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Useful Information

Swindon Sure Start Partnership, c/o Civic Offices, Euclid Street, Swindon, SN1 2JH

Training and Recruitment Helpline 0845 602 3209

Julie White, Childcare Workforce Development Administrator
01793 463295, 0845 602 3209

Nicola Topp, Childcare Workforce Development Officer
01793 464314

Early Years Consultants
01793 463205

Qualification Training Providers

Contact details can be found listed against the relevant qualifications in section 1 of this plan

Short Course Venue Details

Civic Offices

Swindon Borough Council
Euclid Street, Swindon, SN1 2JH
<http://www.swindon.gov.uk/yourcouncil/guide/guide-councilbuildings.htm>

Drove People's Campus

Drove Primary School
Drove Road
Swindon
SN1 3AH
<http://www.drove-pri.swindon.sch.uk/dpc/home.asp>

Wolverest Training Facility

Unit 46a BSS House
Cheney Manor Industrial Estate
Swindon
SN2 2PJ
<http://www.bsshouse.co.uk/locationswindon.html>

Thamesdown Transport

For bus routes and timetables
<http://www.thamesdown-transport.co.uk/>

If the venue address you require does not appear on this page please go to the Training Venues page of our website.

SSSP Funding for Higher Education

Prior to applying for SSSP funding you must apply to Student Finance England for grants that you may be entitled to.

There are a number of (non-repayable) grants & bursaries available to you – more details on pages b.6 – b.8

SSSP will only consider HE applications once grants have been applied for. If you are not eligible for relevant Grants (*see page b.10) evidence of this must be provided.

To be eligible for SSSP HE funding you must:

- Work in an eligible childcare setting (Childminders, Children's Centres, Day Nurseries, Pre-schools) - we are currently unable to fund playwork settings for Higher Education.
- Apply for Student Finance England Grants that you are entitled to or provide evidence that you are not eligible.
- Level 5 (EYFD) will only be funded by SSSP if the candidate is committed to gaining EYPS and must start their BA or EYPS pathway within 12 months of completion of their EYFD.
- Level 6 (BA) will only be funded by SSSP if the candidate is committed to gaining EYPS and must start their EYPS pathway within 6 months of completion of their BA.
- Agree to the Conditions detailed on the SSSP HE Funding Guide

SSSP will consider topping up your grant funding so that your contribution is no more than 10% of the course fees.

If you are not eligible for grant funding SSSP will consider funding 90% of the course fees.

Upon successful completion of the Early Years Foundation Degree or BA the student may reclaim the 10% contribution back from SSSP. You must confirm who is paying the 10% contribution (student or setting).

Applications are for the current year only. You will need to re-apply next year. Funding support for future years cannot be guaranteed.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To be considered for SSSP HE funding in the first round of funding please return your SSSP HE Funding Application Form and copy of your Student Finance Notification Letter by: **20th June 2011.**

The second funding round will be **11th July 2011.**

If you have applied for Student Finance and there is delay with your application please e-mail ntopp@swindon.gov.uk

Funding is limited, in the event of a large number of applications we may need to allocate funding to meet local priorities.

Want to undertake a childcare qualification?

Unsure of what to do next?

- Step 1 Decide on a childcare course that is suitable for you and valid in the type of setting you are working in...
- Step 2 Before you apply for funding please think carefully about whether you are committed to completing the qualification. Please consider if you have enough time each week to study and whether the necessary commitment can be made...
- Step 3 Checking the funding section of this Training Plan and the relevant level funding guide to see where funding is available from ...
- Step 4 If there is an alternative to Swindon Sure Start Partnership funding please explore this avenue first – if you do not qualify then please contact SSSP...
- Step 5 Details of Training Providers and SSSP funding amounts can be found in the Qualifications section of the plan and the relevant level funding guide
- Step 6 Contact your preferred Training Provider to enquire about starting the qualification. You may need to meet with the training provider so that they can assess your suitability...
- Step 7 Download a funding application form from the training pages of www.earlyyearschildcare.org. Forms must be fully completed by both the setting & training provider before submission. If you do not have internet access – contact the Training Helpline 0845 602 3209...
- Step 8 Upon receipt of your completed form Swindon Sure Start Partnership will review your application...
- Step 9 A letter will be sent, informing you of our decision, usually within one month of applying.

Funding support cannot be guaranteed. You may want to contact the helpline on 0845 6023209 to find out if there is still funding available.

contexts. Students working with Foundation stage children aged 0-5 will be able to provide portfolio evidence against all of the Early Years Professional Status (EYPS) Standards which were issued in 2006, whilst completing practice-based subject units. The standards provide the baseline against which Level 6 staff in the Sector need to perform and will be the requirement for Early Years Practitioners in the future. On completion, students will be able to present themselves for assessment in order to gain the EYPS. A work-based research project provides an opportunity for students to apply and develop their research and project management skills in a setting-based, relevant and topical action research project, greatly enhancing their employability and ability to reflect on and adapt current practice. Students will also study units covering a wide range of management areas. These are designed to prepare them for future leadership roles in the workplace and give them an increased understanding of Early Years Care and Education in a management context.

Entry Requirements:

Applicants will be expected to have successfully completed a University of Bath Foundation Degree or equivalent level 5 sector-endorsed qualification and will normally have achieved a minimum average grade profile of 55%. In all cases, consideration will be given to the applicant's potential to progress to Honours level. It will be the student's responsibility to identify and agree a suitable work-based learning environment with the Admissions Tutor / Programme Leader in which they can carry out the Work-based Research Project.

Applications will be considered in competition with others and based upon the number of places available. Admission will be subject to interview.

Dates:

Courses start at the beginning of each academic year.

Tuition Fees:

£3375	1 Year Full time
£672	2 Year Part time

Funding: + see page c.10

100% funded for practitioners working in eligible Early Years Settings (including Childminders) - You must apply for grants from Student Finance England prior to applying for SSSP Funding - **please see the funding section for full details.**

You will initially be funded for 90% of the fees; Students are responsible for paying the remaining 10% of the fees – which may be reclaimed upon successful completion of the full qualification providing you are still working in an eligible setting.

Enrolment:

Please contact Swindon College on 01793 498313.

Would You Like To Organise Your Own In-House Training?

Funding could be available to your setting to organise training on your own premises and for childminders in cluster groups in your area. Setting contributions towards in house training is based on a minimum number of attendees.

The following training will be considered for funding:-

Course Title	Minimum Number	Training Provider	Contact	Setting Contribution
First Aid	10 or 16	Wolverest Training: Gary Cotterill	07719 468959	£250 for 10 – 12 £320 for 16 – 24
Food Hygiene	12	SBC: Caroline Lock	01793 466413	£300
Health & Safety	12	SBC: Caroline Lock	01793 466413	£300
Positive Behaviour	15	CAMHS: Karen Paul	01793 487354	£150
Child Protection (previously known as Safeguarding Children)	15	LSCB Geoff Wood	01793 464635	£0 £100% funded by SSSP
Moving and Handling	12	Switch Training	01666 823626	£240

Funding is not guaranteed. You MUST apply for funding at least 20 working days before the start date of your course.

Please ensure that you follow the In House Training Application Procedure on the next page.