

Youth Investment Fund Quality Standards

Standard 3: Youth Work Practice

Youth work practice is underpinned by Youth Work Values and Principles.



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Good

- a. Youth Workers are [qualified](#) to a minimum of L2 in Youth Work, preferably a L3 in Youth Work or an equivalent and the organisation has a workforce development plan to ensure all staff continually develop their knowledge and skills in youth work. ([National Occupational Standards for Youth Work](#)).
- b. Youth work enables young people to assess risk and make informed choices to promote their wellbeing.
- c. Youth workers respond to the needs of young people and plan and deliver effective activities and programmes using asset-based approach.
- d. Youth work supports young people to understand difference and recognise inequality and discrimination in their community
- e. The organisation has the relevant safeguarding and risk management policy, procedures, and practice in place to ensure that every young person, regardless of their age, disability, race, gender reassignment, religion or belief, or sexual orientation has a right to equal protection from harm.

Excellent

- a. Youth Workers should be [professionally qualified in Youth Work](#)
- b. Youth work enables young people to articulate how their informed choices positively impact their wellbeing.
- c. Youth work enables young people to identify their needs, goals, interests, and concerns to co-produce programmes, and reflect on their learning to enhance their future development.
- d. Youth work co-produces contextual safeguarding and risk management activity in partnership with young people.
- e. Youth work encourages and supports young people to take an active role in their community to challenge inequality and discrimination.