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Fully funded Playwork ApprenticeshipNI programmes

Playwork is a highly skilled profession that enriches and enhances children's play. The role of a playworker is to support all children and young people in the creation of a space in which they can play.

“Playworkers see children and young people as competent individuals. They understand the need for children to encounter and create uncertainty and challenge as part of their play.”

<http://www.playboard.org/play-practice/play-work/>

We are now in a position to meet with employers and candidates to start the process of recruiting for this new programme. **Eligibility:**

- Candidates must be under 25 years of age
- Candidates must be employed and contracted to work at least 21 hours a week
- Candidates must attend training as is required for their qualifications
- An employer can have 1:5 of their staff completing Apprenticeships at any one time

Qualifications completed:

Level 2/3 -Diploma in Playwork and Paediatric First Aid

Candidates will attend a series of 3 hour workshops to cover the theory related to their industry along with an accredited Paediatric First Aid programme. In addition, an Assessor will be allocated to each participant working together in the workplace to complete assessments of the candidate performance. Assessments are completed using digital methods and are added to an e-portfolio. This allows all of the candidate's work to be held securely and safely ensuring no paperwork leaves their organisation.

Essential skills: Application of Number Level and Communication Level 1/2

If candidates hold a GCSE in Maths and/or English at grades A – C, they may be exempt from this element of the programme. We will require a copy of the certificates to claim these exemptions. If essential skills is required, we will allocate each participant a series of classes to help them complete these important qualification.

Employers will receive an incentive from DfE of £500 for each person who completes their full Apprenticeship programme.

If you would like to get more information about this programme, or would like a member of our staff to meet with you, please contact Caroline Bell at c.bell@people-1st.co.uk or telephone 02890 669669.

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