units** which are;

- Theory of Youth work
- Safeguarding in a youth work setting
- Young people's development
- Engaging and Communicating with young people
- Group work within a youth work setting
- Working with challenging behaviour in a youth work setting
- Reflective practice in a youth work setting
- Work based practice in a youth work setting

Optional Units: From **30 optional units**, learners select units that total a minimum of 13 credits which are;

- Interviewing skills for work with young people
- Detached and Outreach Youth Work – Understanding and Knowledge
- Detached and Outreach youth work – Practice
- Understanding exchange programmes in a youth work setting
- Implementing exchange programmes in a youth work setting
- Facilitate the learning and development of young people through mentoring
- Principles of supporting young people in relation to sexual health and risk of pregnancy
- Support young people who are asylum seekers
- Support young people to achieve their learning potential
- Support young people who are looked after or leaving care
- Support young people's transition to independence
- Referrals and signposting to youth work settings
- Work with young people to reduce involvement in anti-social/criminal activity
- Understand how youth work can support young people with mental health problems
- Support young people to develop, implement and review a plan of action
- Understand how youth work can support young people who are experiencing poverty
- Understand how youth work can support young people who misuse substances
- Understand how youth work supports young people who are gay, lesbian, or transgender
- Understand how to manage staff in a youth work setting
- Facilitating youth trips and residential
- Work effectively with vulnerable young people
- Young people's participation in youth work
- Exploring faith and community values within a youth work setting

- Support young people who are not in employment, education or who are excluded from school
- Anti-discriminatory practice in youth work
- Supervision in the youth work context
- Managing performance in a youth work setting
- Managing a budget within a youth work setting
- Effective outcomes based youth work
- Supporting young people with disabilities and additional learning needs within a youth work setting

General Information

Payment Options: This qualification can be paid for in full or via our Flexi Payment Plan which spreads the cost over 4 consecutive equal payments. Learners can also finance this course utilising an Advanced Learner Loan. Please contact us for the most up to date funding information.

Start Date: This is a rolling programme. Start date is by arrangement

Entry requirements: There are no formal entry requirements although a good standard of English and Maths is necessary and initial assessments are offered to learners without prior achievement.

Where could this lead?

Learners who complete the Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice (QCF) can progress to Diploma of Higher Education, Foundation Degrees and BA Honours and other related qualifications in Youth Work.

