

## Foundation Apprenticeship: Social Services: Children and Young People

### What is a Foundation Apprenticeship?

Foundation Apprenticeships are work-based qualifications for senior phase pupils which combines the best of academic and vocational learning in one single qualification.

### Why Children and Young People ?

This is a career with many job opportunities available for young people who enjoy working with children of a variety of ages, and are aware of the benefits of good care.

With this Foundation Apprenticeship, you'll be prepared for a wide range of different childcare roles. Look after young children as a nursery worker or childminder or go on to train as a teacher.

### What's involved?

The first year will feature a National Progression Award (NPA) in Social Services (Children and Young People). This consists of the following units:

- Safeguarding Children and Young People
- Play for Children and Young People
- Communicating with Children and Young People
- Development of Children and Young People
- Promoting Wellbeing of Children and Young People

In the second year you will spend a day a week with an employer, completing the mandatory units from the SVQ in Social Services (Children and Young People) at SCQF level 6:

- Support Effective Communication
- Develop Your Own Knowledge and Practice
- Support the Safeguarding of Children
- Support Health and Safety of Yourself and individuals

### How is the course delivered?

You will attend college one and a half days per week on a Tuesday afternoon and all day Thursday during the first year.

In the second year you will spend a day a week with a local employer. The type of employer will be determined by your area of interest and what is locally available to you.



### What are the entry requirements?

You should be a good communicator, and have an interest in a career in social services. You'll also be a good problem solver and enjoy working with others.

Pupils will need to have a PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) check undertaken before being permitted to work with children or young people.

## What do I get at the end of it?

National Progression Award (NPA) in Social Services (Children and Young People) at SCQF level 6

4 Core units of an SVQ in Social Services (Children and Young People) at SCQF level 6

This qualification looks at the theories of how children develop and learn through play. You will learn about keeping children safe, and of the importance of the development of self-esteem and resilience.

## Course progression – what's next?

A pupil completing the Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services: Children and Young People will have achieved a large proportion of the requirements for a Modern Apprenticeship at SCQF Level 6 and be able to progress into this type of role.

Alternatively students could consider the new Graduate Apprenticeship in Early Learning and Childcare.

Successful completion of the Foundation Apprenticeship could provide progression to:

HNC Childhood Practice

The following will require additional qualifications along with the Foundation Apprenticeship in Business Skills

BA (Hons) in Child and Youth Studies

All these courses are available through the University of the Highlands and Islands.

In Scotland, over **203,000** people work in social services. The number of jobs are still growing, and there are great opportunities for progression, too.

## How do I apply?

You must apply through your school.

Potential students should meet with their Guidance teacher to discuss the possibility of undertaking a college programme as part of their senior phase timetable.

The demands of the course should be considered and any potential impact on your school timetable carefully thought through.

If you'd like more information or have particular questions about this course, please contact your local Argyll College Learning Centre:

