

Rewarding careers helping children to play, learn and grow

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You can go far helping children to play, learn and grow

A growing sector with opportunities for everyone

If you've been thinking about finding a job helping children to play, learn and grow, we hope you find this letter very useful. It's been prepared to give you a clear insight into the sector so that you can see a career path that works with your goals.

We've also taken the time to set out the skills and qualifications you'll need to get started and what training is available to help you get started in your new career.

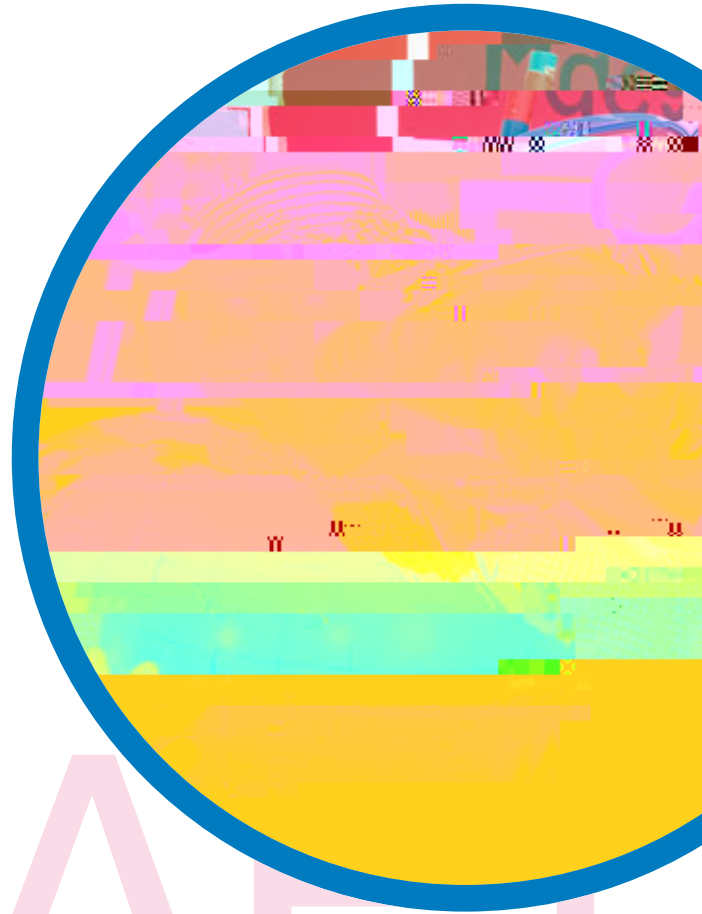
Today
we're trying
to make the
world

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But most importantly, this will help you
decide what the right work will be for you. After all, you'll be
expected to play a role in the lives of the children
everywhere, and that's a big responsibility.
For the love of the children, let's make sure you
can get the best results.

It takes a special kind of person, with skills and
qualities that set them apart, to do what you've
got to do. So let's make sure you're the best
person for the job.

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Do you get a buzz out of helping children to discover our world?

