

External Quality Assurer – Youth Work

RESPONSIBLE TO: Head of Quality and Standards

STATUS: Contractor

SALARY: £250 per day/ £35 per hour

Introduction:

Open Awards offers a range of specialist qualifications to help meet our company ethos to Change Lives Through Learning. We are looking for a sector expert to externally quality assure the work of approved providers delivering the following qualifications:

- Open Awards Level 2 Award in Youth Work Principles
- Open Awards Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice
- Open Awards Level 3 Certificate in Youth Work Practice
- Open Awards Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice

The primary purpose of this suite of qualifications is to prepare learners to work within the specific occupational sector of Youth Work. The qualifications are recognised by and were developed with the National Youth Agency in association with Open Awards

This qualification has been designed to confirm occupational competence for youth workers working in a range of settings.

The Level 2 award qualification includes mandatory units only and the certificate qualification includes mandatory units as well as a range of optional units concentrating on subject specific skills and knowledge. At Level 3 there are both mandatory and optional units covering a range of skills and knowledge to enable learners to work within the sector.

Assessment is by a portfolio of evidence which is based on coursework including videos/ photographs, evidence of practical activities, reflective journals, question and answers and recorded professional discussions.

The qualifications are available for delivery across the UK and internationally. External quality assurance is expected to take place remotely with learner evidence available via SharePoint.

Role Purpose:

- To confirm that the delivery and assessment of the course is appropriate and that the assessment strategy employed is appropriate and conforms to Open Awards' specifications as set out in the Qualification Guide;

- To confirm that all recommendations for the award of credit have been subjected to a rigorous internal verification process that meets the minimum published requirements of the awarding organisation (See Open Awards Provider Handbook for guidance);
- To make recommendations for improvement and to support an ethos of continuous quality improvement;
- To report all findings to Open Awards, using the appropriate report format, and in language that is appropriate to its audience, i.e. Heads of Organisations, Quality Managers, Assessors;
- Attend/contribute to Open Awards training and standardisation events as required.

Skills and Experience Required:

- Relevant sector specialist knowledge
- Recent experience of working for, or with, employers in the sector
- A sound understanding of assessment
- Recent experience of internal or external quality assurance of Ofqual-regulated qualifications
- The ability to produce excellent reports to agreed deadlines
- Excellent interpersonal skills and proven organisational ability
- A commitment to equal opportunities and widening participation
- Excellent attention to detail

About You:

Key requirements, knowledge, skills and experience:

- Recent experience in external quality assurance
- Subject sector specialist knowledge and qualifications
- Able to work unsupervised in a timely manner
- Adhere to our customer service standards
- Able to obtain buy-in to suggested/mandatory actions required to maintain compliance

This position is on a self-employed basis and we consider our payment structure to be in line with industry average.

Please note that appointment to the bank of external quality assurers does not necessarily guarantee that work will be available in any particular year.

Next Steps:

Please send a CV and a covering letter detailing your relevant skills, knowledge and experience to quality@openawards.org.uk. If you would like to know more about the role, please contact Andrew Bardsley, Head of Quality and Standards, 07494 857 290.



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