

Factsheet 16

Youth Work

National Apprenticeship Service

Overview

Being a Youth Work apprentice is a great way of starting a career in young people's services. The work is very varied and rewarding especially if you enjoy being with young people. You'll need to come up with creative ways to reach young people, and be able to build relationships with them.

A career in Youth Work can lead to a variety of opportunities and could see you working in the Local Authority (LA) or Voluntary Sector. You may work full or part-time, the LA employs around 25,000 youth workers about 19,000 of which are part-time.

The sector reports that the average age of the workforce is rising, and that there is under-representation of minority ethnic groups. Many youth work organisations report difficulties in filling posts with suitably qualified candidates. Employers are keen to recruit local people into work with young people giving you local opportunities.¹

Starting salary (once qualified):
£13,000 - £16,000.

What is an Apprenticeship

An Apprenticeship is a mix of real work and learning. Apprentices earn a wage and get experience whilst working towards a number of qualifications. An Apprenticeship follows a Level 2 programme and can lead onto an Advanced Apprenticeship which is a Level 3 programme.

Example Job Roles as an Apprentice

Youth Worker within the following settings;

- Local Authority
- Advice and Guidance Provider
- Youth Centre
- Integrated Youth Services
- As part of a local project

Apprenticeship Framework

There are a number of elements to each Apprenticeship and this is called the framework. Each Apprenticeship framework has three main strands:

- competence based element
- technical element
- skills element

The three strands are sometimes accompanied by additional qualifications to give the most relevant skills and knowledge required for the job.

¹ www.lluk.org

Competence Element

Apprenticeship – NVQ Level 2 in Youth Work

Advanced – NVQ Level in 3 Youth Work

Technical Element

Apprenticeship –

Certificate in Supporting Youth Work

Certificate in Youth Work

Advanced –

Certificate in Supporting Youth Work

Diploma in Youth Work

Skills Element

Apprenticeship –

Application of Number Level 1

Communications Level 1

Advanced –

Application of Number Level 2

Communications Level 2

Other Additional Study

HSE Appointed Person First Aid Qualification

Employment Rights and Responsibilities

Apprenticeships Available

- Apprenticeship ✓
- Advanced Apprenticeship ✓
- Higher Apprenticeship X

Progression Routes

- Youth Support Worker
- Community Development
- Delivery of Formal Learning
- Delivery of Careers Advice and Guidance
- Integrated Youth Services
- Higher Education
- Foundation or Honours Degree in Youth and Community Work

Options within the Framework

- Supporting Youth Work
- Youth Work

Already Employed?

Are you currently employed but not working towards qualifications? Speak to your employer about converting to an Apprenticeship and ask them to call 08000 150 600 for more information.

For more Information and to Apply

Visit:

www.apprenticeships.org.uk

www.lluk.org

<http://www.cypnow.co.uk>

If you require further advice or support on Apprenticeships please contact your local Connexions or Careers Advice Service.