



SCHOOL LINKS

SQA Units
Introduction to Working in
Communities
at SCQF Level 5

Your school has joined with North East Scotland College to offer you the opportunity to undertake a vocational qualification as part of your school studies. This information leaflet is designed to answer your questions and explain a bit about the course you will be taking.

WHAT IS IT?

This course aims to prepare you for entering community based employment or progression to associated further studies. Through this course you will be introduced to subjects that will provide you with an understanding of your place in your community and what positive contributions you can make to your community. You will also have the opportunity to explore some of the key issues that can affect a community, such as, crime. During this course you will study a range of SQA units in sociology, criminology, leadership and personal development as well as a unit designed to prepare you to undertake volunteering in your community.

The course involves both theory and practical elements with a strong emphasis on active research and project based learning.

This course acts as the first step on a path to further study in the social sciences and/or community and youth work studies, employment in various community based employment, such as, the police, fire and emergency services, local authority and voluntary sectors.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

During this course you will work towards the following SQA Units:

- Sociology: Social Issues (National 5)
- Criminology: Crime in the Community (National 5)
- Leadership Award (National 5)
- Personal Development: Self and Work (National 5)
- Preparing for Volunteering (National 5)



HOW WILL I BE TAUGHT?

You will experience a variety of teaching methods within the classroom environment and be introduced to some of the skills essential to successful further education, such as research, communication and presentation skills. This course will be delivered within a local school or within a College campus.

By demonstrating a genuine commitment to learning and self-study, you will be expected to demonstrate/develop the following essential skills:

- Communication skills
- ICT skills
- Time management skills
- Researching, planning and preparation skills
- Problem solving skills
- Self-evaluation skills
- An ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with others

WHAT DO I NEED?

In order to secure a place on this course you will be expected to have achieved, or working towards achievement of at least 4 theory based subjects at National 4.

Whilst you are taking part in the course you will be required to:

- Always be ready to start your class at the given time
- Demonstrate a commitment to learning and self-study
- Adhere to the School Pupils Code of Commitment

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Assessment will be diverse, mainly open book, with the aim of developing a broad range of essential and employability skills.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

Some of the potential progression routes from this course include:

- National Certificate Social Sciences at level 6
- National Certificate Working in Communities at level 6
- Employment or Modern Apprenticeship opportunities



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WHO DO I SPEAK TO ABOUT THIS COURSE?

If you are interested in this course and want to find out more about it you should speak to your Guidance Teacher at school.

It is expected that pupils enrolling on this course will remain enrolled with their school for the duration of the course. Therefore this course is **not** suitable for those school pupils planning on leaving school at Christmas.



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