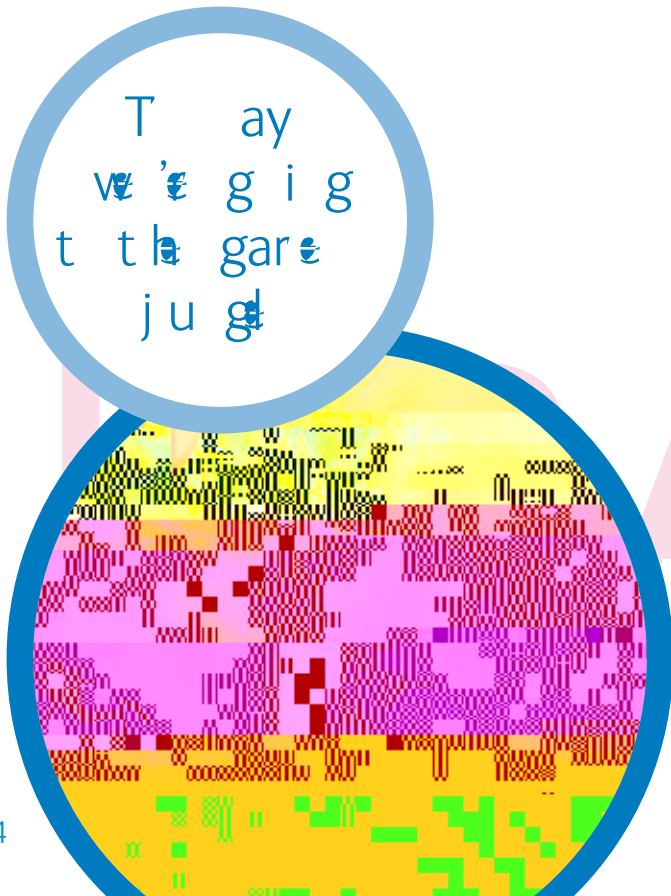
An enjoyable and immensely rewarding career awaits you

Are you a young person who loves to help children discover our world? Do you find it rewarding to help them learn about the world around them? Do you enjoy working with children and helping them to discover our world?

If you are, then you will find this a very rewarding career. What will be the most rewarding part of your job? Will it be the children you will be helping to discover our world? Will it be the fact that you will be helping them to learn about the world around them?

But it's not just the immense job satisfaction that you will enjoy. It's also the fact that you will be helping to shape the future of our world. You will be helping to ensure that the world is a better place for everyone.

Let's be realistic. Working with children can be a very demanding job. You will need to be able to handle a lot of stress and pressure. But if you are passionate about helping children to discover our world, then this will be a very rewarding career. This is what you will be doing for the rest of your life. This is what you will be doing for the rest of your life.



Make your job more fulfilling

Although it's usually necessary in all working situations, having good qualifications has become a rare advantage. But that's not all. The opportunity to study a qualification is also a good one.

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Already in the early years sector? Improve your skills and aim higher in your career

They've got them

Are you trained to Level 2 or 3 in a recognised qualification?

What is that? Well, you may be a student but it will be in the sector. In fact, you may already have a job that is helping to pay for a course.

What is all this if you have a job with you? The answer is a awful lot. You may be aware that the legislation was introduced in April 2008, which means that all staff at the sector have to be trained to level 3 or above, a 50% of all the people working in the sector require a minimum of a level 2 qualification. If you are a childminder you will have to complete the Update Introduction to Childcare (Home-based) course. This is a very useful and a level 3 Childminder Home-based Course.

A bright future for you and the children you care for

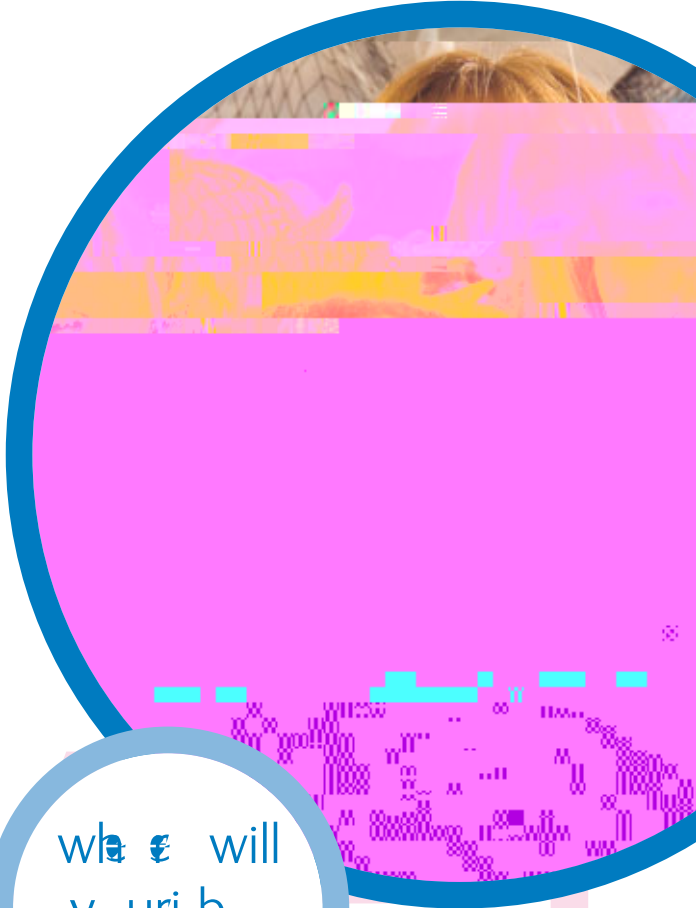
It's all about a bright future for the children you care for. It's about being a part of a team of highly talented professionals who work every day.

