

Purpose Statement

SEG Awards Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice (England) (603/5562/1)

Overview

The SEG Awards Level 3 Diploma 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 Diploma in Youth Work Practice (England) prepares you to lead work with young people in a range of youth work settings and specialise in subjects that are particularly relevant to you or your work. 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 Diploma in Youth Work Practice (England) is suitable if you have completed the SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate in Youth Work Practice (England) (which is required for those wishing to work as a JNC qualified Youth Support Worker) and wish to extend your knowledge of and skills in specialist subject areas. 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 Diploma in Youth Work Practice (England) (603/5562/1) replaces the previous SEG Awards Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice (601/5533/4). The SEG Awards Level 3 Diploma 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 SEG Awards Level 3 Diploma is suitable for you if you wish to develop your skills for leading work with young people in a youth work setting specialising in a particular area of work.

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 37 Credits so you will need to study for about 370 hours to achieve the Diploma. 26 of these credits are at Level 3 while 11 are at Level 2, forming the 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
- 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
- Additional specific topics according to your interests and employment needs.

The Diploma 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

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)
- **Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice (603/5562/1) (this qualification)**
- 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 Diploma is widely recognised as the access route to the BA (Hons) Higher Education programmes leading to JNC Professionally Youth Work Qualified status. Whilst JNC have identified the minimum qualification appropriate, employers are strongly encouraged to also offer CPD to employees within this range, specifically utilising the available SEG Awards Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice (England). CPD applied in this way can support those employees wishing to pursue a career pathway in youth work and facilitate transition to professional qualification programmes provided through Higher Education.

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](#)