OCCUPATIONAL STANDARD

YOUTH WORKER

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Title of Professional Qualification, Level of Qualification, Educational Requirements				
Youth worker 2422 57	Level of qualification: Sixth level of professional qualification (PQL 6) Requirements for prior education: none			
2. Professional Qualification Parts and Professional Qualification Requirements for Specialisation and Related Professional Qualification Requirements for the labour market-recognisable qualification part: none				

Professional specialisations:

none

Related professional qualifications, level of qualification:

Social worker (LQF 6)

Teacher (LQF 5 and LQF 6)

Recreation specialist (LQF 6)

3. Summary of Professional Duties and Tasks

The youth worker directly works with the youth, promotes youth initiatives, provides opportunities for the youth to acquire the competencies necessary for life, provides useful leisure activities, promotes youth participation and implements youth projects.

The youth worker supports and counsels the youth, focusing on their personal development, promotes non-formal and informal learning to improve the quality of youth life, youth initiatives, participation in decision-making and public life. The youth worker supports the development and quality of youth work to promote the sustainability of youth work.

The youth worker works in state and municipal institutions (including educational institutions, youth centres, day centres, children and youth centres, detention centres); associations, foundations, social enterprises. The youth worker may work as a volunteer, as a paid worker or as a self-employed person.

The youth worker carries out his/her professional activity in cooperation with a youth affairs specialist, social workers, teachers, career counsellors and other youth policy planners and implementers.

Duties and tasks of a youth worker:

Professional competence:

3.1. Youth work planning:

- 3.1.1. planning direct youth work activities;
- 3.1.2. identifying the needs of the youth target group;
- 3.1.3. planning the resources necessary for the implementation of youth work;
- 3.1.4. implementing different forms of youth work on a daily basis;
- 3.1.5. counselling the youth;
- 3.1.6. evaluating the current situation and results of youth work.

3.2. Promoting youth initiatives:

- 3.2.1. ensuring the availability and distribution of information on topics relevant to the youth;
- 3.2.2. providing support for youth initiatives;
- 3.2.3. supporting the planning, implementation and evaluation of youth initiatives;
- 3.2.4. informing the youth about the resources available for their initiatives;
- 3.2.5. developing cooperation activities at the local and national levels for the implementation of youth initiatives;
- 3.2.6. developing cooperation activities at the international level for the implementation of youth initiatives.

3.3. Providing opportunities for the youth to acquire the competencies necessary for life:

- 3.3.1. collecting information on the development needs of the youth;
- 3.3.2. ensuring access to and distribution of information on the possibility of acquiring competencies for life through non-formal education;
- 3.3.3. implementing non-formal education and youth exchanges at the local, national and international levels:
- 3.3.4. developing youths' practical life skills, contributing to their personal development;
- 3.3.5. developing youths' career competencies, promoting their competitiveness on the labour market;
- 3.3.6. developing a youth volunteering system, contributing to the development of youths' competencies.

3.4. Providing useful leisure activities for the youth:

- 3.4.1. identifying youths' leisure interests;
- 3.4.2. developing youths' skills for independent leisure activities;
- 3.4.3. organising leisure activities, events with the youth;
- 3.4.4. developing youths' socialising skills;
- 3.4.5. developing youths' integration skills in cooperation with different institutions;
- 3.4.6. implementing social inclusion measures for youth with fewer opportunities.

3.5. Promoting the participation of youth, including those with fewer opportunities:

- 3.5.1. informing the youth about the various opportunities for participation at the local, national and European levels;
- 3.5.2. raising youths' awareness of participation at the local and national levels;
- 3.5.3. raising youths' awareness of participation at the European level;
- 3.5.4. providing opportunities for the practical participation of the youth in decision-making;
- 3.5.5. promoting youths' active civil and political participation;
- 3.5.6. involving the youth in volunteering activities at the local, national and international levels.

3.6. Project implementation in youth work:

- 3.6.1. planning youth projects at the local, national and international levels;
- 3.6.2. preparing applications for youth projects at the local, national and international levels;
- 3.6.3. managing youth projects at the local, national and international levels;
- 3.6.4. implementing youth project activities at the local, national and international levels;

- 3.6.5. ensuring result dissemination activities;
- 3.6.6. making proposals for the development and implementation of new projects.

