

## **ESF Alternative Curriculum Pre-16 offer 2011-2013**

### **Course Overview:**

Here at Building Futures East we offer a range of fully accredited qualifications, across various sectors. We are able to offer the following under the ESF pre-16 alternative curriculum fund:

- Units, or possibly an award sized programme, from the City & Guilds Level 1 Basic Construction Skills
- NCFE Level 2 Certificate for Working in the Health Sector (recognised as the current technical certificate for the healthcare apprenticeship)
- City & Guilds Level 1 Award for IT Users – ITQ
- EDI Level 2 Certificate in Customer Service (recognised as the technical certificate for the customer service apprenticeship)

### **Course Duration and Delivery Arrangements:**

In the main, we offer our alternative placements alongside the standard adult courses we run; this is proven as a successful way to engage young people in a setting where they cannot be distracted by the demands of their peer group and where other adult learners are also learning the same vocational skills.

We have rolling timetables and will enrol learners at appropriate points when new unit delivery is due to commence, therefore delivery dates and times vary

### **Course Content and Assessment Methods:**

Construction programme delivery is based upon the acquisition and development of hand skills in specific trade disciplines. Learning is delivered in health & safety, selection and appropriate use of tools, building standards and the practical aspects of learning the hand skills. There is a practical assessment which must be successfully completed at the end of the unit in order to pass, however there is no written work required as learners will build up their skills by watching the tutors and having time to practice their newly acquired skills.

Healthcare learning outcomes are assessed via assignments and practical work, where learners build up a portfolio of evidence to show they have met and understood the unit standards. Activities are centred on discussion groups and interactive experience based forums in the classroom.

IT is delivered from our highly equipped IT suite onsite. The qualification covers variety of different units, depending upon the needs of the learner, but in the main learners complete email, word processing, internet and IT fundamentals (mandatory) in order to gain their full award. Learners are given a blend of tasks and taught sessions to complete and each unit has an awarding body assignment to complete at the end. The assignments are marked against a set of marking criteria and there is a set pass mark which must be attained.

Customer Service comprises 2 units, one which is assessed by the learner completing a workbook and the other has an awarding body multiple choice test. Activities are interactive, discussion and scenario based, enabling learners to identify the characteristics of a customer and what makes good and poor customer service.

### **Entry Requirements:**

Young people must be included on the council designated list of 300 young people identified as 'at risk' of becoming NEET. Prior to enrolment we are required to submit the name of the young person to the city council team, who will confirm if they are eligible to start with us, in particular checking that the young person has not already been a beneficiary of this fund, which would exclude them from being able to access funding support again.

**Progression Opportunities:**

Young people who engage with us to complete one or more units of any of the above can progress onto the full award or certificate programmes, at an additional charge – see below.

**Course Costs/Funding Arrangements:**

This ESF funding stream will cover delivery between 5-15 days. In some cases, this means it will only be feasible to offer discrete units of delivery. However, there is also some scope to offer a full award/certificate outcome for certain construction, healthcare, customer service and IT unit combinations – please speak to our business development team to discuss the options available.

We always seek to offer a full qualification outcome wherever possible for the young people who access this funding opportunity. The costs associated with this will vary according to the additional number of units/time they will need with us to complete their learning outcomes.

Alternatively, for those learners who reach 16 on or around their learning end date and will be coming off the school roll, we have some additional funding routes available – we can discuss on a case by case basis

*NB: funding from this contract can only be allocated once per young person, so please ensure this is the first time the young person has access provision funded via this route*

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