



ABC Level 1 Certificate in an Introduction to Youth Work

ABC Level 1 Certificate in an Introduction to Youth Work is now accredited on the National Qualifications Framework. It is the first Level 1 Youth Work qualification to be nationally recognised in this way. It has been developed working with The Prince's Trust and its partners (including The National Youth Agency (NYA), Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), Wiltshire Youth Development Service), and supported by Life Long Learning UK.

The qualification builds on the Princes' Trust successful programme Youth Steps funded by the Department for Education and Skill (DfES) through the National Voluntary Youth Organisations grant scheme has also supported this development. Youth Steps which forms part of The Prince's Trust Get Into programme aims:

- To provide nationally recognised accredited training and real experience in working with young people and taking responsibility
- To complement national personal development and local community youth projects by running progression activities at a scale that makes them cost effective
- To increase the number of young people into youth & community training
- To increase participation of young people in running youth programmes, community projects and decision making

The new ABC Level 1 in an Introduction to Youth Work qualification will form an integral part of the Youth Steps Programme. It is made up of 6 Units:

- Unit 1 An Introduction to the Youth Work Sector
- Unit 2 Safe Working Practice for Youth Work
- Unit 3 Effective Team Work in Youth Work
- Unit 4 Working with Young People in the Local Environment
- Unit 5 Programme Preparation, Delivery and Follow up in Youth Work in the local environment
- Unit 6 Self Assessment for Youth Work

The qualification includes an important element of supervised fieldwork practice, where young people will experience working in a youth work / community based environment.

The new qualification is available for all centres who wish to offer this type of programme to young people over 16 years of age. It provides an excellent fit with progression onto Level 2 VRQ's/NVQ's in Youth Work and related Apprenticeships

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Notes to Editor

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