

BTEC Level 2 Programme



BTEC Intermediate Award in

Advocacy for Community Organisers

Introduction

According to The Compact, the Government's agreement with the third sector, there are over 140,000 community - based charities, 55,000 social enterprises, 4,500 cooperatives and 1,830 housing associations in England. On top of this there are a further 500,000 small organisations active at a local level.

The Compact recognises the need for public bodies to work in partnership with the third sector, to support the contribution they make in improving the lives of individuals and communities.

One of the largest community organisations in the UK, with over 7 million members and 170,000 coordinators is the Neighbourhood Watch and Homewatch Network. The organisation's primary aim is, to reduce local crime and disorder and to make neighbourhoods safer and better places to live, work and play. Increasingly they are also playing a part in building community spirit and good relations, bringing local people closer together to tackle common goals.

Level 2 descriptor

Learning accredited at this level will reflect the ability to:

Apply knowledge with underpinning comprehension in a number of areas and employ a range of skills within a number of contexts, some of which may be non-routine; and undertake directed activities, with a degree of autonomy, within time constraints.

Qualification Structure

The course consists of 30 hours of guided learning, made up as follows:

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| - Pre-Course assignment | - | 04 hours |
| - Academy training day | - | 08 hours |
| - Home based assignment | - | 18 hours |

Aims of this qualification

This qualification is designed to address the skills needs of those who work within such community organisations as well as public sector employees who support them. Across three areas the learners will develop the skills required to be advocates for community organisations, to:

- Communicate effectively with members of communities
- Determine the concerns and priorities of communities in relation to safety, social inclusion and the prevention and reduction of crime and anti social behaviour
- Contribute to the development of priorities and objectives for promoting community justice and social inclusion in partnership with others
- Enable groups, communities and organisations to address issues which affect community safety and social inclusion.

Accreditation

This new BTEC qualification is provided by Safety Net Associates (National BTEC Centre Registration No. 02298) and accredited by EDEXCEL as a BTEC Short Course qualification and becomes part of the National BTEC Neighbourhood Justice Prospectus.

http://www.safetynetassociates.co.uk/documents/Prospectus4May2010_000.pdf

The National Neighbourhood Watch 1-day Academies that support this qualification will be regionally based events, run throughout the UK and are part of the Government funded CSP Academy College. (www.cspacademy.ac.uk)

