

Purpose Statement

Open Awards Level 2 Award in Youth Work Principles (England) (RQF) **Open Awards Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice (England) (RQF)**

The primary purpose of this suite of qualifications is to prepare you to work within the specific occupational sector of Youth Work. The qualifications are recognised by and developed with the National Youth Agency in association with Open Awards.

Who is it for?

- Individuals who are interested in working in youth services or with young people
- Individuals already working in a youth work setting but would like to recognise their skills and knowledge

What does this qualification cover?

To gain an Award you must achieve 11 credits from the four units in Mandatory Group A. The units cover:

- Engaging and Communicating with Young People
- Safeguarding in a Youth Work Setting
- Theory of Youth Work
- Young People's Development

The Award will require around 110 hours of learning and assessment.

To gain a Certificate you must achieve at least 26 credits to gain the qualification. To do this they must achieve all units from Mandatory Group A and at least 3 credits from Optional Group B.

The Mandatory group, includes the units above plus:

- Group Work within a Youth Work Setting
- Working with Behaviour that Challenges in a Youth Work Setting
- Work-Based Practice in Youth Work (this will be in a real work-based setting, with a minimum of 40 hrs completed)
- Reflective Practice in a Youth Work Setting

Optional Group B includes a choice of units designed to give a variety of knowledge and skills around topics of diversity, values and beliefs, social action, trauma and substance misuse.

What are the Entry Requirements?

There are no formal entry requirements for these qualifications, but you should check with your learning organisation that this is an appropriate level of qualification to undertake.

This qualification is available to learners aged 14 years or over.

What are the Assessment Methods?

You will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence to achieve this qualification. Types of evidence included in your portfolio could include:

- Written assignments
- Practical activities
- Reflective journals
- Questions/answers
- Worksheets
- Recorded discussions with your tutor
- Practical demonstration (for the Work-Based Practice unit this will be in a real work-based setting, with a minimum of 40 hrs completed)

What are the Progression Opportunities?

Once you have achieved this qualification you could progress onto:

- Work as an Assistance Youth Support Worker (paid/voluntary)
- Further study by completing the Open Awards Level 3 Certificate or Diploma in Youth Work Practice

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is professionally endorsed by the National Youth Agency. The development was a collaboration between a group of awarding organisations and included employer engagement, reflection on current policy changes, public consultation, face-to-face consultation groups and 1:1 feedback with youth work qualifications deliverers.