

Youth Work Career & Training Pathway

Youth Work is a fantastic career. You will find Youth Workers supporting young people in a variety of settings and services. The one thing that unites them is the belief and use of the underlying principles and practices of Youth Work.

STARTING OUT

Lots of people, (including young people) start their Youth Work career as a volunteer, or a part-time assistant and as they gain more experience and training they progress

Learners having successfully completed the level 2 award, can chose to do their certificate at either level 2 or 3

APPRENTICESHIPS

the Level 3 Apprenticeship is the equivalent of the Level 3 Diploma

PROGRESSION

If a person successfully completes their level 3 qualification they are eligible to apply for entry onto a degree programme and will have 'youth work' in the title

The Level 3 has 16 UCAS points

APPRENTICESHIP DEGREE

the Level 6 apprenticeship in Youth Work is a BA Honours

JNC

Youth Work is a distinct profession, it's qualifications are endorsed by the 'Joint Negotiation Committee' (JNC) - of employers and unions.

If a qualification doesn't say its JNC it's not youth work and consequently won't be recognised as such on job applications.

TRAINING

Youth Work Qualifications and training are often linked to levels of responsibilities outlined in youth work job descriptions and pay

You start where if meets your needs this might be a degree or the introduction

Level 2 is for individuals who assist in youth projects similar to a school playground assistant eg *Assistant Youth Support Worker*

Level 3 is for individuals who manage small scale provisions, teams or have specialist responsibilities - similar to a teaching assistant eg *Youth Support Worker*

Level 6 and above is for individuals who manage large scale or multiple provisions, teams or have specialist responsibilities. - equivalent to a teaching or social work degree eg *Youth Worker*

Once qualified there are lots of opportunities to continue your learning and career progression



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