

## **Working with Groups (4 days)\***

**Target group:** Experienced Personal Advisers, IYSS & TYS Staff who work or plan to work with young people in different types of group settings to achieve informal educational outcomes. To include those who are NEET (e.g. in a youth club setting); and in large groups (e.g. classroom settings incorporating up to 35 young people at one time). Note: this is a 4 days course in two parts - no previous experience of group work is required to enrol on Part 1 (see footnote below).

*Course content will assist PAs and relevant IYSS & TYS staff who need to meet the group work practice requirements of a level 4 qualifying course and relates specifically to the NOS for LDSS group work unit 53.*

**Course Aims:** To equip the target audience with techniques to deal with group dynamics in different settings.

**Learning Objectives:** The 4 days overall will enable PAs to:

- Create a climate which is conducive to learning and group life
- Facilitate collaborative learning between group members
- Increase effectiveness in group work settings
- Increase understanding of the life cycle, stages of groups and member roles
- Increase group management, facilitation and leadership skills
- Increase understanding of group work as a medium for personal and social development and informal education of young people
- Develop skills in dealing with challenging behaviour and conflict resolution and effectively challenge unacceptable behaviour in groups
- Interact with young people in a variety of ways relevant to the setting

**Course methodology:** The course will be delivered by Youthforce [www.youthforce.co.uk](http://www.youthforce.co.uk), an experienced Connexions and youth work training provider. It will be interactive, stimulating and give participants new techniques to apply in working with groups of young people. Opportunities to practice and receive peer feedback on group work skills will be included. The programme will cover:

- Addressing Unacceptable Behaviour
- Co-facilitation
- Establishing Ground Rules
- Experiential Learning
- Content v Process
- Group Development Management
- Session Planning & Evaluation
- Trainer Tips & Techniques
- Beginnings & Endings

\* This course carries OCN (Open College Network) accreditation at Level 3. To achieve the Level 3 certificate participants must attend both parts 1 and 2. Space permitting, stand alone applications will be accepted for either part but priority will be given to applications for both parts.