

BA (Hons) Community Development and Youth Work

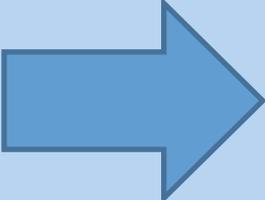
Making the most out of Fieldwork Placement



Fieldwork Placements

Aims for today

- What is a fieldwork placement?
- To explore the values that underpin youth work and community development.
- To introduce National Occupational Standards (NOS) and to discuss your professional development of these.



The BA (Hons) Community Development and Youth Work degree programme is professionally accredited by the National Youth Agency (NYA), Education Standards Board for Community Development Learning (ESB) and professionally recognised by Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) for youth and community workers, offering you a solid foundation for professional development and future career prospects.

What is Fieldwork Placement?

Fieldwork practice is integral to the development of professional Community Development and Youth Work practitioners.

It provides an opportunity to:-

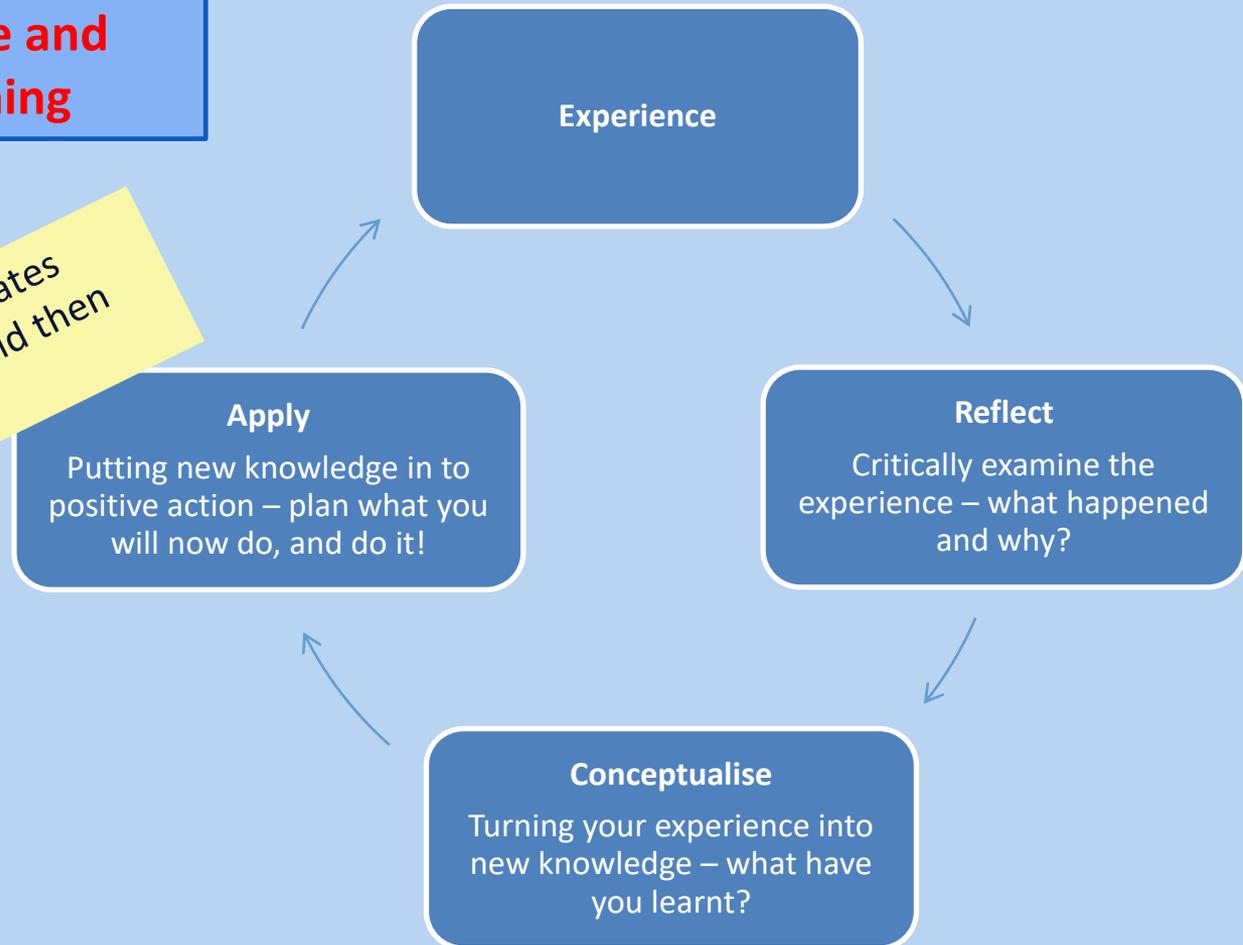
- apply theoretical knowledge to practice, and vice versa;
- develop ethical practice aligned with professional CD and YW values;
- develop professional competencies in CD and YW;
- develop approaches to informal education and experiential learning such as critical dialogue, storytelling and groups work skills;
- gain and understanding of young people and communities and their social, economic, cultural and political needs;
- to be creative in responding to need and developing the interests of people in communities, through collective action;
- develop anti-oppressive practice;
- reflect upon and recognise your 'self' and your own practice;
- recognise and understand the importance of professional responsibility and accountability ...

...to name a few

Reflective Activity

Reflective Practice and Experiential Learning

Reflective practice always creates new knowledge, which should then return to practice!



Professional Values

Youth Work and Community Development are underpinned by a set of values on which all practice is based. Youth and Community practitioners need to relate these values to their roles and actions when supporting people.

Values that underpin Community Development (ESB)

- Social justice and equality
- Anti-discrimination
- Community empowerment
- Collective action
- Working and learning together

Values that underpin Youth Work (NYA)

- Participation and active involvement
- Equity, diversity and inclusion
- Partnership with young people and others
- Personal, social and political development

Activity; split in to two groups – group 1 community development/group 2 youth work - discuss what these values mean and how they may influence you as a practitioner and feedback.

Developing your National Occupational Standards

Youth Work

- A: Work with young people and others
- B: Facilitate the personal, social and educational development of young people
- C: Promote inclusion, equity and young people's interests and welfare
- D: Develop youth work strategies and practice
- E: Develop, lead and manage others



Community Development

- 1: Understand an practice community development
- 2: Understand and engage with communities
- 3: Group work and collective action
- 4: Collaborative cross-sectoral working
- 5: Community Learning for social action
- 6: Governance and organisational development



Any Questions?



The youth and community team look forward to welcoming you on to our programme; see you all soon.

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