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# MA Comparative European Perspectives: Youth Work and Social Disadvantage\*



Run by the Institute of Applied Social Research (IASR) at the University of Bedfordshire – and jointly delivered with Humak University of Applied Sciences, Finland and the University of Tartu, Estonia – this two-year, part-time course has a trans-European focus and is the only one of its kind in the country.

The new Master's course will bring together practitioners delivering youth work services and interventions in the lives of young people to develop a critical debate on models and methods of youth work practice and their effectiveness in the current social, political and economic climates. Taught by accomplished practitioners and researchers in the field, the course further analyses the challenges for organisations across all sectors as authorities re-structure, develop and implement policy directives, and as different commissioning arrangements reshape service delivery.

Whether you are a graduate practitioner delivering services to children, young people and/or their families, a recent graduate looking to enhance your career prospects in this field, or an experienced practitioner looking to return to higher education and gain a postgraduate qualification, you are sure to benefit from studying the most up-to-date research and from this ideal opportunity to develop your own research profile.

## Core areas of study

- European perspectives on youth policy: Nordic, Estonian and UK
- European perspectives on models of work with young people
- Models and methods of social investigation
- Dissertation (year 2)

## Optional units include:

Young people, group offending and violent crime • Young people and illicit drug use in the UK • Adventure education • Drama • Multi-agency work • Simulation and gaming

## Entry requirements

- A relevant Bachelor's degree awarded with First or Upper Second Class Honours by a UK university or other recognised awarding body
- Relevant work/professional experience
- An equivalent academic qualification

## Attendance

As busy professionals we recognise the difficulties of accessing relevant educational opportunities and as a result have designed the teaching to maximise convenience for you. The curriculum is taught in three blocks of five days and two blocks of two days throughout the year, starting with a block week in Helsinki in September 2010 where you will explore key themes and share practices with students from Finland and Estonia. Further mobility between student groups will be encouraged as well as the employment of a range of new e-learning technologies and classroom-based activity. Additional face-to-face and tutorial support is offered throughout the term.

\*Subject to validation

**The IASR also offers a new MA Applied Public Policy: Children's and Young People's Services.**

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