

## Factsheet 23

### Community

### Development

National Apprenticeship Service

#### Overview

Being a Community Development apprentice is a great way to start a career. If you are interested in social change and making a difference then this is a good career option.

Community development is about helping local people develop the skills they need to influence and improve their quality of life.

Community development is all around us with people working for local authorities, or voluntary and charitable bodies, to bring about change. As an apprentice, you might be active in one community, or may have a specific aspect to your job (e.g. community-based learning, regeneration and renewal, or community safety).

On the Apprenticeship, you are most likely to work in a supporting role and as you then progress more responsibility and a wider range of opportunities will come your way.

Starting salary (once qualified): Pay varies however as many jobs are with Local Authorities salaries reflect their pay scales.

#### What is an Apprenticeship

An Apprenticeship is a mix of real work and learning. Apprentices earn a wage and get experience whilst working towards a number of qualifications. An Apprenticeship follows a Level 2 programme and can lead onto an Advanced Apprenticeship which is a Level 3 programme.

#### Example Job Roles as an Apprentice

- Community Development Worker
- Working in Local Authority
- Youth Service
- Youth and Community Worker

#### Apprenticeship Framework

There are a number of elements to each Apprenticeship and this is called the framework. Each Apprenticeship framework has three main strands:

- competence based element
- technical element
- skills element

The three strands are sometimes accompanied by additional qualifications to give the most relevant skills and knowledge required for the job.

## Competence Element

**Apprenticeship** – NVQ Level 2 Community Development

**Advanced** – NVQ Level 3 Community Development

## Technical Element

**Apprenticeship** – Level 2 Certificate in Community Development

**Advanced** – Level 3 Certificate in Community Development

## Skills Element

**Apprenticeship** – Application of Number Level 1  
Communication Level 1

**Advanced** – Application of Number Level 2  
Communication Level 2

## Other Additional Study

Employment Rights and Responsibilities are embedded in NVQ and Technical Certificate.

## Apprenticeships Available

- Apprenticeship ✓
- Advanced Apprenticeship ✓
- Higher Apprenticeship X

## Progression Routes

- Advanced Apprenticeship
- Higher Education
- Foundation Degree

As well as working in the following areas;

- Community Justice
- Community based learning and development
- Regeneration activities

## Options within the Framework

There are 3 mandatory units and further options to meet your current job role.

## Already Employed?

Are you currently employed but not working towards qualifications? Speak to your employer about converting to an Apprenticeship and ask them to call 08000 150 600 for more information.

## For more Information and to Apply

Visit:

[www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)

[www.lluk.org](http://www.lluk.org)

If you require further advice or support on Apprenticeships please contact your local Connexions or Careers Advice Service.