

Purpose Statement

Open Awards Level 3 Certificate in Advocating for Others (RQF)

The Open Awards Level 3 Certificate in Advocating for Others (RQF) is designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills to advocate for others. The qualification will also give you the opportunity to put this understanding into practice through simulated observation. The primary purpose of the qualification is to enable you to develop your knowledge and skills for informal and/or community advocacy. Whilst the qualification does not prove occupational competence, it may also support you to develop your advocacy capabilities in your current role.

During the qualification, you will learn about the principles of advocacy, including promoting equality, diversity and inclusion and person-centred approaches. You will also learn about relevant legislation, effective communication skills, and the boundaries of an advocate. The qualification will help you develop the knowledge and skills needed to support, represent and empower individuals to have their voices heard.

Who is it for?

This qualification is for you if you:

- are passionate about advocating for others
- want a recognised qualification in advocating for others
- are considering progressing to higher level learning or employment where advocacy takes place

What does this qualification cover?

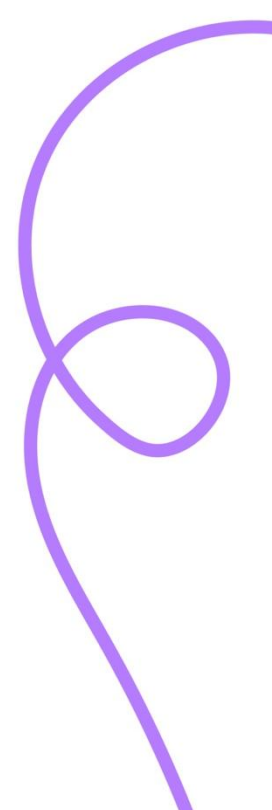
You will complete six mandatory units over approximately 240 hours, 120 of which will be guided by your tutor. The mandatory units cover the following areas:

- Foundations of Advocacy
- The Advocacy Relationship
- Effective Communication Skills in Advocacy
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Advocacy
- Advocating for Others
- Advocacy in Practice

What are the entry requirements?

Learners must be at least 19 at the point of registration.

There are no other formal entry requirements for the qualification, however your training provider will undertake an initial assessment prior to delivery to ensure the qualification is right for you.



What are the assessment methods?

You will be required to build a portfolio of evidence throughout the qualification. The qualification is internally assessed by your provider and externally quality assured by Open Awards.

You may be assessed by the following methods:

- Questioning (written or oral)
- Simulated observation
- Written assignment
- Reflective practice
- Presentation

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After successfully completing this qualification, you may progress onto further learning successfully completing this and Social Care, Community Development, Counselling, Social Work, Health and Social Care, Community Development, Counselling, Social Work or Youth Work.

The qualification may also support progression into employment or volunteering opportunities in the above areas.

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This qualification has been developed by Open Awards in partnership with The Borough of Salford, Citizens Advice Salford, Local 8 Fishes Salford, Salford CVS, Salford Employment Hub, Salford City Council and Salford City College.