

## Purpose Statement

### ABC Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice (601/5531/0)

#### Overview

This qualification is for delivery in England. A Welsh version of the qualification is offered by ABC Awards and more information on this qualification can be found on the ABC website.

The Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice prepares you to assist in work with young people in a range of youth work settings. Youth work helps young people learn about themselves, others and society, through informal educational activities which combine enjoyment, challenge and learning. Youth workers work typically with young people aged between 11 and 25. Their work seeks to promote young people's personal and social development and enable them to have a voice, influence and place in their communities and society as a whole.

The Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice is suitable if you need some support and is the minimum qualification required for those wishing to work as a JNC<sup>1</sup> qualified Youth Support Worker Assistant. This is for employees who assist in the delivery of operational youth work and who undertake duties under direction, where initiative and independent action is limited.

Example of key duties include:

Working directly with young people to develop their social education by providing programmes of activities, services and facilities;

- Establishing contact with and guiding young people as part of local programmes;
- Assisting in the provision of advice and support to local community groups and agencies;
- Assisting in the motivation, retention, developing and support of staff and volunteers;
- Assisting with service development by contributing to planning, delivery and monitoring of local provisions;
- Day to day administration to ensure smooth running of services;
- Implementing equality and diversity policies.

The Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice (601/5531/0) replaces the previous Level 2 Certificate (600/0019/3) in the Youth Work Apprenticeship Framework for England. The Level 2 Certificate is also suitable for learners who are not completing an Apprenticeship. These learners may already be in employment within the Youth Work sector but would like to gain a recognised qualification for their own progression and understanding and/or may be required to undertake a qualification in Youth Work Practice as a condition of employment whilst on the job.

### **Who is this qualification for?**

The Level 2 Certificate is suitable for you if you wish to develop your skills for assisting in work with young people in a youth work setting.

It is suitable for you if you:

- need some support with your learning
- are not yet ready for study at Level 3
- have no formal qualification
- wish to return to learning
- would like to assist in the delivery of work with young people
- are aged 14 and over.

### **What does the qualification cover?**

The qualification is made up of 26 Credits so you will need to study for about 260 hours to achieve the Certificate. Eleven of these credits form the Level 2 Award in Youth Work Practice, which must be completed successfully before you can progress onto the Level 2 Certificate.

You will learn:

- Key purpose, principles and values of youth work
- Where youth work takes place
- How to safeguard young people in youth work
- How young people develop
- The role of youth work in supporting young people's development to adulthood
- Understanding rights
- Engaging and communicating with young people
- Strategies for assisting with effective group work
- How to recognise conflict and challenging behaviour by young people

- How to assist with work based practice under supervision
- How to reflect on your practice
- Specific youth work related topics according to options selected

The Certificate is assessed by a series of tasks which you will build into a portfolio as the course progresses, making it suitable for you if you do not want to take formal examinations.

## What Could This Qualification Lead To?

### Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?

You will most likely be working in some capacity as an Assistant Youth Support Worker in order to complete this qualification.

### Will the qualification lead to further learning?

The Certificate is the first step on a qualification ladder for learners who want to become JNC qualified Youth Support Worker Assistants at Certificate Level 2. Also the Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice is included in the Youth Work Apprenticeship Framework for England.

Steps on the ladder:

- Level 2 Award in Youth Work Practice (601/5530/9)
- **Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice (601/5531/0)** (this qualification) (included in the Youth Work Apprenticeship Frameworks for England)
- Level 3 Certificate in Youth Work Practice (601/5532/2)
- Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice (601/5533/4) (included in the Youth Work Apprenticeship Frameworks for England)
- Level 6 Bachelor of Honours Degree in Youth & Community Work (incorporating Level 4 Certificate in Higher Education and Level 5 Diploma in Higher Education)
- Level 6 Graduate Diploma in Youth Work (available in England only)
- Level 7 Masters Degree (incorporating Level 7 Post-Graduate Diploma in Youth & Community Work)

**If there are larger and/or smaller versions of this qualification or it is available at different skills levels, why should a student take this particular one?**

The Certificate has additional units to those offered in the Award, ensuring you the learner will have an extended and more comprehensive learning package than that covered by the Award.

## **Who Supports The Qualification?**

### **Industry**

The Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice is endorsed by the National Youth Agency and the ETS Committee England on behalf of the JNC. The award is supported by a wide range of local authority and voluntary Youth Service organisations and is recognised as the industry standards qualification for Youth Work at this level.

The tutors attend regular training and best practice sessions to enable them to learn from each other and from ABC Awards to maintain high standards for your course.

### **Further Information**

For further information on the JNC and the National Youth Agency (NYA):

<http://www.nya.org.uk/about-us/>

The Certificate is offered at a range of colleges and training centres so to find out if this qualification is offered near where you live, please contact:

<http://www.abcawards.co.uk/learners/>

Further information on the qualification can be found at

<http://www.abcawards.co.uk/Health-and-Social-Care/Youth-and-Community/Level-2-Certificate-in-Youth-Work-Practice>