## 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

#### Level 1 Introduction

covering the very basics with a focus on key principles and practices

#### 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

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

#### Level 2 **Award**

the foundation units for the Certificate and Diploma - for individuals assisting in youth work delivery.

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 2 Certificate

demonstrating practice for the role of an assistant youth support worker.

#### Level 3

demonstrating practice direct supervision, who manage small scale

**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**

in Youth Work is a BA Honours

## Certificate

for those working without provision or teams

### Level 3 Diploma

Building on the L3 certificate - for the role of 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

the Level 6 apprenticeship

#### **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.

# Level 6

**BA Honours** 

Degree for the role of professional qualified Youth Worker

#### Level 7 PGC or MA

conversion courses for those with degrees or other prior learning

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

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