

Purpose Statement

SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate in Youth Work Practice (England) (603/5561/X)

Overview

The SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate in Youth Work Practice (England) is designed in collaboration with National Youth Agency, Education and Training Standards committee England and Wales. This qualification is for delivery in England. A Welsh version of the qualification is offered by Skills and Education Group Awards and more information on this qualification can be found on the website.

The SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate in Youth Work Practice (England) endorsed by JNC prepares you to lead 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 SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate in Youth Work Practice (England) is suitable if you need minimal support and is the qualification required for those wishing to work as a JNC1 qualified Youth Support Worker. This is for employees who deliver operational youth work and who undertake duties on their own initiative or who carry supervisory responsibility for small projects, such as one night a week clubs. Workers with these responsibilities will receive leadership and operational guidance from professionally qualified youth workers.

Benefits for learners

The aims of the qualification are to:

- Work directly with young people to develop their social education by providing programmes of activities, services and facilities
- Establish contact with and guiding young people as part of local programmes
- Provide advice and support to local community groups and agencies;
- Assist in the motivation, retention, developing and support of staff and volunteers

- Contribute to service development by planning, delivering and monitoring of local provisions
- Implement equality and diversity policies.
- Establish and maintain relationships with young people and community groups
- Maintain quality of service provision including giving directions to other workers
- First line management responsibility for workers and volunteers, including recruiting, developing and initial disciplining of staff
- Initiate and monitor developments of services, particularly with other agencies
- Perform and ensure the discharge of administrative duties (including budget control, records keeping and health and safety)

The SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate is 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 SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate is suitable for you if you wish to develop your skills for leading work with young people in a youth work setting.

It is suitable for you if you:

- Need minimal support with your learning
- Are not yet ready for study or have insufficient relevant experience and practice for study at university Higher Education level
- Wish to access a Higher Education youth work programme
- Have no formal qualification
- Wish to return to learning
- Would like to lead in the delivery of work with young people and specialise in certain areas
- Are aged 16 and over.

What does the qualification cover?

The qualification is made up of 27 Credits so you will need to study for about 270 hours to achieve the Certificate. Sixteen of these credits are at Level 3 while 11 are at Level 2, forming the SEG Awards Level 2 Award in Youth Work Practice.

You will learn:

- Key purposes, 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
- How to engage and communicate with young people
- Strategies for leading effective group work
- How to work with young people to manage conflict and challenging behaviour
- How to lead work based practice under supervision
- How to reflect on your practice at an appropriate level
- 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?

- Youth Support Worker, either part time or full time, paid or for the voluntary sector.

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

Steps on the ladder:

- Level 2 Award in Youth Work Principles (England) (603/5559/1)
- Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice (England) (603/5560/8)
- **Level 3 Certificate in Youth Work Practice (England) (603/5561/X) (this qualification)**
- Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice (603/5562/1)
- 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)

Who supports the qualification?

Industry

The SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate in Youth Work Practice (England) 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 Skills and Education Group 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 Award 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: **0115 8541620**
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Further information on the full suite of Youth Work qualification can be found at
[Qualifications - Skills and Education Group Awards: Skills and Education Group Awards](#)