General competence:

- 3.7. Using the Latvian language.
- 3.8. Using a foreign language.
- 3.9. Using digital technologies.
- 3.10. Working in a team.
- 3.11. Developing professionally in youth work.
- 3.12. Respecting public interest and labour rights.
- 3.13. Complying with occupational, environmental and civil protection requirements.
- 3.14. Respecting professionalism and general ethical standards in professional work.

	4. PROFESSIONAL Competence Required for the Performance of Professional Duties and Tasks							
No.	Tasks	Skills	Professional knowledge	Competence (level of qualifica	tion)			
4.1. Youth work planning:								
4.1.1.	Planning direct youth work activities.	Planning direct youth work activities based on municipal and national policy planning documents;	Youth legislation, policy planning documents and priorities in Latvia and the	Ability to plan direct youth work activities based on municipal and national policy planning documents.	LQF 6			
	implementing the basic tasks and principles (values) of youth work in direct work with the youth;	European Union. Basics of youth policy and	Ability to implement the basic tasks and principles of youth work.	LQF 6				
		taking the needs of the youth into account;	youth policy in the municipality, existing systems, methods of youth work.	Ability to inform colleagues of the needs of the youth and to deliver their ideas during the development	LQF 6			
		informing colleagues and management of the needs of the youth;	International framework for youth work.	of policy planning documents. Ability to advocate for the interests of the youth.	LQF 6			
		deliver youths' ideas during the development of policy planning documents;	Rights of children. Legislative framework in the field of the protection of the rights of children.	Ability to involve the youth in youth policy planning, organisation and evaluation activities.	LQF 6			
		advocating for the interests of the youth;	Legislation, policy planning documents in other policy areas affecting the quality of life of the youth.					
		involving youth in youth policy planning, organisation and evaluation activities.	Best practice in youth policy and youth work in Latvia and abroad.					

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		Organisation of sports, hobby education, leisure and youth work.		
		Regulatory framework for state and municipal services.		
		Application level: Basic tasks and principles of youth work. European Charter on Local Youth Work.		
		Types of youth work. Values of youth work.		
		Principles and methods of non-formal and informal learning.		
		Analysis level: Roles and functions of the youth worker in the implementation of different types of youth work.		
		Inter-professional and cross-sectorial cooperation.		
		Resource management and professional boundaries.		
4.1.2.	Gathering the needs of different youth target groups. Gathering information on the latest research on the youth and their needs; identifying existing youth target	Application level: Basic principles of designing representative surveys, commonly used research	Ability to obtain, collect and analyse information on the needs of target groups.	LQF 6

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		groups and their statistical	sources on youth.		
		characteristics;	Advocacy.	Ability to provide feedback to the youth on the fulfilment of needs in	LQF 6
		preparing questionnaires in different interactive formats;	Analysis level: Basic principles of data analysis	youth-friendly language and channels.	
			and structuring information.		
		conducting questionnaires/surveys of different youth target groups;	Application of statistical indicators in professional practice.		
		systematically and critically analysing research data on the needs and behaviour of the youth;	Youth research, methods, interpretation and approaches to ascertaining youths' views.		
		providing feedback to the youth on the fulfilment of needs in youth- friendly language and channels.	Current data and research on the youth.		
			Youth sociology. Youth culture.		
			Basics of critical and analytical thinking, logic and reasoning, alogisms, thinking errors.		
			Synthesis level: Formulation of		
			recommendations and proposals. Data-based decision-making.		
			Constructive feedback.		
4.1.3.	Planning the resources necessary	Mapping existing resources for the implementation of youth work;	Application level: Budgeting.	Ability to identify existing resources and attract new resources	LQF 6

	for the implementation of youth work.	planning financial and non-financial resources for the direct implementation of youth work; attracting additional funding for direct youth work activities and infrastructure.	Funding sources for youth.	for the direct implementation of youth work. Ability to manage existing resources for direct youth work.	LQF 6
4.1.4.	Implementing different forms of youth work in direct youth work on a daily basis.	programmes;	Conceptual level: Principles and methods of street youth work. Basic safety in youth work.	Ability to apply different forms of youth work in direct work with the youth, assessing the situation and the most appropriate methods for the youth target group.	LQF 6
		implementing various youth projects; managing mobile youth work activities and adapting them to the needs of the youth;	The influence of intoxicating substances on the youth. Application level:	Ability to cooperate with stakeholders, potential partners in the implementation of different forms of youth work.	LQF 6
		using mobile youth work methods; participating in the development of a mobile youth work plan;	General pedagogy. Sustainable development education.	Ability to create an open, safe, inclusive environment for the youth that is socially engaging, creative, fun, youth-involving and planned.	LQF 6
		using digital youth work methods; participating in the development of a digital youth work plan;	Theories and methods of social pedagogy. Social pedagogical action in the recognition and reduction of peer violence. Communication psychology and ethics.		

