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JOB

OF THE WEEK

Our Job of the week this week is
Youth Worker



Job of the Week – Youth Worker

WHAT YOU DO

Your day-to-day tasks could include:

- organise sports, arts, education and drama activities
- counsel, coach and mentor young people
- work with young carers or those at risk of offending
- assess needs and run projects that deal with issues like health, bullying, crime or drugs
- manage volunteers and part-time workers
- keep confidential records
- control budgets and apply for grants and funding
- work with social workers, teachers, probation officers and the police



WHAT YOU WEAR

The aim is to make the young people feel comfortable so something casual but appropriate.



WORKING CONDITIONS

You could be working in the community, at an outreach centre, at a college, in an office or at a school.

Your working environment may be physically and emotionally demanding and outdoors some of the time.

ANNUAL LEAVE

Usually the standard 27 days plus bank holidays



WORKING HOURS

37-39

Evenings/ weekends.
There may be some travel.

ANNUAL INCOME

£18,000- £33,000



SKILLS REQUIRED

You will need:

- excellent verbal communication skills
- sensitivity and understanding
- the ability to work well with others
- customer service skills
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- counselling skills including active listening and be non-judgemental
- knowledge of psychology
- to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

University

You can do a professional youth work qualification, like a degree that is recognised by the National Youth Agency such as Youth & Community Studies: Youth & Theology; Informal & Community Education

If you have a degree in another subject, you can take a postgraduate qualification to give you professional youth worker status

Entry requirements:

You'll usually need 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree, or a degree in any subject for a postgraduate course. You'll also need relevant experience to get on to a degree or postgraduate course

College

You could do a course like a Level 2 or 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice. This would give you an advantage when you apply for a job as a Youth Support Worker. You would then take further training on the job.

The level 2 qualification is required to work with the 16+ age group

The level 3 qualification is required to work with the 18+ age group.

Entry requirements:

You'll usually need 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, and work experience

Apprenticeship

Apprenticeships relevant to this role include a Level 3 Youth support worker. You would be supported to develop towards the role of Youth Support Worker and towards gaining a Level 2 or 3 certificate

Entry requirements

You'll usually need 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths



Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'

Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

Youth and community workers	Probation officers	Child and early years officers			
<p>Weekly Pay £450</p> <p>Hours/Week 32h</p> <p>Annual Pay £23,400</p> <p>Hourly Pay £14</p>	<p>Weekly Pay £580</p> <p>Hours/Week 34h</p> <p>Annual Pay £30,160</p> <p>Hourly Pay £17</p>	<p>Weekly Pay £430</p> <p>Hours/Week 33h</p> <p>Annual Pay £22,360</p> <p>Hourly Pay £13</p>			
<p>Workforce Change (projected)</p> <p>Growth 8.9%</p> <p>Replacement 50.3%</p> <p>The workforce is projected to grow by 8.9% over the period to 2027, creating 8,000 jobs. In the same period, 50.3% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 45,200 job openings.</p>	<p>Workforce Change (projected)</p> <p>Growth 5.7%</p> <p>Replacement 56.1%</p> <p>The workforce is projected to grow by 5.7% over the period to 2027, creating 800 jobs. In the same period, 56.1% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 7,900 job openings.</p>	<p>Workforce Change (projected)</p> <p>Growth 8.9%</p> <p>Replacement 50.3%</p> <p>The workforce is projected to grow by 8.9% over the period to 2027, creating 3,400 jobs. In the same period, 50.3% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 19,400 job openings.</p>			
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Youth and community workers

Youth and community workers provide support to individuals or groups of individuals through a range of activities or services that aim to encourage participation in social and community life and promote personal and social development.

Common tasks in this job:

- organises social, recreational and educational activities in local community and youth groups;
- undertakes the day-to-day running of community centres and supervises the activities of part-time and voluntary workers;
- liaises and supports voluntary workers running groups in village halls, churches, mosques and other places of worship;
- advises individuals with particular needs or problems through informal discussion, individual counselling or formal group discussion;

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Probation officers

Probation officers work to rehabilitate offenders. They supervise, counsel and help them before trial, during any prison or community sentence and on release from prison.

Common tasks in this job:

- produces pre-sentence reports to the court about an individual's crime, their personal circumstances, the suitability of sentencing, the likelihood of re-offending and the future risk to the public;
- enforces court orders and serves the public by providing a wide range of supervision programmes for those in receipt of a community sentence;
- draws up probation plans with offenders and helps them follow it, advises them on any work and helps them with any family or social problems;
- works with prisoners in giving advice on problems such as drug and alcohol abuse, addressing training needs, finding work and getting accommodation;

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Child and early years officers

Child and early years officers work with babies and with children up to 14 years of age (or 16 for those with special needs), providing support, help and advice to individuals or within a family context.

Common tasks in this job:

- deals with issues relating to poor attendance at school;
- works with social worker to identify, plan and deliver appropriate support to families facing a variety of difficulties;
- advises clients and their families on available resources;
- writes up case notes, prepares reports, keeps up-to-date records on clients;

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To compare the Labour Market Information of different job roles that you might be interested in please visit the Careers section on the school website.

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Discover more about Youth Workers with these videos:

Day in the life of a Youth Worker



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAllbpYOPnA>

Youth Support Worker



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yotG4GAs4RA>

What is a Youth Worker



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAsFmELTOGk>

Where do Youth Worker's
work?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XqKdtV1jt8>

Youth Work Week
National youth Agency



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzFTHWcQKUK>

Benefits of a Youth
Workers to the young



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQ-kUyRuoJ4>

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Click on the website links to research the job role further:

[Youth worker | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

[Home - UK Youth](#)

[YouthLink Scotland | The national agency for youth work](#)

[NYA](#)

[Community and Youth Work Studies with Integrated Foundation Year at University of Sunderland - UCAS](#)