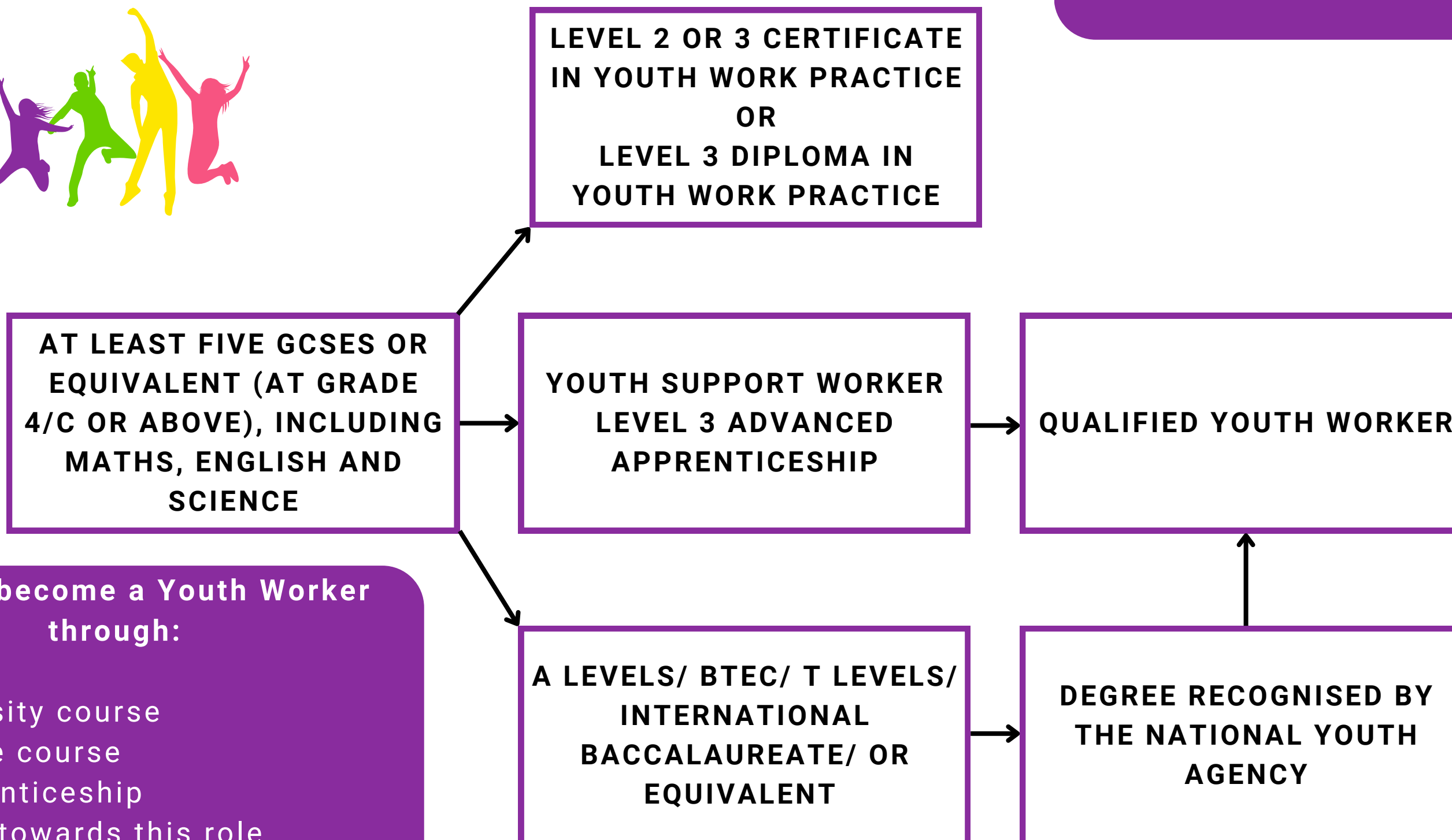


YOUTH WORKER CAREER FACT SHEET

A Youth Worker is a professional who works with young people, typically between 11 and 25 years old. Youth Workers play a crucial role in supporting the personal, social, and educational development of young people.



- You can become a Youth Worker through:**
- A university course
 - A college course
 - An apprenticeship
 - Working towards this role
 - Applying directly

YOUTH WORKER JOB SPECIFICATION



TYPICAL SALARY

Starting salary - £19,000 to £28,000 (February 2024)



JOB SPECIFICATION

- Evaluating the needs of young individuals to effectively plan and deliver programmes addressing various topics such as; health, fitness, substance abuse, gang involvement, violence, relationships, and bullying.
- Organising a variety of activities including; arts-based initiatives, community and environmental projects, residential programmes, outdoor education, and sports activities.
- Establishing boundaries and addressing inappropriate behaviour when necessary.
- Mentoring, coaching, and supporting individuals to promote social inclusion.
- Setting progression targets and regularly evaluating the quality of local youth work services.
- Collaborating with families, key individuals in young people's lives, and professionals from various sectors such as; social care, health, law enforcement, education, youth justice, and local government.



KEY SKILLS

- Excellent interpersonal skills, with the ability to establish and maintain good relationships with young people
- Patience and flexibility
- Resilience and ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Sensitivity and understanding
- The ability to work well as a team
- A fun and adventurous personality

WHERE WOULD I WORK?

In a variety of settings including schools, community centres, youth clubs, religious institutions, or social service organisations.



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YOUTH WORKER ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



UNIVERSITY

- One way to become a Youth Worker is through university. It is best to get a degree that is recognised by the National Youth Agency.
- To join a degree course, you will need two to three A levels or equivalent. If you receive a degree in a different subject, you can take a postgraduate qualification to give you professional Youth Worker status.

COLLEGE

- Another route to become a Youth Worker is to complete a college course and receive a Level 2 or 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice.
- You need a Level 2 qualification to work with ages 16 and up and a Level 3 qualification to work with ages 18 and up.
- You will also need four or five GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 or an acceptable equivalent to receive this diploma.

APPRENTICESHIP

- You could apply for an apprenticeship and earn a Level 2 or Level 3 certificate in youth work. This will allow you to develop the skills necessary to become a youth support worker through on the job training.
- You will need five GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 or an acceptable equivalent, including English and maths.

UNIVERSITIES THAT OFFER YOUTH WORKER DEGREES

- London Metropolitan University
- University Of East London
- Goldsmiths College, University of London
- Moorlands College, Dorset
- Plymouth Marjon University



VOLUNTEERING

- You'll often need relevant work experience to get a place on a course. This demonstrates you understand the work that will be involved, and the knowledge, skills and attitude required.
- You can gain experience through volunteering.
- Find volunteering opportunities near you: <https://www.ncvo.org.uk/get-involved/volunteering/want-to-volunteer/>

Find out more about the role of a Youth Worker here:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/youth-worker>



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