

A Newsletter for Public Health Apprenticeships in Yorkshire & Humber

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Improving Community Health & Wellbeing projects through apprenticeships

The implementation of well-researched, evidence-based and innovative public or population health programmes to improve the health and wellbeing of the local populace is as important as having a workforce with the right numbers, skills, values and behaviours to deliver it (NHS England, 2014, pp. 29–30).

The need for a resilient community health and wellbeing workforce with the capacity for skill development and skill flexibility cannot be overstated especially after the lessons learnt from the impact of COVID-19. As an ever-expanding workforce, the adoption of apprenticeships in addition to traditional staff development routes safeguards the successful implementation of local community projects/programmes.

The newly launched <u>level 3 Community Health and Wellbeing Worker (L3-CHWW) apprenticeship</u> has been designed to support this frontline workforce improve health, prevent ill-health and reduce inequalities.

Just as apprenticeships are considered as cost-effective routes to retrain and retain staff, the L3-CHWW also has the potential to

- 1. equip potential apprentices with the requisite knowledge, skills and behaviours to enable them to execute their daily duties,
- 2. empower the unique capabilities and capacities the frontline workforce within the local community health and wellbeing projects,
- 3. increase social mobility through the recruitment and equipping of passionate new entrants with extensive knowledge of the wellbeing of their local populations.

Typical roles that may benefit from this apprenticeship may include community health champions, social prescribers, recovery coordinators or coaches, community connectors, care or service navigators and any other role that supports local people and their communities.

On the 30th of November 2021, a virtual open day will be hosted discuss details about this apprenticeship. It will also provide an opportunity for to understand more about what apprenticeship is and how it is funded.

Click <u>here</u> to register for the event.

Contact <u>Joojo.KyeiSarpong@dhsc.gov.uk</u> should you have any further concerns or enquiries.

L6 PHP Second Cohort Recruitment

As the first cohort of the level 6 public health practitioner apprenticeship settle in their programme, it might be appropriate to explore the interest of recruiting for 2022.

This time round, the plan is to start the process early to mitigate some of the issues we had getting closer to enrolment.

Employers interested in recruiting in 2022 can complete this <u>expression</u> <u>of interest</u>.

Contact <u>Joojo.KyeiSarpong@dhsc.gov.uk</u> should you have any further concerns or enquiries about the recruitment process.

Upcoming Events

L6 PHP Apprenticeship Portfolio Building & Mentoring support

This event will discuss L6 PHP work-based portfolio building and mentoring support.

Friday 12th November @ 14:00

Click here to join

Level 3 Community Health & Wellbeing apprenticeship Open Day.

This online event will provide an opportunity for employers & apprentices within the Yorkshire and Humber region to learn about the standard and interact with approved training providers.

Tuesday 30th November 2021 10.30am to 12.00noon

Book a ticket

Virtual Meet & Greet

This event is for L6 PHP apprentices and mentors/ line managers to meet to explore opportunities available within the region for both apprentices and mentors.

Friday 26th November @ 14:00

Click here to join

Useful Links

L6 PHP Job Description example

L6-PHP Apprenticeship Video

L6-PHP Implementation Guidance

Employing an apprentice

Apprenticeships funding rules for employers

Send any concerns/ queries to <u>yhphworkforce@phe.gov.u</u> <u>k</u>

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