

## **Purpose Statement**

### **SEG Awards Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice (England) (603/5560/8)**

#### **Overview**

The SEG Awards Level 2 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 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice (England) endorsed by JNC 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 SEG Awards Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice (England) is suitable if you need some support and is the minimum qualification required for those wishing to work as a JNC 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.

#### **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;
- Assist in the provision of advice and support to local community groups and agencies;

- Assist in the motivation, retention, developing and support of staff and volunteers;
- Assist with service development by contributing to planning, delivery and monitoring of local provisions;
- Day to day administration to ensure smooth running of services;
- Implement equality and diversity policies.

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

The SEG Awards Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice (England) is primarily designed for those of you who wish to work as a Youth Work Assistant or are already in voluntary or paid employment and would like to further specialise in. You will develop specialist, technical, practical skills which relate to your own identified area of interest and you will enhance your visual communication skills, developing a range of complementary practical skills and communicating effectively with peers, both giving and receiving criticism in a constructive and professional manner.

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 SEG Awards Level 2 Award in Youth Work Principles.

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
- 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 Level 2.

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) (this qualification)**
- Level 3 Certificate in Youth Work Practice (England) (603/5561/X)
- Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice (England) (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 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice (England) is endorsed by the National Youth Agency and the ETS Committee England on behalf of the JNC. The Certificate 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**  
[customersupport@skillsedugroup.co.uk](mailto:customersupport@skillsedugroup.co.uk)

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](#)