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Level 2 Award and Certificate in Youth Work Practice and/or Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice

Somerset Youth & Community Service and the Regional Youth Work Unit at Learning South West are pleased to offer the new Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications in Youth Work Practice in 2015/16.

The courses will be taught together, in Somerset, starting in early October 2015, and we expect learners will have achieved their qualification by July 2016.

Who should apply?

- The **Level 2 Award** provides an introduction to youth work, and is the starting point for the Level 2 Certificate and Level 3 Diploma.
- The **Level 2 Certificate** is suitable for those who have recently started youth work, either as a paid worker or a volunteer.
- More experienced youth workers and volunteers, especially those with responsibility for leading youth work sessions will benefit from taking the **Level 3 Diploma**

To achieve the qualifications, you will need to:

- Attend taught sessions and complete a portfolio that shows you understand the principles of youth work and can work with young people successfully
- Be confident that you have the literacy and numeracy skills needed to undertake a Level 2 or Level 3 qualification – though support can be provided for those with special learning needs
- Be working in a youth work setting on a regular basis, either as a paid worker or a volunteer

You will also need support from your organisation, especially your line manager, who should provide regular supervision, and be able to complete witness statements for your portfolio.

How will it work?

Everybody will do the Level 2 Award at the start of their training, then opt to do either the Level 2 Certificate or Level 3 Diploma, depending on their experience, ability and potential to lead youth work sessions.

Course Content

All courses consist of 'units' covering different aspects of youth work practice. We have selected the following units:

Level 2 Award	
Theory of Youth Work	
Safeguarding in a youth work setting	
Young people's development	
Engaging and communicating with young people	
Level 2 Certificate <i>Level 2 Award plus:</i>	Level 3 Diploma <i>Level 2 Award plus:</i>
Group work in a youth work setting	Group work in a youth work setting
Working with challenging behaviour in youth work settings	Working with challenging behaviour in youth work settings
Work-based practice in youth work	Work-based practice in youth work
Reflective practice in a youth work setting	Reflective practice in a youth work setting
Anti-discriminatory practice in youth work	Anti-discriminatory practice in youth work
	Principles of supporting young people in relation to sexual health and risk of pregnancy
	Understand how youth work can support young people with mental health problems
	Young people's participation in youth work
	Effective outcomes-based youth work
	Understand how youth work can support young people who misuse substances

How much will it cost?

Somerset County Council, through its Youth & Community Service is providing a generous subsidy for these courses, for those who do their youth work in Somerset. If you work in Somerset you will only need to pay £25 for the Level 2 Certificate and £50 for the Level 3 Diploma. If you do your youth work outside of Somerset, you will need to pay the full course fees of £780 for the Level 2 Certificate and £1,100 for the Level 3 Diploma.

How to apply?

- Complete the Application Form (**attached**), you can also obtain one by contacting Jane Shipton on 01823 365441 or jane_shipton@learning-southwest.org.uk
- Return the completed form to **Jane Shipton at Learning South West** by **Friday 28 August 2015**.
- We will be holding a selection day to ensure that applicants meet the course criteria on **Wednesday 9 September 2015 at the Holway Centre Taunton**: we will contact you to arrange a convenient time for a short interview. If you know you can't make that date, please let us know on the application form and we can arrange a different time for you
- We will let candidates know if they have been accepted week commencing 14 September, with the **course starting week commencing 28 September**.

Want to know more?

Contact Gill Millar **at the Regional Youth Work Unit** on **01823 347958** or gill_millar@learning-southwest.org.uk



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