
Overview

The importance of participation and the active involvement of young people are values which youth workers are expected to know and apply in their practice, and which underpin this standard.

This standard is for youth workers who encourage young people to become informed, engaged and responsible citizens, developing an understanding of the wider community and their place within it.

It includes encouraging and supporting young people to become involved in their local and wider communities and promoting an understanding of how to be effective in connecting with, challenging and making a positive contribution to change in these communities.

In the context of this standard, wider communities can include social, cultural or personal groups, as well as local, regional, national and global communities which may be subject to democratic or political process.

This standard is suitable for all youth work practitioners.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. provide young people with information relating to the wider local, national and global communities and explore the benefits of them becoming involved with these
2. enable young people to identify their starting point in terms of self-awareness and self-confidence
3. assist young people to examine any risk that may be involved while working on their youth work goals
4. discuss with young people ways of how they may participate in the wider community and encourage them to challenge ideas and decision making
5. involve young people in agreeing and organising activities designed to develop their engagement as citizens
6. check that there are adequate resources for young people to progress the activities chosen as they plan their objectives
7. assist young people to carry out risk assessment during the activities and to take the appropriate actions to refine the goals
8. explore and agree with young people the criteria for assessing risk and evaluating activities and how progress will be monitored
9. check that the activities are progressing and meeting objectives
10. assist young people to reflect on and discuss the learning points arising from activities and to use this learning to develop themselves as responsible citizens
11. meet the values and principles underpinning youth work in relation to the requirements of this standard

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the benefits of encouraging and supporting young people to broaden their horizons, and in connecting to and involving themselves in the wider community, and of being responsible citizens
2. what is meant by responsible citizenship, including its relation to families, local communities, local and national government, and international and global affairs
3. how citizenship is addressed in the learning environment, and how youth work activities can complement this
4. the democratic process and the role of local and central government including key decision-making roles and responsibilities
5. the nature and aims of the main political parties
6. opportunities and activities to enhance young people's involvement and participation in wider communities, including volunteer and leadership opportunities, and how to access, create and implement these
7. barriers and constraints that young people consider to be hindering their ability to fulfil their potential as responsible citizens, and appropriate actions towards overcoming these
8. legal and organisational requirements relating to managing risks with young people and the impact of these requirements on your role.
9. types of risk and the factors which create different types of risk
10. the values and principles underpinning youth work in relation to the requirements of this standard

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