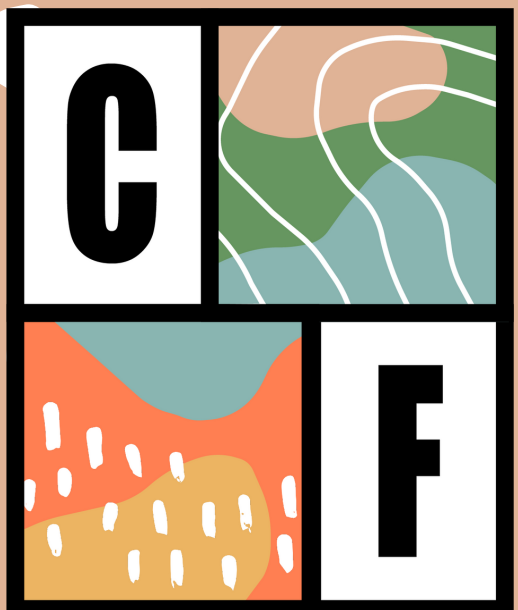




YOUTH WORKER



YOUTH WORKER

What is a Youth Worker?

Youth workers work with young people aged 11 to 25 by organising activities to help them with personal and social development. You will need to work well with children and young people, be non-judgmental and have a basic knowledge of psychology.

What duties does a Youth Worker have?

On a typical day, you will engage in counselling, coaching and mentoring young people by organising activities such as:

- Youth clubs, art or drama classes, sports clubs or educational drop-in services
- You may work with young carers and those at risk of offending
- You will also carry out budgeting, assessing needs and keeping confidential records

YOUTH WORKER

How to become one:

You could do a Level 2 or 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice (the YMCA offer this) requiring 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades C/4 or above, and relevant work experience

You could do a Youth Worker apprenticeship with a local council or agency where you obtain a Level 3 qualification in Health and Social Care or similar whilst working, which usually requires 5 GCSEs at grade C/4 or above

To become a professionally qualified Youth Worker in England, you will need a BA (Hons) degree in Youth Work that is recognised by the National Youth Agency (NYA)

You could do a degree in Youth and Community Studies or Informal and Community Education at foundation, undergraduate or postgraduate level. Entry requirements for an undergraduate degree include 5 GCSEs at grade C/4 or above and 2 A-levels. There are no specific subjects required, but relevant subjects include psychology, sociology and law. BTEC in Health and Social Care or Social Sciences may also be accepted