

The Foundation Degree for the children's workforce.



A new, flexible programme for people
already working with children.

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A new kind of foundation degree that works around you and your life

- ▶ A 2-year course
- ▶ For people already working with children
- ▶ Gain a degree without leaving your job
- ▶ A route into further study and graduate level jobs

This programme is designed for non-graduates working across the children's workforce who want to build on their experience and gain a recognised qualification while staying in work.

Who is it for?

- ▶ People **already working with children professionally**; eg. teaching assistants, family support workers, pastoral roles, youth workers, or similar.
- ▶ People **who don't already have an undergraduate degree**.
- ▶ People who want to study and develop but **need something that fits around work and life**.

You don't need to have studied recently or to have specific qualifications to apply - we welcome applications from those who can demonstrate their enthusiasm and interest in learning with us.

What makes this course different?



Local: You will join a group of 15-25 people for weekly sessions during term time, hosted and supported locally.



Flexible: You can take part in this programme alongside your job, meaning you don't need to leave work to study.



Practical: The course is practical and designed to help you build real world knowledge and skills to develop your career.



Supported: You'll be supported by a tutor and programme manager, helped to build study skills gradually, and learn alongside others in similar roles to you.

Benefits

This programme should bring greater confidence and responsibility in your current role, and clearer direction and more options for the future.

In particular, it supports progression into:

- **Teaching**, through progression to a full honours degree and Qualified Teacher Status
- **Children's social care**, including pathways towards roles in family support, safeguarding, and (with further study) social work
- **SEND and specialist support**, including routes towards SENCO and related roles
- **Youth work**, including leadership and management roles
- **Pastoral and inclusion leadership** in schools and services

There is no single pathway — the degree is about opening doors and opportunities.

Find out more

If you're interested in exploring whether this degree could be right for you, find out more at childrensworkforce.org.uk

From there, you can:

- Read more about the course
- Sign up for an info session or watch a recording
- Register your interest to apply
- Ask questions and talk to someone



Expressions of interest open from **February 2026**, only via the website.

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