helping the youth to learn different digital tools; learning digital platforms that are popular among the youth;	Basics of communication, values of generations X, Y, Z, types of behaviour, culture of communication. Work with youth from different groups.
using a peer-to-peer approach in youth work;	Developmental psychology.
creating an open, safe, non-violent, inclusive environment that is socially	Methods of non-formal education in youth work.
engaging, creative, fun, youth-involving and planned;	Methods and principles of mobile youth work.
creating a safe, motivating and inclusive learning environment for the youth and youth groups;	Methods and principles of digital youth work.
forming cooperation with stakeholders, potential partners in the	Different digital tools for youth work.
implementation of activities.	Digital safety.
	Principles and types of youth centres.
	Peer education approach.
	Rights and social services for the youth, inter-sectoral cooperation.
	Creation of an inclusive, safe,

			stimulating and development- friendly environment. Game- based methods in youth work. Analysis level: Assessment of the needs of youth. Recognition of different forms of violence and follow-up action to prevent violence. Prevention of violence. Synthesis level: Development of non-formal education programmes and methodologies.		
4.1.5.	Counselling the youth on topics that are relevant to them.	Communicating openly with the youth;	Application level: Holistic approach to youth work.	Ability to establish open communication with the youth.	LQF 6
	are relevant to them.	listening to the needs of the youth;	Cooperation and communication skills.	Ability to actively listen to the youth and give feedback.	LQF 6
		using a holistic approach to counselling the youth;	Physical, mental and sexual health of the youth.	Ability to counsel the youth on topics that are relevant to them.	LQF 6
		counselling the youth on health, sexual health, education, employment, human rights, etc;	Equality and human rights.	Ability to assess the need to refer the youth to other professionals.	LQF 6
		providing feedback and/or recommendations to a young person;	Analysis level: Motivational, coaching and mentoring methods. Mentoring.	Ability to cooperate and communicate with stakeholders.	LQF 6

		if necessary, referring the young person to other professionals for support.	Individual and group support forms, approaches and methods.		
4.1.6.	Evaluating the progress of the current situation and results of youth	Participating in the evaluation of the implementation and progress of youth work;	Synthesis level: Effectiveness of the youth work system and methods for measuring it.	Ability to collect, analyse, update and publish statistical data on the youth.	LQF 6
	work.	collecting and publishing statistical data on the youth at the local level;	<i>y</i>	Ability to seek youths' views on the youth work activities	LQF 6
		analysing collected data on the youth;		implemented. Ability to make proposals for a	
		updating data in the statistical profile of the youth;		youth work policy plan based on the needs of the youth.	LQF (
		seeking youths' views on the youth work activities implemented;	Ability to make proposals for the development of the sector, taking into account best practice in Latvia	LQF (
		participating in the drafting of the proposed youth work policy plan,		and abroad.	
		taking into account youths' views, needs and data-based information;			
		sharing relevant information and best practice in youth work with colleagues;			
		promoting the exchange and transfer of best practice in Latvian youth policy, as well as recommendations			

		from other countries.			
4.2. Pro	 omoting youth initiativ	ves:			
4.2.1.	Ensuring the availability and distribution of information on topics relevant to	Preparing and distributing information in youth-friendly language and through youth-friendly channels (face-to-face and online);	Application level: Use of internet resources, digital literacy, media literacy, internet safety.	Ability to ensure that information is accessible and distributed in youth-friendly language and through youth-friendly channels (face-to-face and online).	LQF 6
	the youth.	communicating with stakeholders (including the media);	Types of visual and audio-visual expression.	Ability to adapt communication to the relevant youth target group.	LQF 6
		adapting communication to the relevant youth target group;	Communication with the media. Aims, tasks and functions of public relations.	Ability to assess the reliability and validity of information.	LQF 6
		assessing the validity, reliability of information.	Analysis level: Selection and structuring of information.		
			Synthesis level: Creation of communication messages, types of information material and their preparation.		
4.2.2.	Providing support for youth initiatives.	Assessing youths' interests, needs, aspirations and opportunities to support youth initiatives;	Awareness level: Sponsor attraction and marketing.	Ability to identify existing resources and support opportunities for youth initiatives.	LQF 6
		mapping existing resources and support opportunities for youth initiatives;	Application level: Types of youth initiatives.	Ability to provide support to youth initiatives through mechanisms, cooperation and the representation of interests.	LQF 6

