

NOCN LEVEL 2 AWARD IN YOUTH WORK PRACTICE

From early 2012 Youth Clubs Hampshire and Isle of Wight will be running the NOCN Level 2 Award in Youth Work Practice. This is a chance to obtain a nationally recognised youth work qualification and we are asking people to register their interest in taking part in the course by completing our online form at www.ychiow.org.uk/clubs-training-programme.htm

About the Qualification: The NOCN Level 2 Award in Youth Work Practice has been developed and designed to ensure that people who are working or wish to work in youth work settings have access to the necessary training and qualifications and are able to progress onto further qualifications. It is a Nationally Recognised Qualification and is part of the new [Qualification Credit Framework \(QCF\)](#)

The Award is structured around the suite of values which distinguish youth work from other, sometimes related activities involving young people. The core values of youth work are at the heart of the qualification and are linked into the [National Occupational Standards \(NOS\) for Youth Work](#).

The course is designed to enable youth workers to develop a sound working knowledge of youth work practice and an awareness of the local, social and political context within which youth work activities are undertaken. In addition, youth workers will be required to demonstrate a commitment to the values and principles which underpin and support all activities across youth work.

Learning Outcomes of the Course

- Understand the purpose and role of youth work intervention
- Understand the principles and practice of Equal Opportunities
- Understand the skills, knowledge and values required to practice within youth work
- Be able to communicate effectively with young people in a work based setting
- Be able to recognise issues that are important to young people
- Understanding how groups are formed and facilitated
- Be able to use the principles and practices of participation and empowerment to plan activities with young people in work-based settings
- Be able to evaluate and reflect on activities in own work-based practice

How You Will Learn: The course facilitator will organise a wide range of different learning activities which may include group tasks and discussions, case studies and simulation activities. You will also be required to undertake additional study in your own time including completing written assignments, compiling a learning journal and putting your learning into practice with the young people you work with.

How You Will Be Assessed: a wide range of different assessment methods will be used during the courses which could include written assignments, collecting evidence of working practice and learning into a portfolio, keeping a reflective learning journal/log, observation, group activities, discussion, answering questions verbally, case studies.

Entry requirements

Learners will need:

- Sound literacy skills
- Sound communication skills
- Study skills

Learners will need to:

- Read and interpret given tasks
- Write answers that are clear, logical and understandable
- Organise relevant information clearly and coherently
- Apply underpinning knowledge and skills in the field through work activity or placement (a minimum of 3 hours per week is required)

When Will the Course Run? We will ask everyone who is interested in doing the course to register their interest with us and let us know their likely availability. We will then make a decision based on this information about when the best time is to run the course. A minimum group size is required for the course to run. The maximum group size will be 15 participants to ensure learners can receive sufficient individual attention, support and feedback.

How Must Will It Cost? The cost of the course will cover attendance at sessions, course materials and the cost of the qualification and certificate and will depend on the delivery format. We will provide details of the cost nearer the time once qualification fees etc are confirmed with NOCN.

Progression: Learners who successfully complete the qualification will be able to progress to the NOCN Level 3 Award, Certificate and Diploma in Youth Work Practice (QCF) and a range of other nationally recognised youth work qualifications that fall within the QCF.

What is NOCN? The [National Open College Network](http://www.nocn.org) is a leading credit-based Awarding Organisation in the UK, offering high quality, flexible, credit-based qualifications and is recognised by the Qualifications Regulators in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland. All qualifications delivered by NOCN learning providers must meet strict national quality standards.