



Pre-entry Advice & Guidance

Level 1 Award in Youth Work Practice



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About this Pre-entry Advice and Guidance.

This guidance will provide you with:

1. What is a Vocational Qualification?
2. Course information – including what you will learn and how you will be assessed
3. Course entry requirements
4. Progression pathways – future learning and/or employment
5. Your next steps

This guidance should help you decide if this is the right course for you.

Youth Work Career

Youth workers guide and support young people in their personal, social and educational development to help them reach their full potential

As a youth worker, you'll set, organise and run community programmes aimed at young people aged between 11 and 25. Through these programmes, you'll help them to explore and understand their ideas, values and beliefs, building their confidence and life skills so that they can make a successful transition to adulthood.

You'll work in a variety of settings, such as colleges, faith-based groups, schools or youth centres. Youth work relies on voluntary engagement with young people, so you'll need to build relationships based on trust in order to support and empower them.

You'll usually need two A-levels or equivalent and some relevant work experience to get a place on a course. Check with course providers to find out what type of experience they're looking for.

Entry on to an undergraduate degree programme without formal qualifications may be possible if you have substantial relevant experience in youth work and the academic ability to complete the course.

Qualifications

The National Youth Agency (NYA) details the three most common routes into youth work:

1. Apprenticeship - working as a youth support worker (complete a level 2 or 3 diploma)
2. Becoming a professional youth worker by completing a level 6- or 7-degree, graduate diploma, PGDip or MA. (Graduate Diploma - two years full time postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) - one year with full-time study or longer as a part-time equivalent) Masters (MA) - one year or part-time equivalent. Successful completion of an NYA validated and JNC recognised undergraduate or postgraduate course confers professional youth worker status.
3. Professional training is also available at postgraduate level if you have a degree in a subject other than youth work.

You'll need relevant work experience of 100 hours or more to get a place on a course.

This demonstrates you understand the work that will be involved, and the knowledge, skills and attitude required to work with young people or in a youth work or community practice setting such as advice and guidance, drug or alcohol misuse, mentoring, sport and youth justice. You can gain experience through volunteering and it's often possible to gain qualifications in youth work practice offered by awarding bodies.

Skills for Life & Work Programme

Who can apply?

The Skills for Life & Work programme is designed for young people aged 16 - 17, with extended age eligibility for young people with a disability up to age 22 and up to age 24 for those from an in-care background. The programme lasts up to 104 weeks (or 156 weeks if you a disability).

Entry Requirements

You do not need any formal qualifications to enter the programme.

Qualifications

The programme is targeted at entry level and level 1. You will complete a vocational qualification, a personal & social development qualification, employability skills and essential skills in literacy, numeracy and ICT or a Digital skills qualification.

Duration

Your programme will run over 5 days – Monday - Friday. You will spend 2 or 3 days per week in Springvale and 2 or 3 days on placement with an employer. This normally takes 1- 2 years to complete.

Earn while you learn

You will earn £40 per week which doesn't affect any family benefits. Travel expenses are also covered. You will also earn between £360 - £520 in cash bonuses as you progress through the programme. No course Fees and no Student debt.

What is my Qualification?

Level 1 qualification which is equivalent to the GCSE grade D-G level

Course Title

Level 1 Award in Youth Work Practice

Content

Learners must complete 3 mandatory units – 5 credits.

Communication skills in youth work - 2 credits

1. Know how to take part in a group discussion.
2. Know how to give a verbal presentation.

Leadership in Youth Work - 1 credit

1. Understand the importance of leadership within a youth group.
2. Be aware of a range of leadership styles.
3. Recognise the key roles and responsibilities of a leader in a youth group.

Planning & Delivering Youth Work Activities - 2 credits

1. Know how to work with others to plan an activity.
2. Know how to work with others to deliver an activity.
3. Know how to evaluate an activity

How is the course assessed?

This course is assessed by a mixture of practical competence and completion of practical workshop portfolio and exams.

Progression

Progression from Level 1 and then to App NI. A Level 2 is equivalent to GCSE grades A*-C.

Career Opportunities

Salary starting from £10.42 p/h for a Youth Support worker to £23,000 - £30,151 a year for a Youth Worker.

Additional Info

Additional Support

Additional support is available for you in class and for exams if you have a confirmed disability, learning difficulty or long-term medical condition.

You just need to fill out a form and you will be referred to Ability Action for support.

Essential Skills

OCN qualifications available in: Literacy and Numeracy at Entry Level, Level 1 and Level 2 and in ICT from Level 1 to Level 2.

Compulsory component of your course if you do not have a GCSE Grade C in English and Maths.

Essential Skills Level 2 is comparable to GCSE Grade C.

What Happens next?

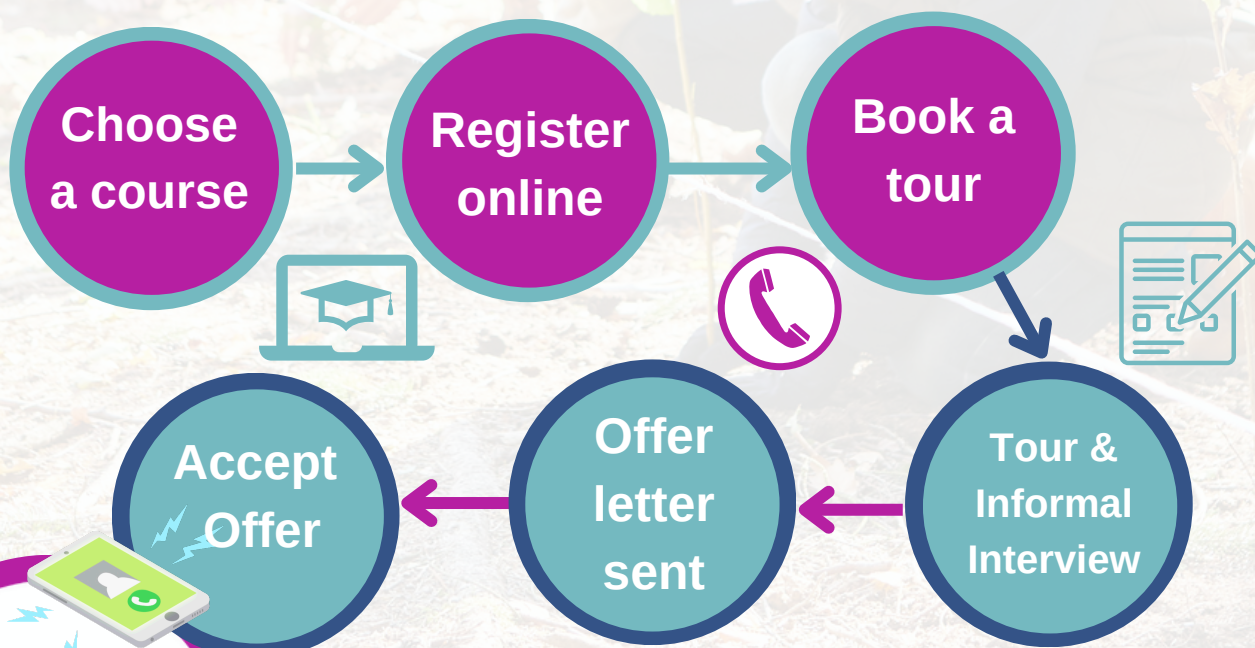
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We will contact you by mobile telephone to confirm your details and arrange a tour of our facilities.

You will then attend a tour of our facilities and an informal interview with the tutor to assess your suitability to the course.

We will then send you out an offer letter.

Then simply contact us to confirm that you are accepting your place on our course.





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