

# LEVEL 2 AND 3 CERTIFICATE IN YOUTH WORK PRACTICE



## ? What is it?

These qualifications will equip you with the necessary knowledge and skills to work as an Assistant Youth Support Worker at Level 2 and a Youth Support Worker at Level 3.

Upon completion, graduates will have a JNC recognised qualification and be able to support the personal, social and educational growth of young people in paid employment or voluntary roles.

## Who is it for?

**Level 2 Pathway:** This is for you if you want to develop your skills in working with young people and qualify as an Assistant Youth Support Worker.

**Level 3 Pathway:** This is for you if you want to develop your skills as a Youth Support Worker or lead work with young people in a youth work setting, specialising in a particular area of youth work. **NB: Students must be in a leadership position to complete this pathway.**

## ☑ Length of course

L2 & L3 Cert: 12 Months  
L3 Diploma: 15 Months  
L4 Certificate: 8 Months  
(progression route only)

Each level is assessed through the completion of a portfolio of evidence, workbook study tasks, assessment of learning and workplace observations (if required for your programme).

## £ How much do the courses usually cost?

Level 2 Certificate - £1475  
Level 3 Certificate - £1675  
L3 Diploma / L4 Certificate - £1850

*Note: Only the Level 2 and 3 Certs, are fully funded by YIF - conditions apply.*

## 📅 Enrolments

Enrolments are on a roll on roll off basis and learners can start at any point in the year.

MEETING OTHER YOUTH WORKERS  
FROM DIFFERENT PROJECTS WAS A  
GREAT WAY TO GET TO KNOW HOW  
THINGS ARE DONE IN DIFFERENT  
SETTINGS  
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## Securing and Achieving your qualification

To secure your place, there will be a **£300 Refundable Deposit Required**. This is returned upon successful and timely completion (12 months) of your course and your place is subject to approval from YIF.

**Pathway 1: For the Level 2 Certificate**, you will need to gain 26 credits (23 mandatory and 3 optional credits)

**Pathway 2: For the Level 3 Certificate**, you will need to gain 29 credits (27 mandatory and 2 optional credits)

**Pathway 3: For the Level 3 Diploma**, you will need to gain 37 credits (25 mandatory credits and 12 optional credits)

*If you want to consider the Level 3 Diploma, there maybe an opportunity to use the YIF funding towards the cost of the full programme. Please understand that the diploma is only reserved for those who have already passed the Level 2 as a minimum.*

Once you have passed your assessed units, you will be awarded a JNC recognised Level 2 or Level 3 Certificate or a Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice from SEG Awards.



## Progression

These qualifications replace the previous Level 1 to 3 qualifications in Youth Work Practice (pre-March 2020) and have been developed and led by the National Youth Agency (NYA) and ETS England.

Learners who achieve Level 2 Certificate or Level 3 Certificate or Diploma in Youth Work Practice or go further, by joining out Level 4 Youth Work Management Course or one of the various higher level qualifications available nationally.

Need 2 Succeeds Information, Advice and Guidance Service (IAG), provides learners with the information required to support their studies and access their next steps.



## Topics You Will Cover

- Theory of youth work
- Safeguarding in a youth work setting
- Young people's development
- Engaging and communicating with young people
- Group work in a youth work setting
- Working with behaviour that challenges
- Work-Based practice in youth work
- Reflective practice in a youth work setting

At Level 2 or 3 you will also have to complete other optional units. There are around 20 different unit topics to choose from, that will link to your specialist area of work.

### Examples of Optional Units Include:

- Young People who Misuse Substances
- Young People with Disabilities and/or Diverse Learning Needs
- Trauma Informed Approaches
- Detached and Outreach Youth Work
- Young People Involved in or Impacted by Youth Violence, Criminal Activities and Exploitation

## Eligibility

There are no formal entry requirements for these courses, but you must be 18 or over and either employed or have regular access to a youth work environment, working directly with young people between the ages of 11 to 25

We recommend that you have an average level of literacy and numeracy (GCSE or Functional Skills) before enrolling on these courses. We can provide support for this through our online study programme for English, Maths and ICT if required.

You must have the support of a workplace mentor or line manager from the organisation where you are working/volunteering.

Funded places are open to workers and long term volunteers of organisations that have received capital grants from the Youth Investment Fund. Requests from other organisations within the Youth Investment Fund will be considered on a case-by-case basis.



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## DBS Check

All students practicing in youth work sector must be willing to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check; you will not be permitted to start studying until you have undergone this with your employer or placement.

**FOR INFORMATION  
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