

ABC Level 2 Award in Youth Work Practice

Information:

- Youth Focus North East in association with Atkin Associates and Youth Focus West Midlands are delighted to be able to offer a Level 2 Youth Work Award, as part of the Government funded Youth Work Bursary programme.
- The course is designed to give you both an understanding of key youth work theory and principles, as well as practical skills to enable you to work more effectively with young people.
- This is a level 2 course – which is assessed and is equivalent to GCSE level standard.
- The course is recognised by the National Youth Agency and qualifies you as an assistant youth support worker.
- The course is open to anyone over the age of 16 who is working or volunteering on a regular basis in a youth work setting.
- To be eligible for the course you must be working regularly in a youth work setting – as a volunteer or paid worker.

Expectations:

- You must commit to attending all training sessions and let your tutor know immediately if you are unable to attend. We expect a minimum of 80% course attendance.
- You will build a portfolio of your work and can expect a written task following most training sessions.
- Assessment includes activities such as completing worksheets, participating in class activities and recording them, or designing resources to use with young people.
- We aim to make the course as participative and enjoyable as possible modelling some of the ways you can work with young people.
- Your tutor will talk through the expectations for each assignment and you will get feedback throughout the course, so that you know how you are progressing and any areas you need to work at.
- There is no fixed amount of time you are required to study. Everyone is different and so you must work at your own pace, but on average you should be prepared to spend at least 1-2 hours each week on your assignments or on background reading.
- We will aim to support you with any learning needs you may have. There will also be a tutorial to offer support, review your progress and help you with any questions you have.

Programme:

We are delivering two separate courses in the region:

- One in Gateshead @ Youth Focus North East, Suite 6, New Century House, West Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HR
- One in Middlesbrough @ Pallister Park Centre, Ormesby Road, Middlesbrough, TS3 7AP

There will be an information session in **GATESHEAD** on **Thursday 19th March: 6.00 - 7.30pm** and **MIDDLESBROUGH** on **Monday 23rd March: 6.00 – 7.30pm**

You must attend one of these sessions to secure a place on the training course.

Assessment Schedule:

To achieve the Level 2 Award, you will be expected to complete all the assessment activities to create a portfolio of your work. You will have time to complete each assignment between taught sessions. There will be completed examples of previous students' work for you to look at during the information evening, so you can see the standard expected for this course.

Course Content

- Purpose and Principles of Youth Work
- Types of Youth Work
- Skills and Qualities of Youth Workers
- Communicating with Young People
- Equality & Diversity in Youth Work
- Young People's Participation and Building Relationships
- Working with young people in their community
- Providing information and advice to young people
- Keeping young people safe in youth clubs
- Professional Boundaries in Youth Work
- Keeping young people safe on-line and on trips
- Adolescent Development

Training will take place on the following **PROVISIONAL** dates and times and you will be expected to attend all training sessions.

Dates may change to suit availability of candidates and will be confirmed at the introduction session.

| Gateshead (Youth Focus North East, Suite 6, New Century House, West Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HR) | |
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| Date & Time | Theme |
| Thursday 19 th March 6.00 – 7.30pm | Introduction Session & Registration |
| Saturday 4 th April 10.30 am – 4.00 pm | Taught Session 1 |
| Saturday 2 nd May 10.30 am – 4.00 pm | Taught Session 2 |
| Saturday 30 th May 10.30 am – 4.00 pm | Taught Session 3 |
| Saturday 4 th July 10.30 am – 4.00 pm | Taught Session 4 |

| Middlesbrough Pallister Park Centre, Ormesby Road, Middlesbrough, TS3 7AP | |
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| Date & Time | Theme |
| Monday 23 rd March 6.00 – 7.30pm | Introduction Session & Registration |
| Saturday 18 th April 10.30 am – 4.00 pm | Taught Session 1 |
| Saturday 16 th May 10.30 am – 4.00 pm | Taught Session 2 |
| Saturday 20 th June 10.30 am – 4.00 pm | Taught Session 3 |
| Saturday 18 th July 10.30 am – 4.00 pm | Taught Session 4 |

Issues Concerns or Appeals

- We will work with you on this programme to support you to achieve the Award. If you have an issue or a concern you should raise it with the tutor at the first opportunity. Alternatively, you can speak to your line manager or project leader.
- If you are still not satisfied with the response you have received you can take this up with Ruth Rickman Williams at Youth Focus West Midlands (YFWM) at ruthyfwm@gmail.com
- YFWM provide the registration of learners and quality assurance of this programme and will mediate on any concern or appeal you may have.

The National Youth Agency Youth Worker Bursary Fund is a national initiative to open up career pathways in youth work. In its first year the fund will widen access and secure youth work training with up to 20 bursaries (Levels 2 & 3) across the North East

The purpose of the Youth Worker Bursary Fund is to provide financial assistance to those undertaking approved qualifications in Youth Work, by providing funded places to those individuals who would otherwise experience financial difficulties in accessing Youth Worker qualifications. Please note that free places will not be offered to individuals whose workplace would ordinarily pay for their Youth Worker qualifications.

All registrations must be completed before 30th March 2020.