Overview

The importance of equity, diversity and inclusion is one of the values which youth workers are expected to know about and apply when working with groups of young people.

This standard focuses on managing group dynamics in order to facilitate group work with young people. It includes working with young people to develop group activities that meet both group and individual needs and preferences.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

P1 explain own role as a facilitator in relation to the group
P2 negotiate with young people the boundaries of behaviour within the group, ensuring that they are fair and inclusive
P3 ensure that all group members’ views are considered, acknowledged and treated with respect
P4 encourage young people to respect the views of others and recognise the effect of their actions on others
P5 encourage and support young people and adults to establish groups to facilitate youth work activities
P6 promote the maintenance of positive relationships and the valuing of differences between individual group members and with other groups
P7 assist young people in communicating clearly, actively comprehending others and overcoming any communication barriers
P8 support young people to develop their ability to give, receive and value constructive feedback
P9 use facilitation methods and styles appropriate to the group’s stage of development to develop group activities
P10 ensure that interventions balance working towards achieving group outcomes, meeting individual needs and dealing with group dynamics
P11 monitor and evaluate the effect of group work on achievement of intended individual and collective outcomes
P12 identify when behaviour is outside the boundaries agreed for the group of young people
P13 ensure that conflicts and tensions between individual group members and others are acknowledged openly
P14 identify and implement actions towards managing unacceptable behaviour, conflicts and tensions, ensuring that these are in line with legislation, policy and procedures
P15 seek support when actions that need to be taken to support the group are outside the limits of own role and responsibility
P16 meet own organisation policy, practice and requirements for recording and reporting group sessions for young people, including incidents that may arise
P17 ensure that all group work with young people is in accordance with youth work values and principles
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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

K1 own role as a facilitator of group dynamics and activities
K2 the importance of group work in developing the skills and confidence of young people
K3 concepts, theories and contemporary models of group dynamics and their analysis
K4 factors likely to affect group dynamics
K5 ways to facilitate groups which encourage empowerment and take account of a group’s stage of development
K6 the importance of agreeing boundaries of behaviour with the group and its members
K7 how to encourage and support young people and adults to establish new groups to facilitate youth work activities
K8 how to respect and value the differences between group members
K9 methods and interventions used to develop group activities
K10 why it is important to work with young people in ways which overcome individual and group barriers and encourage them to communicate with and respect each other
K11 how to recognise behaviours outside agreed boundaries, and the difference between oppressive behaviour and assertiveness
K12 how the age and stage of development of young people can affect the way in which behaviour is viewed
K13 the importance of taking into account young people’s previous experience which may impact upon their current behaviour
K14 techniques for diverting oppressive behaviour
K15 ways to provide constructive feedback to groups and their members
K16 ways of monitoring and evaluating group work and the success of groups
K17 why it is important for young people to learn to manage their own behaviour and address any conflict positively, individually and in groups
K18 from whom to seek support when actions need to be taken that are outside the limits of own responsibility
K19 organisational policies and procedures for recording and reporting group sessions including reporting of the incidents and who reports should be made to
K20 the importance of enabling and supporting group work in accordance with youth work values and principles
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Additional Information

Values

Working with representatives of the sectors within youth work, LSIS has agreed a suite of values and principles which distinguish youth work from other, sometimes related, activities involving young people. These values and principles are at the core of the work undertaken within youth work and underpin this standard. The behaviours required within this standard include those which reflect particular values and principles.

Behaviours

1. Help young people to relax, meet friends, make new relationships to have fun and to find support
2. Are concerned with how young people feel, not just with what they know and can do
3. Promote acceptance and understanding of others
4. Actively comprehend, retain and respond, encouraging questions and checking for understanding
5. Communicate clearly, concisely and unambiguously
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