

# Purpose Statement

## **Open Awards Level 4 Certificate in Professional Development (Youth Work).**

The primary purpose of this qualification is to enable you to increase your knowledge and skills when working alongside young people.

The qualification focuses on the importance of professional development at Level 4 and forging effective working relationships when working with young people.

*This certificate is not a JNC recognised Youth Worker qualification.*

### **Who is it for?**

This qualification is designed for those engaged directly in supporting Youth Work or through multi-agency work, such as social workers, police officers, emergency services, teachers and those who work within the youth service. It is designed to support your professional development when working alongside young people.

### **What does this qualification cover?**

The qualification consists of a single mandatory unit, with a choice of optional units. The mandatory unit looks at the value of effective relationships and how reflective practice can assist in your professional development.

The optional units are based around themes relevant to professional development when working alongside young people, including specialisms such as, but not limited to, disability, faith, LGBTQ+, gender, education, secure estate and so forth. Please consult the qualification for more information.

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

You should be over the age of 19 at the time of commencing the qualification and hold a formal Level 3 qualification, either in Youth Work or within your own discipline area.

Due to the level of this qualification, it is recommended that you have English Skills to at least GCSE Level or Level 2 equivalent.

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

You will complete a portfolio of evidence which could include a range of evidence such as:

- Assignments
- Projects
- Reflective journals
- Presentations
- Professional discussions
- Recognition of Prior Learning

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

By completing this qualification, you will enhance your current skills and knowledge and aid progression within your current role.

## **Who supports this qualification?**

The qualification is supported by the National Youth Agency (NYA), as well as Education and Training Standards (ETS) Wales.