

# WORKING IN YOUR COMMUNITY



Working in Your Community seeks to recognise the efforts of people involved in working in their communities – as paid workers and volunteers.

The value of this work is now recognised at local, regional and national level and the input these people have on helping to create vibrant, thriving communities is invaluable.

Working in Your Community offers the opportunity to gain a national qualification, accredited by City and Guilds, which recognises individuals' efforts within a community. The programme offers participants the opportunity to gain a Level 2 NVQ in Community Development Work through City and Guilds.

Community development work takes place in a wide range of settings and with a wide range of people and concerns. It includes social inclusion, regeneration and community learning and is about working in communities, building relationships with key people and organisations, enabling people to identify common concerns and to take collective action.

The NVQ offered through EBC's Working in Your Community programme is designed for people wanting to gain recognition for their skills and knowledge through their day-to-day work and involvement in their communities. The award is aimed at all people involved in communities – paid or unpaid.

The Level 2 qualification is specifically for people who have become active in their own community in either an assisting or supporting role to enable their community group to develop.

Supported by EBC assessors, candidates are assessed in six areas, five of which are core.

These are:

- Making relationships with communities.
- Contributing to the development of community groups or networks.

- Working within communities to select options and make plans for collective actions.
- Contributing to collective action within a community.
- Identifying and reflecting on your own practice, knowledge and values.

As well as the five core areas candidates select one of the three additional areas:

- Contributing to the review of needs, opportunities, rights and responsibilities within a community.
- Encouraging the best use of resources.
- Identifying and taking action meet your own learning and development needs.

Candidates do not need to have any formal qualifications to complete the NVQ, but they must be currently working in a community development setting – either in a paid or voluntary capacity. The qualification covers the necessary skills of:

- Engaging with people and communities.
- Participatory learning.
- Communication.
- Management.
- Planning.
- Self awareness.

Portfolios of evidence of the work done in the community are built up by candidates who are supported by EBC's assessment team. Assessment can take place in your own 'work' place with the emphasis on real work activities.

Education Business Connections provides:

- Induction for all candidates.
- Development of all learning materials in line with City and Guilds requirements.
- On-going support for candidates in preparation for portfolio accreditation submission.
- Flexible delivery to meet individual candidate needs.
- Full programme organisation.
- Full post programme evaluation.