		developing mechanisms for youth initiatives (e.g., projectproposal, co-budgeting, etc.);		Ability to implement a transparent, democratic distribution of funding and resources for youth initiatives.	LQF 6
		planning funding for youth initiatives;			
		planning resources (e.g., transport, facilities, services) for youth initiatives;			
		using non-formal education methods to support the youth in their initiatives;			
		attracting additional funding for youth initiatives;			
		representing the interests of youth in resource attraction;			
		cooperating with different stakeholders to attract resources;			
		implementing a transparent, democratic distribution of funding and resources for youth initiatives.			
4.2.3.	Supporting the planning, implementation and evaluation of youth initiatives.	Supporting youth initiatives using non-formal education principles and methods; mentoring the youth in the planning, implementation and evaluation of	Application level: Professional roles and their functions (support person, mentor, advocate, counsellor, etc.).	Ability to support and encourage youths' initiatives, creating favourable conditions for their intellectual and creative development.	LQF 6

		their initiatives; using mentoring and coaching tools	Conflict prevention and resolution, including emotion management techniques.	Ability to apply the principles and methods of non-formal education.	LQF 6
		in the formulation and development of project ideas for youth initiatives;	Theories of psycho-physical, emotional and developmental aspects of children and youth,	Ability to develop youth initiative projects in cooperation with youth themselves.	LQF 6
		involving the youth in the planning, implementation and evaluation of their peers' initiatives;	specifics of learning at different ages and their impact on the learning process.	Ability to mentor the youth, to create an inclusive and supportive environment for youth initiatives.	LQF 6
		involving the youth in meeting their needs;		Ability to assess with the young person his/her learning process and	LQF 6
		developing youths' self-organisation in taking initiatives;		benefits.	
		creating an inclusive and supportive environment for youth initiatives;			
		advising on the project management steps for implementing initiative projects;			
		with the young person, assessing his/her learning process and the benefits of the initiative projects.			
4.2.4.	Informing the youth about the resources available for their initiatives.	Keeping up with information on available resources;	Application level: Available resources to support youth initiatives.	Ability to keep informed and to inform the youth about the resources available for their initiatives.	LQF 6
		selecting information on available resources;		Ability to distribute information in	LQF 6

		distributing information in youth-friendly language and through youth-friendly channels (face-to-face and online); informing the youth about issues relevant to them to promote initiatives.		youth-friendly language and through youth-friendly channels.	
4.2.5.	Developing cooperation activities at the local and national levels for the implementation of youth initiatives.	Planning cooperation activities at the local and national levels based on the needs of youth; use creativity and innovation; supporting the implementation of cooperation activities created by the youth themselves at the local and national levels; providing opportunities for the youth to participate independently in the planning, implementation and evaluation of initiative projects, according to their capacities and interests.	Organisation of events.	Ability to develop cooperation activities at the local and national levels for the implementation of youth initiatives. Ability to support the youth in implementing their own cooperation activities, based on their needs and through innovation. Ability to involve the youth in the planning, implementation and evaluation of initiative projects, according to their capacities and interests.	LQF 6 LQF 6
4.2.6.	Developing cooperation activities at the international level for the implementation of	Planning cooperation activities at the international level based on the needs of youth; supporting the implementation and		Ability to develop cooperation activities at the international level for the implementation of youth initiatives.	LQF 6

