

START YOUR CAREER IN



PLAYWORK

If you love having fun with children and enjoy being active, then why not consider becoming a **PLAYWORKER?**

Playworkers plan, organise and take part in play and leisure activities for 4 to 12 year olds. They work at places like breakfast clubs, after school clubs and holiday play schemes.

YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE ANY QUALIFICATIONS TO START IN PLAYWORK BUT SOME PAID OR VOLUNTARY EXPERIENCE WILL BE USEFUL.

As a playworker you could be involved in activities ranging from outdoor games and sports to art and crafts, cooking and drama and taking children on outings. Sometimes these can all be on the same day!

YOUR JOB CAN INCLUDE:

- Planning activities with the children
- Providing play areas, materials and equipment
- Giving children the freedom to spend their leisure time in their own way
- Encouraging fair and caring behaviour among the children
- Encouraging independence and self-esteem
- Talking to children about their concerns and worries
- Dealing with injuries and emergencies
- Liaising with parents, carers and sometimes other professionals
- Keeping records and looking after petty cash
- Making sure that play is safe and encourage children to be aware of their own safety and that of others





WHO IS SCL?

SCL is your local apprenticeship training provider. We work with a range of employers, including schools, sports coaching companies, sports academies and community sports trusts, to deliver apprenticeships that are role-specific and industry-relevant.

We can help you find the right employer, the right role and the right apprenticeship to kick-start your career in playwork.

SCL also offers apprenticeships in:

- Activity Leadership
- Customer Service
- Supporting Learning and Teaching in Physical Education and School Sport

To find out more about apprenticeships with SCL visit www.wearescl.co.uk or check out the government's website for general information about apprenticeships www.getingofar.gov.uk



PLAYWORKER APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAYS

Apprenticeships are a great way to build your skills, knowledge and practical experience of working in playwork as they combine practical, on-the-job training with study.

L2 The Playworker Intermediate Level Apprenticeship will lead you to gain nationally-recognised qualifications in:

- ✓ **Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Playwork**
- ✓ **Level 2 Award in Employment Rights and Responsibilities**

L3 The Playworker Advanced Level Apprenticeship will lead you to gain nationally-recognised qualifications in:

- ✓ **Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Playwork**
- ✓ **Level 3 Award in Employment Rights and Responsibilities**

Where apprentices do not already possess the desired Maths & English qualifications, the learner will complete the Functional Skills qualifications.

AS AN APPRENTICE YOU'LL:

- ✓ work alongside experienced staff
- ✓ gain job-specific skills
- ✓ earn a wage and get holiday pay
- ✓ study towards a related qualification (usually one day a week)

YOU CAN APPLY FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP WHILE YOU'RE STILL AT SCHOOL. TO START ONE, YOU'LL NEED TO BE:

- ✓ 16 or over
- ✓ living in England
- ✓ not in full-time education



TAKE OUR QUIZ TO FIND OUT IF PLAYWORK IS RIGHT FOR YOU

To become a playworker you will need to get on well with children, parents and carers. You will need patience and tolerance. You will also need a responsible and caring attitude.

DO YOU HAVE...?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A responsible and caring attitude | <input type="checkbox"/> Patience and tolerance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The ability to get on well with children, parents and carers | <input type="checkbox"/> The ability to work well as part of a team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awareness of equal opportunities issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Awareness of health and safety issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good listening skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Good organisation skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creativity and flexibility | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy and a good sense of humour |

If you have answered 'yes' to most or all of these, then a role as a playworker could be for you. To find out more about these apprenticeships or to register your interest, visit www.wearescl.co.uk

To find out more about a career in sports coaching visit www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk