

Level 3 Diploma Information

Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice

This qualification embraces the National Occupational Standards for youth work. It supports the skills and knowledge learners need to become a competent Youth Support Worker.

Who is this course for?

This course is for people who have been working with young people, paid or voluntary for more than one year. This qualification opens the pathway of studying youth work at degree level. This course is taught over 12 months and requires approximately 17 days face to face with a trainer. The Diploma requires a significant commitment for both the learner and employee.

Minimum requirements

- 12 months' experience of working with young people in a voluntary or paid role.
- A reflective journal is required where learners document how their learning is impacting their practice with young people.
- Employers are required to provide regular supervision for learners, focussing on developing aspects of learning identified and making accurate notes so, when required. They can be uploaded to the online learning platform as part of the unit assessment.
- Observations from supervisors at work placements are also required.

Credits and units

The following thirteen units will be covered:

Units	Level	Credit Value
Theory of Youth Work	2	4
Safeguarding in a youth work setting	2	3
Young people's development	2	2
Engaging and communication with young people	2	2
Anti-Discriminatory Practice	3	3
Understand how Youth Work can Support Young People who Misuse Substances	3	3
Reflective Practice in a Youth Work Setting	3	2
Working with Behaviour That Challenges in Youth Work Settings	3	2
Young People's Participation in Youth Work	3	2
Work-Based Practice in Youth Work	3	6
Group Work within a Youth Work Setting	3	4
Effective Outcomes-Based Youth Work	3	3
Understanding how Youth Work can Support Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing	3	2



Learning hours

- Total credit value is 38.
- Total qualification time is 370 hours.
- This course can be completed within 12 months.
- The course includes 10 online webinar learning sessions which last for two hours each and involves periods of self-guided learning using.

Learning outcomes

This qualification embraces the National Occupational Standards for youth work. It supports the skills and knowledge learners need to become a competent Youth Support Worker. Learners will complete this qualification with a concrete understanding of the following:

- The values, core principles and current policies relating to youth work.
- Intervention strategies in youth work settings.
- The principles, knowledge and skills needed for work-based practice.

Progression route

Learners who achieve this qualification can progress to associated FE/HE programmes or employment in the sector. The mix of practical and academic skills in your youth and community degree prepares you for a range of jobs across several sectors:

Jobs directly related to your degree include:

- Advice worker
- Community development worker
- Community education officer
- Family support worker
- Probation officer
- Social worker
- Teaching assistant
- Youth worker

Jobs where your degree would be useful include:

- Adult guidance worker
- Careers adviser
- Chaplain
- Detective
- Learning mentor
- Outdoor activities/education manager
- Paralegal
- Secondary school teacher
- Volunteer coordinator