

Hardworking and enthusiastic!



'Developing a Career Route for Support Staff', a project run by C&K Training, Calderdale and Kirklees Careers Ltd, is providing opportunities for people working in the community to complete an OCR (Oxford Cambridge and RSA) NVQ Level 4 in Learning, Development and Support Services for Children, Young People and Those who Care for Them.

As the photograph shows, the current group are enjoying the course as well as the opportunities that it brings, and they are working extremely hard to achieve their qualification despite the heavy workload. The group includes Learning Mentors, Neighbourhood Enrichment Officers and an Extended Learning Development Worker who all work in organisations across Kirklees. This is the first course of its type aimed specifically at support staff and is proving to be a great success.

There are a number of reasons why people on the course all want to achieve the Level 4 qualification. These range from raising the profile of their existing job roles, to helping them increase their confidence or to help them to progress to other roles that require a higher qualification.

As one beneficiary has said;

‘I work with the community and a school, [but] I don’t hold a professional qualification. However, I feel I have all the necessary experience and to be able to have this recognised with a professional qualification will open new opportunities for my future career as well as feeling that the work I do now is valued and recognised’.

This course along with others that the project ‘Developing a Career Route for Support Staff’ offers, gives support staff opportunities that would normally not be available to them. However, it is the commitment and hard work of the beneficiaries that are making the project a success. As one of the course leaders said, “the group are a credit to the organisations that they represent.”

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