

FURTHER EDUCATION DIPLOMA IN WELFARE STUDIES

The Diploma in Welfare Studies is a new initiative partnership between DMWS and the Institute of Welfare, and as such offers the only nationally accredited level 3 qualification in Welfare in the United Kingdom and is designed to be a platform for learners to step up to further study at level 4 (HE Cert) and level 5 (Foundation Degree) qualifications developed in partnership with Canterbury Christ Church University. Learners who attend the L3 qualification will establish an ideal foundation to enrol for the L4/L5 FD which will begin in September 2015.



Aim of the Course

To provide an extensive experiential and interactive course that covers all aspects of welfare delivery to enable the practitioner to support Service Users in establishing, maintaining, improving and enhancing their wellbeing.

Development, Delivery and Feedback

Following an extensively reviewed and evaluated development in 2014 we have successfully delivered several courses. In addition to private individual attendees our customers have come from a range of organisations across all three sectors, such as:



We are very pleased to share the following feedback comments that have been received:

"After attending many courses over the past 30 years this is in my top 2!" - SBSA

"The Diploma in Welfare should become the Gold standard." - Racing Welfare

"Outstanding course and I highly recommend it to others as a strong starting point in welfare studies" - DMWS Welfare Officer

"The course far exceeded my expectations." - Officer Association

"Excellent 9 days, good value for money." - Aspire

"The staff and trainers were all brilliant and I have learned loads of useful stuff that will benefit myself, colleagues and the veterans I work for" - Help for Heroes

"Excellent course with very knowledgeable trainers and thought provoking materials" - DMWS Welfare Officer

"Overall an excellent course very professionally presented and managed. I would recommend to my colleagues as a way to add credibility to our professions and obtain a qualification." - Veterans UK

"I am proud to say I have completed the course and can recommend it to anyone in the sector." - Racing Welfare

"This course is a must attend for those working at the coalface of Welfare support. Extremely worthwhile and enjoyable." - RHQ Rifles

Structure, Dates and Costs

The course is organised into modules with topics being delivered interspersed to facilitate a natural flow over 5 days (Mon – Fri).

A course booklet containing further information on content is available.

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is a separate 2-day module that is a prerequisite for the award of the Welfare Diploma and can be attended independently of the Diploma. Diploma students must be able to evidence completion of this training no more than 30 months previous, or 6 months post, the diploma start date.

The 2-day MHFA training course is provided by DMWS and is routinely offered just before/after a diploma course.

The course is routinely offered on a Non-Residential or Residential basis. Charges applied are dependent on location and course dates.

Non-Residential costs include the initial annual membership fee with the Institute of Welfare, lunch, refreshments, Wi-Fi and car parking.

Residential costs include as above, plus hotel accommodation the night before each day of the course, breakfast and evening meal. Full use of the hotel facilities is also included.

Prices from £1,400.00.*

** 10 % Discount is offered to registered charities and block bookings.*

Future Dates:

- *Welfare Diploma:*
 - *28 September – 2 October 2015, Southampton*
 - *16-20 November 2015, Leicester*

- *Mental Health First Aid:*
 - *24-25 September - Southampton*
 - *23-24 November - Leicester*

For more specific details, course booklets, MHFA information and application forms please contact Julie Butt at trgadmin@dmws.org.uk – Tel 01264 774008.

Alternatively for bespoke delivery:

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