



Level 1 Foundation in Youth Work  
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2007 -2008

## Course Information Pack

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### **Purpose of Youth Work**

*"To work with young people to facilitate their personal, social and educational development, and enable them to gain a voice, influence and place in society in a period of their transition from dependence to independence."*



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Dear **Supervisor and Candidate**

Many thanks for your interest in the **Level 1 Foundation in Youth Work**.

Please read through this Course Information Pack carefully.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

Please complete the application form  
and return it to London Youth by:  
**Thursday 6 December 2007 at 5pm**

**Candidates:** Please note that you need to fulfil the criteria listed in this pack to be considered for a place on this course.

Candidate's suitability will be assessed via the:

- 1) Candidate Application Form
- 2) Interview on: **Monday 14 Jan 2008 at 3.30-6.30pm.**

**Places on this course are limited and if the number of successful candidates exceeds the number of places available, numbers may be restricted per club/project.**

It is part of the criteria for acceptance that **candidate and supervisor** both attend this Information and Interview Afternoon on **Monday 14 Jan 2008 at 3.30-6.30pm.**

If you have any other queries, please contact Beverley Stephney, Training Administrator on 020 7549 8806.

Yours sincerely

Esther Thompson  
Head of Training



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## About London Youth

We are vibrant network of almost 400 youth clubs serving 75,000 young people across the capital. Our **vision** is of a great world city in which every young person, whatever their background, is valued and challenged to become the best they can be. Our **mission** is to improve services and opportunities for young people.

We want everyone growing up in and around London to enjoy access to high quality youth work - someone to talk to, information and guidance and life-enriching activities, all within a safe, stimulating and supportive environment. We work with young people in all their brilliant diversity, placing a particular emphasis on those who might be in any way disadvantaged or at risk of being excluded.

## Equality of Opportunity

Equality of opportunity is regarded as integral to all aspects of work with young people. It is recognised that there continues to be widespread, direct and indirect discrimination against many groups of people. London Youth and ABC will endeavour to ensure that through their policies, procedures and actions, all candidates entered for assessment are treated fairly and on an equal basis.

## Aims of Qualification:

### Level 1 Foundation in Youth Work

The qualification aims to improve the service to young people by providing a qualification that embraces the national standards for the practice of youth and community work.

## Who is this qualification for?

Young people aged between 16-21 years who are taking on the roles and responsibilities of youth leaders within a youth work environment and wishing to start their youth work training.

## Course Hours

It is a part-time course comprising of:

- 3 residential **training** weekends
- 2 evening **tutorial** sessions.
- 30 hours **face-to-face** work (paid or unpaid) with young people.
- **personal time** to build a portfolio of work based evidence, which will include a number of course assignments.

## Course Cost

£70 per student.

This training course is a subsidised course by the Jack Petchey Foundation.

## **Course Dates**

### **Information and Interview Afternoon**

to be attended by **both** candidate and supervisor

**@ Dragon Hall, Holborn, London:**

Monday 14 Jan 2008 at 3.30-6.30pm.

### **3 Residential Training Weekends**

to be attended by the candidate

**@ Woodrow High House, Cherry Lane, Amersham, Bucks HP7 0QG**

Friday 29 Feb 08 – Sunday 2 March 08

Friday 25 – Sunday 27 April 08

Friday 13 – Sunday 15 June 08

### **2 Evening Tutorial Sessions**

to be attended by the candidate

**@ London Youth, 47-49 Pitfield St, London, N1 6DA**

Monday 31 March 08 at 6.30pm

Monday 2 June 08 at 6.30pm

## Criteria for acceptance onto Level One Foundation in Youth Work training course

Assessed via application form and interview.

- You are aged between 16-21yrs
- You have an understanding of what the Level One Foundation in Youth Work training course is for
- You are able to explain clearly **why** you want to do the Level One Foundation in Youth Work training course and what you want to get from it.
- You and your supervisor are able to attend the interview evening.
- You are able to attend all three residential dates and two evening tutorials
- You are regularly volunteering or working with young people
- You are able to show a clear commitment to building a portfolio of work and have an understanding of the time involved outside of the residential weekends i.e. not overloaded with other commitments
- You have a commitment from a named supervisor to support you as a participant on this course.

## **Qualification Content**

The units within this qualification are mapped against the governmental **National Occupational Standards for Youth Work**:

### **Unit 1: Developing relationships with young people**

The aims of youth work; participants own motivations for doing youthwork; participants own skills and strengths; and learning and practising good practice in developing relationships with young people in youth work.

### **Unit 2: Needs of Young People**

Assessing the needs of young people; being able to provide opportunities which assist with young people's empowerment.

### **Unit 3: Equal Opportunities**

Working in an anti-discriminatory way within a youth work environment.

### **Unit 4: Health and Safety**

Being able to follow basic health and safety procedures; being able to involve young people in establishing standards of behaviour.

### **Unit 5: Systems and Procedures**

Being able to work within the systems of your youth work setting.

## **Portfolio of Evidence**

All candidates must compile a **portfolio of evidence** that shows achievement of all the relevant learning outcomes listed above. Candidates must achieve the learning outcomes for each unit in order to pass them. For the award of a Level 1 Foundation in Youth Work, candidates must successfully complete all the units.

**Further details of each unit will be provided at the start of the course.**

## Accreditation

The Level 1 Foundation in Youth Work is accredited by the national awarding body ABC Awards (Awarding Body Consortium). The course is mapped against the National Occupational Standards for Youth Work.

## Progression Opportunities

Successful completion of this qualification provides sound preparation for further study. Possible progression routes include:

- VRQ Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work

## Health and Safety

London Youth's Health and Safety Policy applies. Where training is held off site, policies of the host agency will also be followed.

## Customer Services Statement

London Youth aims to provide a high quality, professional service at all times. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact London Youth at the address below.

## Enquires

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Other useful contacts

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