

Foundation Learning

What is Foundation Learning?

Our Foundation Learning programme focuses on developing the skills of young people, helping you to prepare for progression to Further Education, employment or an apprenticeship. As the name suggests, this programme provides you with a solid foundation to prepare you for your next steps.

During the Foundation Learning programme training sessions are delivered to develop skills in ICT, math, English, employment skills and personal and social development. While attending the programme you will have the opportunity to work towards accredited qualifications at a level which suits your abilities. You may also access work experience or undertake volunteering to enhance your employability skills (subject to availability).

How long is Foundation Learning?

We aim to deliver Foundation Learning over a 26 week period, however this will depend on which qualifications you work towards and your individual abilities. You will be informed about your length of programme at the end of your induction.

This is a full time programme of learning. This means the programme will be delivered over a minimum of 3 days each week between 9.15am – 3.30pm. This timetable may increase as you progress on Foundation Learning depending on your which qualifications you work towards and the progress you make. You will be expected to attend all sessions during the duration of this programme.

Where will Foundation Learning be delivered?

Skills for Growth have two training sites; one based in Bexleyheath and another in Woolwich. Training can take place at either site for most sessions, however some vocational training will only take place at Bexleyheath or at our delivery partner Charlton Athletic Community Trust's training grounds due to availability of facilities.

What qualifications will you work towards?

You will have the opportunity to work towards up to 5 different qualifications whilst on Foundation Learning at various levels depending on your individual abilities and interests. You will work towards developing your functional skills in ICT, Maths and English. You will also complete a qualification in personal and social development and work towards one vocational qualification depending on demand from the list below:

Vocational Qualifications

NCFE Employability Skills:

Available at Entry Level 3 and Level 1

The Award and Certificate in Employability Skills is a qualification which allows you to explore a broad range of essential skills. These include job search skills, personal preparation for employment, self improvement and effective behavior at work.

NCFE Award in Sport and Leisure **Available at Level 1**

This qualification will be delivered with our delivery partner Charlton Athletic Community Trust at their training grounds in Eltham (Transportation will be provided from Skills for Growth to the training ground each week).

The NCFE Level 1 certificate in Sport and Leisure studies is an ideal qualification if you are considering seeking employment within the sport and leisure industry. It also provides a sound basis for progression on to further study.

Edexcel BTEC Construction **Available at Entry Level 3 and Level 1**

These qualifications have been designed to help you understand all aspects of construction and the skills required to work successfully in the industry. You will gain the skills, knowledge and understanding through a wide range of practical activities and will also develop your employability skills through working as a team, meeting deadlines and communicating with each other.

Edexcel BTEC Business Administration **Available at Entry level 3 and Level 1**

These are practical qualifications, designed around the needs and interests of the learner. The units will introduce you to the basic business administration principles, how to behave in an office environment and how to use office equipment. You are encouraged to develop their employability skills including independent skills, time management, communication skills, research skills and teamwork.

Edexcel BTEC Caring for Children **Available at Entry Level 3 and Level 1**

The award and certificate in Caring for Children is a qualification which gives you the opportunity to develop an understanding of how to care for young children. You will understand how to respect and value children as individuals, how to tell stories, plan musical and creative experiences and keep children safe.

City and Guilds Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector **Available at Entry Level 3 and Level 1**

Designed to build on your interest and passion for the hair and beauty industry, an Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector provides you with an ideal, practical introduction to prepare you for further learning or training. You will gain the skills, knowledge and

understanding through a wide range of practical activities and you will also develop your employability skills through working as a team, meeting deadlines and communicating with each other.

Personal and Social Development **Available at Entry Level 3 and Level 1**

The aim of these qualifications are to recognize and develop a range of personal and social skills by encouraging and supporting you in developing your personal skills to compliment learning in other areas (for example vocational learning and/or Functional Skills). You will do this by developing their personal and social skills and to have them formally recognized. You will build up their achievements in a way which is appropriate and meaningful for them through a range of practical activities.

How can I join?

If you are interested in applying for the Foundation Learning programme or have any further questions; please contact our learner services team on 0208 317 0165 or via email to learnerservices@skillsforgrowth.org.uk.

Alternatively you can visit our website at www.skillsforgrowth.org.uk