

# Job of the Week

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## YOUTH WORKER

Youth Workers support and guide young people aged 11-25 in their development. They work in schools, colleges, faith-based groups of youth centres. Some also work within other settings in the local community like community centres or youth clubs. To be a Youth Worker you must have good communication skills and an ability to build rapport and working relationships with young people, many of whom may be high-risk.

### skills

- Commitment to young people
- Empathy and Understanding
- Act with Integrity at all times
- Excellent people skills
- Patience, tolerance and flexibility
- Respect, Tact and Sensitivity
- Sense of adventure
- Willingness to try new things
- Resilience
- Excellent Communication Skills
- Work within professional boundaries
- Non-judgemental approach

### Key info

#### Salary



Unqualified £18,000  
With Experience & Qualifications:  
£24,000—£41,000  
Service Managers can earn £40k+



#### Qualifications

Degree that is recognised by the National Youth Agency  
Or with Post Grad training after another Degree



#### Routes

A Levels and Degree  
Post Grad Diploma in Youth Work  
Apprenticeship route is an option



#### Labour Market

Health & Social Professions:  
UK: 213,277 Gateshead: 1,024  
UK Growth: +15.6% (2027-27)  
NE Growth: +16.9% (2017-27)



#### Working Hours

Typically 37-39 hours per week  
Evening and Weekend work rota  
Often anti-social hours



#### Related Careers

Community Development Worker, Probation Officer, Social Worker, Teacher

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