

Self in Community: Environmental Issues (SCQF level 2) Unit

SCQF: level 2 (6 SCQF credit points)

Unit code: H1GR 42

Unit outline

The general aim of this Unit is to introduce learners to issues concerning their environment.

Learners who complete this Unit will be able to:

- 1 identify some of the main causes and effects of environmental damage
- 2 identify actions that could be taken to reduce environmental damage
- 3 participate in an activity aimed at reducing environmental damage

This Unit is an optional Unit of the Personal Development Award (SCQF level 2) and is also available as a free-standing Unit. The *Unit Specification* should be read in conjunction with the *Unit Support Notes*, which provides advice and guidance on delivery, assessment approaches, and development of skills for learning, skills for life, and skills for work. Exemplification of the standards in this Unit is given in *Unit Assessment Support*.

Recommended entry

Entry to this Unit is at the discretion of the centre.

In terms of prior learning and experience, relevant experiences and outcomes may also provide an appropriate basis for doing this Unit.

Equality and inclusion

This Unit Specification has been designed to ensure that there are no unnecessary barriers to learning or assessment. The individual needs of learners should be taken into account when planning learning experiences, selecting assessment methods, or considering alternative evidence. For further information please refer to the *Unit Support Notes*.

Standards

Outcomes and assessment standards

Outcome 1

The learner will:

- 1 Identify some of the main causes and effects of environmental damage by:**
 - 1.1 identifying different types of environmental damage
 - 1.2 identifying the effects of these types of environmental damage

Outcome 2

The learner will:

- 2 Identify actions that could be taken to reduce environmental damage by:**
 - 2.1 identifying a variety of actions that could be taken by society to reduce environmental damage
 - 2.2 identifying own actions that could be taken to reduce environmental damage

Outcome 3

The learner will:

- 3 Participate in an activity aimed at reducing environmental damage by:**
 - 3.1 agreeing own role in an activity that will help reduce environmental damage
 - 3.2 carrying out own role in the activity as agreed
 - 3.3 providing information to another person during the activity
 - 3.4 seeking information from another person during the activity

Evidence requirements for the Unit

Assessors should use their professional judgement, subject knowledge and experience, and understanding of their learners, to determine the most appropriate ways to generate evidence and the conditions and contexts in which they are used.

It is expected that learners will receive support to achieve the outcomes of this Unit.

For Outcome 1, environmental damage can include: pollution (eg air/light/noise/water); waste disposal (eg landfill/plastics); overfishing; deforestation.

For Outcome 2, society can include: the centre, the local community, national campaigns, and global campaigns. Personal actions can include: activities within the home, activities within the centre, participation in national campaigns, and participation in global campaigns.

For Outcome 3, the activity can be: individual-based/group-based/working with others.

Evidence for Outcomes 1, 2 and 3

Evidence for this Unit could include logs, checklists, short written responses, completed templates, recorded oral responses, photographic evidence, video evidence, or their equivalent.

Exemplification of assessment is provided in *Unit Assessment Support*. Advice and guidance on possible approaches to assessment is provided in the *Unit Support Notes*.

Development of skills for learning, skills for life, and skills for work

It is expected that learners will develop broad, generic skills through this Unit. The skills that learners will be expected to improve on and develop through the Unit are based on SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work* and drawn from the main skills areas listed below. These must be built into the Unit where there are appropriate opportunities.

1 Literacy

1.3 Listening and talking

3 Health and wellbeing

3.5 Relationships

4 Employability, enterprise, and citizenship

4.6 Citizenship

5 Thinking skills

5.3 Applying

Amplification of these is given in SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work*. The level of these skills should be at the same SCQF level of the Unit and be consistent with the SCQF level descriptor. Further information on building in skills for learning, skills for life, and skills for work is given in the *Unit Support Notes*.

Administrative information

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