

Community Links Scotland

PDA Youth Work

COURSE INFO

The PDA in Youth Work has been designed for those working with young people in a community learning and development context. It is suitable for people who have experience of youth work in a paid or volunteering capacity but who might not have formal qualifications in youth work.

The PDA in Youth Work offers a nationally recognised SQA accredited qualification at SCQF Level 6. It is made up of three units:

- Engaging young people
- Understanding and exploring youth work
- Delivering youth work

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All candidates must be able to demonstrate that they:

- Have an interest in working/volunteering in a youth work setting or currently work or volunteer in a youth work setting
- Are able to commit to attend all the training sessions and undertake all the required assessments
- Match the 30 hour per unit programme with 30 hours per unit volunteering time for CLS youth work services (volunteers only)
- Provide an opportunity for youth work observations to take place in order to pass the PDA
- Candidates are required to commit to undertake additional research and learning activities in their own time and to compile a learning log/portfolio to evidence their work.

SEQUENCE OF DELIVERY

The PDA in Youth Work has a blend of classroom work, portfolio building and frontline practice:

PRACTICAL & THEORY UNIT

Engaging with Young People

30 hours in groupwork/classroom setting learning communication and groupwork skills necessary to engage with young people. Further research and reading commitment required in own time.

LIVE UNIT

Delivering Youth Work

Plan, organise and lead youth work sessions in their own workplace or volunteer setting; candidates must be working with young people in a youth work setting to implement and complete the unit.

THEORY UNIT

Understanding and Exploring Youth Work

25-30 hours in group work setting to introducing candidates to the underpinning knowledge and understanding of context, core values and principles of youth work. Further research and reading commitment required in own time as there is a large component of theory in this unit.

PORTFOLIO

Candidates will be expected to record their learning by building a portfolio of evidence throughout the course.

TIMETABLE 2013

Induction: Sunday 11th August 10am-4pm

UNIT 2 * Engaging Young People	UNIT 1 * - Understanding and Exploring Youth Work	UNIT 3 Delivering Youth Work
Sun 18 th August 10-4.30pm Mon 19 th August 6-9pm	Sun 6 th October 10-4.30pm Mon 7 th October 6-9pm	Sun 16 th November 10-4.30pm Mon 17 th November 6-9pm
Sun 8 th September 10-4.30pm Mon 9 th September 6-9pm	Sun 20 th October 10-4.30pm Mon 21 st October 6-9pm	<i>Two more session to be confirmed</i>
Sun 21 st September 10-4.30pm Mon 22 nd September 6-9pm	Sun 3 rd November 10-4.30pm Mon 4 th November 6-9pm	

*Unit 2 will be taught first and will be followed by Unit 1

Some example of how the units will be assessed:

- Frontline work experience - observations
- Assignments
- Reflective accounts
- Case studies
- Structured questions
- Witness statements

COST

This course is free to CLS volunteers.

A cost will be incurred for organisations who wish their volunteers or staff members to attend and this will be negotiated. Please contact Janette Devlin for more information.

HOW TO APPLY

- Phone Janette Devlin on 0141 952 4382
- Email janette@comlinks.org.uk
- By completing the online application form at www.comlinks.org.uk/training
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Deadline for applications 31st July 2013



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