



about aberlour

At Aberlour – Scotland’s children’s charity, we are there for children, young people and families, helping transform lives for the better. We support them through challenges like living with a disability, growing up in and leaving care, and the impact of drugs and alcohol on families.

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aberlour futures

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Foundation Apprenticeship Programme

a pathway to your future career



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what's the qualification?

- A National Progression Award (NPA) in Social Services (Children and Young People) at SCQF level 6
- Core units of an SVQ in Social Services (Children and Young People), at SCQF level 6
- A work placement

What are the benefits?

1. It's the same level of learning as a Higher (SCQF6). The difference is that you are assessed as you go along, so there's no final exam.
2. The time you spend on your placement will give you workplace knowledge, plus confidence, communication and teamwork skills.
3. You can use your Foundation Apprenticeship to get into a Modern Apprenticeship. It also counts as one of your entry qualifications into all colleges and universities across Scotland.

what will I learn?

Your NPA in Social Services (Children and Young People) will cover the following topics:

- Safeguarding children and young people
- Play for children and young people
- Communication with children and young people
- Development of children and young people
- Promote the well-being and safety of children and young people

Your SVQ will cover the following topics:

- Support the health and safety of yourself and individuals
- Develop your own knowledge and practice
- Support effective communication
- Support the safeguarding of children

The course is delivered holistically, which means the NPA and SVQ units are covered at the same time.

who is it for?

The Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services (Children and Young People) is a one year course open to you in S5-6. You can take a Foundation Apprenticeship as one of your senior subject choices.

You'll get the chance to learn in a real workplace and develop the skills your future employers need, giving you a competitive edge while you're still at school. You will need to be ready for working and studying at SCQF Level 6 (Higher equivalent) but in a vocational setting. Attainment will be measured by ongoing assessment and throughout an employer work placement.

how does it work?

1. It is classroom based in order to develop knowledge needed for the world of work and in doing so, working towards the National Progression Award. There will also be an equal element of work experience.
2. You'll get time out of the classroom and complete a work placement within a local nursery setting.
3. Your Foundation Apprenticeship course will combine hands-on learning with essential knowledge, which you'll get the chance to apply in your work placement.
4. It fits alongside your other subjects in your senior timetable.



Learning does not need to be in a classroom

where could it take me?

Your Foundation Apprenticeship gives you lots of options: it's up to you where you go next.

A Modern Apprenticeship

On completing your Foundation Apprenticeship, you'll have already achieved core units which can help you progress to the Modern Apprenticeship in Social Services (Children and Young People) giving you a head start.

Further Education

Continue your studies at college, with an HNC or HND in a social services or childcare subject. Your workplace experience will support your college application.

University

Foundation Apprenticeships are recognised as equivalent to SQA Highers by most Scottish Universities for most of their courses. You'll already have quality experience in the industry - this will make your UCAS application stand out from the crowd.

Straight to a job

Use your qualification and work experience to find a job in the social services industry.

entry criteria

- 3 National 5 qualifications or working towards, one must include English.
- Successful performance at selection interview.
- Positive behaviour and attendance report from school.

how to apply



Express your interest in the course by discussing it with your guidance teacher; we will support you in school to apply for a place which includes an interview.

You can also contact the Aberlour Foundation Apprenticeship Programme Leader, Susan Greig, via email: susan.greig@aberlour.org.uk who will support you to access the Foundation Apprenticeship.