

# Purpose Statement

## Level 1 Award and Certificate in Employment Skills for the Creative and Cultural Industries (RQF)

The primary purpose of this qualification is to recognise and support you to progress to the next level of learning and/or develop knowledge and skills in a subject area. These qualifications offer broad and flexible learning across a wide range of creative and cultural disciplines. Learners have the opportunity to select a specific pathway, as well as develop transferable skills required for a career in creative and cultural industries. The qualifications combine both practical, hands-on experience with theoretical knowledge and understanding. Learners develop and understand techniques and processes through exploring ideas and issues. They will critically evaluate their own work and that of others and consider the impact of culture and society on their work and that of others.

### Who is it for?

This qualification is suitable for you if you are interested in working in the Creative and Cultural sector and would like to build on knowledge you have already acquired across the creative suite or in one particular area.

### What does this qualification cover?

To achieve the Award, you will need to achieve 6 credits and commit to approximately 60 hours of learning. To achieve the Certificate, you will need to achieve 18 credits and commit approximately 180 hours of learning.

You will be required to achieve a mandatory worth 3 credits from the pathway you choose. You will then have a choice of optional units. For the Award, this will be 3 credits which will be from the same chosen pathway as the mandatory unit. For the Certificate, you can choose 5 credits from an optional pathway and 10 credit from any of the available pathway optional unit groups or generic unit group B.

There are 4 pathways to choose from. These include: Art, Design and Crafts; Performing Arts; Photography; and Digital Media.

Examples of units available include; Music for Performance, Composing Lyrics, Digital Graphics Editing, Lighting for Photography, Exploring Dance Skills, The Theory of Music, Life Drawing, Creative Craft Skills and Painting with Watercolours.

## **What are the Entry Requirements?**

This qualification is appropriate for those aged 11+. There are no specific prior achievements and it may be studied alongside other vocational qualifications.

## **What are the Assessment Methods?**

You will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence to achieve this qualification. Types of evidence included in your portfolio could include:

- Art Projects
- Videos/Photographs
- Written assignments
- Practical activities
- Reflective journals
- Questions and answers
- Recorded discussions with your tutor

## **What are the Progression Opportunities?**

Once you have completed the Level 1 Award/ Certificate in Employment Skills for the Creative and Cultural Industries, you can progress to a higher level of learning including:

- Level 2 Employment Skills for Creative and Cultural Industries

Alternatively you could choose to progress onto related qualifications related to your chosen pathway including: Art and Design, Performing Arts, Digital Media, and Photography.

You may choose to complete an Apprenticeship in a related vocational role. This is a programme that combines practical training in a job with study.

## **Who supports this qualification?**

This qualification has been reviewed with and is supported by a diverse range of training providers and Further Education Colleges, including Pure Innovations, Milton Keynes College, HMP Hewell and Novus