We are training our staff to attract and work with highly skilled, highly motivated people who will value their work and have the commitment, energy and enthusiasm to be successful in their careers.

For those already working in the industry, this is a very good news. As the sector grows, you will have every opportunity to share in the success.

By using your skills, you will be able to gain the new qualifications that help to maintain your expertise, a professional development.

It's not making the most of your talents.



What will
you be
talking
about?

Training options

How do I learn?

If you're considering your future career, you should first find the right course. You can either talk to the work-based learning adviser, or you can attend a FE College or Adult Education Centre. A training pathway, or a training with a youth National Curriculum, is also available. Page 18.

Work Based Learning

Apprenticeships give you the chance to train while you work, which means you can gain the experience and qualifications you need without having to study full-time. As an apprentice, your employer will provide you with a salary, and you will study to the requirements of your job.

FE Colleges and Adult Education Centres

You also have the chance to study for a full-time or part-time course at a youth or FE College or Adult Education Centre. If you wish to start a course, you will also be given the opportunity to receive training in a relevant setting, gaining practical experience. For details of what to do, contact your local FE College or Adult Education Centre, or visit the website.

Family Information Service

Youth or Family Information Service may also provide a range of services for early years and children's workers. For more information, please call 0300 123 7777.

Pointing you in the right direction

Once you have decided how you want to start, it's important to decide what you need to do, and this is where to get all the necessary information, advice and support, the next step, and a useful guide to the qualifications you will aim for, especially your own life experience.

You'll also find more specific information about the qualifications needed for particular jobs on page 12 onwards.

But if you're not sure, it's always better to get help, you may be able to find a list of useful resources on the website. This is a...

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1. Day Nurseries

What's the job all about?

Working in a nursery is a rewarding job.

2. Pre school Playgroups and Cylchoedd Meithrin

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6. Playwork

What's the job all about?

All our Walpole projects have been set up to give children the freedom to play and to stimulate their natural sense of play. We encourage children to take control of their own play.

Unfortunately, today's society has a tendency to be over-protective and to limit children's opportunities to play. This is why we are a male and female playwork.

You will be a full-time playworker with the main aim of providing children with a safe and secure environment in which they can explore and play. You will be responsible for the welfare of the children and for the safety of the play area. You will be responsible for the maintenance of the play area and for the safety of the children. You will be responsible for the safety of the children and for the maintenance of the play area. You will be responsible for the safety of the children and for the maintenance of the play area.

What are the opportunities for you?

Thankfully, society is becoming more enlightened and is beginning to value play and playwork. This means that there are now many opportunities for playworkers in a variety of settings.

It is a very fulfilling job and offers a wide range of opportunities for professional development. You will be able to work in a variety of settings and to work with children of all ages.

Voluntary work is also available for those who are unable to work full-time. This is a great way to gain experience and to contribute to the community.

