



Aberlour Futures

*Preparing young people for the World of Work
in Early Learning and Childcare*



Skills for Work Early Education & Childcare National 4 and 5 “Vocational Schools Programme”

Guide for Young People (and Schools)

**About
Aberlour
Futures**

Aberlour Childcare Trust is a National Scottish Children’s Charity and we provide a wide range of services which support children and families throughout Scotland. Aberlour Futures is unique as a 3rd Sector SVQ Training and Assessment Centre with an excellent reputation earned over the past 20 years for delivering high quality Vocational Education and Training for the Early Learning and Childcare Workforce in Aberdeen City and Shire.

We are approved by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) to deliver SVQs suitable for the Early Learning and Out of School Care Workforce:

- SVQs In Social Services Children & Young People Levels, 2,3, and 4.**
- SVQs in Playwork Levels, 2,3, and 4**

We are approved by Skills Development Scotland to provide a **Modern Apprenticeship Programme** for young people entering the Early Learning and Childcare workforce.

We are approved by SQA to deliver the **Skills for Work in Early Education and Childcare National 4 and 5 award.**





About Skills for Work in Early Education and Childcare

In Aberdeen we believe that all children and young people should receive the best possible Early Learning and Childcare and Aberlour's role is to contribute to the training and education of the early learning and childcare workforce in order to achieve this ambition.

In Aberdeen we believe that children and young people should receive early learning and childcare which enables their play, learning and development to take place in a caring and nurturing environment and that children are supported by confident, competent practitioners.

The **Skills for Work in Early Education and Childcare Programme (National 4/5)** is designed for young people to learn about the essential skills and qualities required for working with children and young people and to gain understanding of the key employability skills employers look for in their employees. The aim is to support young people to make a positive career choice; learn about the jobs and qualifications required to enable them to develop their career.

The Programme is delivered in Secondary Schools within the school timetable.

The course is made up of **4 units** which are the foundations of childhood practice and for learning about important life skills in parenting, child development and children's play.



The course consists of a wide range of practical tasks and experiences to support learning. Young people learn the theory that underpins childhood practice and have work placements in local childcare services giving insight into the range of jobs available in the sector. The work placement supports the acquisition of key employability skills.

Course Progression

There is a clear pathway for young people into further study, or work! The Skills for Work Course engages young people in meaningful discussion about their skills development and provides a platform to take the next steps in their education and training journey.



Modern Apprenticeships (MAs) are widely recognised as being an excellent opportunity to gain skills, experience and a qualification while in employment. Aberlour’s structured Modern Apprenticeship Programme is designed to take young people through the skills and competencies to meet the requirements of the National Occupational Standards.



Along the way there will be objectives and goals to achieve, ensuring young people are learning, progressing; participating in relevant training and skills workshops and supported by their SVQ Assessor and Employer in the workplace.

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