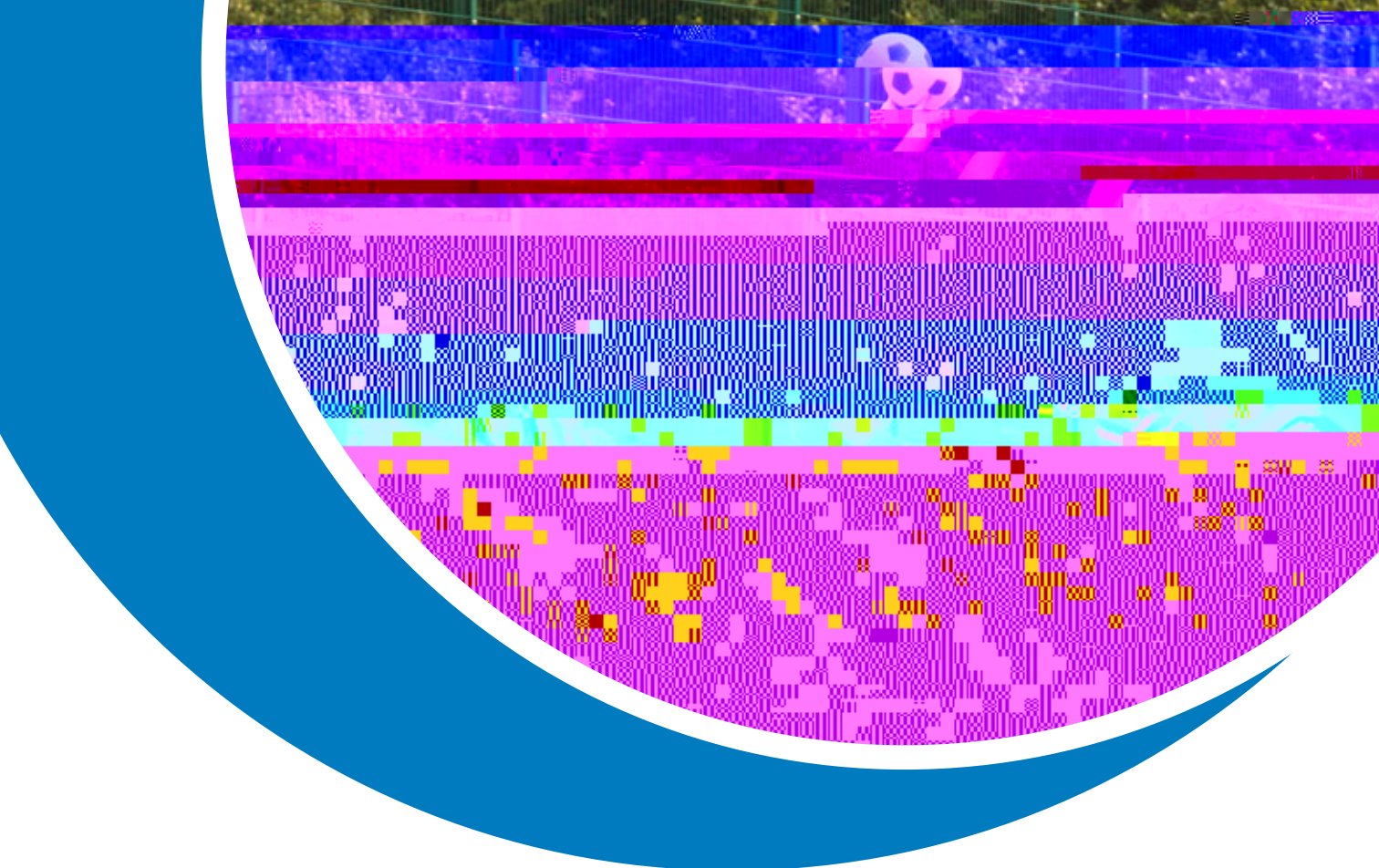
What qualifications will you need?

To be a playworker, you will need to have at least a Level 2 or 3 qualification in playwork or a related field. You will also need to have a good understanding of child development and play theory. You will also need to have a good understanding of the law and the regulations that apply to playwork. You will also need to have a good understanding of the needs of children and young people.

You will need to be able to work with children of all ages and to be able to work in a variety of settings. You will also need to be able to work in a team and to be able to communicate effectively with children and young people.







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