	youth initiatives.	evaluation of cooperation activities created by the youth themselves at the international level; practising intercultural dialogue.	International youth legislation in different forms of cooperation in intercultural environments.		
4.3. Provid	ding opportunities for	the youth to acquire the competenci	es necessary for life:		
4.3.1.	Collecting information on the development needs of the youth.	Identifying youths' interests, rights, needs and opportunities for learning competencies; selecting and analysing information on youths' development and competence needs;	Application level: Social networking habits. Analysis level: Information analysis, data acquisition.	Ability to identify, analyse and critically evaluate information relevant to youths' development and competence needs. Ability to communicate with stakeholders on the needs of the	LQF 6
		communicating the needs of the youth with stakeholders.		youth.	
4.3.2.	Ensuring access to and the distribution of information on the possibility of acquiring competencies for	Collecting information on non- formal education and lifelong learning offers (including those of other youth field partners);	Application level: Use of digital tools, prior knowledge of graphic design software.	Ability to ensure access to and the distribution of information on the possibility of acquiring competencies for life through nonformal education.	LQF 6
	life through non-formal education.	communicating offers in youth-friendly language and through youth-friendly channels (face-to-face and online); explaining the role of non-formal learning in the development of competencies.	Non-formal learning opportunities and information resources for the youth.	Ability to communicate effectively and creatively with diverse youth about offers for the youth in youth-friendly language and through youth-friendly channels face-to-face and online.	LQF 6
				Ability to explain the role of non- formal learning in the development of youths' competencies.	LQF 6

4.3.3.	formal education and youth exchanges at the local, national and international levels. active explains the principle of the years.	Planning, organising and evaluating activities with the youth; explaining the meaning and principles of non-formal education to	Awareness level: Available support programmes at the local, national and international levels.	Ability to implement non-formal education and youth exchanges at the local, national and international levels, based on the needs of the youth.	LQF 6
		applying the basic tasks and principles of non-formal education and youth work;	Application level: Diversity approach and challenges for youth.	Ability to explain and motivate the youth to implement non-formal education and youth exchanges at the local, national and international levels.	LQF 6
		supporting youths' own initiatives in non-formal education and youth exchanges at the local, national and international levels;		Ability to support youths' own non-formal education and youth exchanges.	LQF 6
		developing youths' self-organisation; implementing non-formal education		Ability to provide the youth with the opportunity to be mobile and to acquire knowledge and skills outside their place of residence.	LQF 6
		programmes and youth exchanges based on the needs of the youth;		Ability to cooperate with other municipal units, youth	LQF 6
		motivating the youth to engage in non-formal education activities;		organisations and other partners.	
		practising intercultural dialogue;			

		providing the youth with the opportunity to be mobile and to acquire knowledge and skills outside their place of residence; developing cooperation with other municipal units, youth organisations and other partners.			
4.3.4.	Developing youths' practical life skills, contributing to their full and	keeping up with information on issues relevant to the youth;	Application level: Competence approach, process and methods for assessing	Ability to enable the youth to acquire skills for life through nonformal education.	LQF 6
	comprehensive development.	providing opportunities for the youth to acquire skills for practical life through non-formal education;	competences, certificates available for the recognition of competencies.	Ability to ensure access to information relevant to youths' development needs.	LQF 6
		developing youths' life skills; providing opportunities for the youth	Legislative framework in non-formal education.	Ability to develop youths' life skills, contributing to their full and comprehensive development.	LQF 6
		to try out activities related to their interests which contribute to skills development;		Ability to assess with the young person his/her learning process and benefits.	LQF 6
		supporting the youth in developing their skills;			
		ensuring access to information relevant to youths' development needs;			
		encouraging optimism in the youth;			

		developing youths' knowledge on health, education, employment, human rights and other issues relevant to the youth;			
		with the young person, assessing his/her learning goals;			
		with the young person, assessing his/her learning process and the developed competencies.			
4.3.5.	Developing youths' career competencies, promoting their competitiveness on	Identifying the needs of the youth; keeping up with current labour market trends;	Awareness level: Current labour market trends. Application level:	Ability to gather, prepare and present information on current trends in youth-friendly language and through youth-friendly channels.	LQF 6
	the labour market.	becoming familiar with research on youths' life skills and careers;	Available resources for career education and support. Legislative framework for youth	Ability to support youths' personal development, growth, autonomy and career competencies.	LQF 6
		gathering, preparing and presenting information on current trends in youth-friendly language and through youth-friendly channels (face-to-face and online);	employment.	Ability to engage with stakeholders on youth career development issues.	LQF 6
		cooperating with stakeholders on youth career development (including career counsellors, youth employment programme specialists);		Ability to identify the needs of the youth and motivate them for personal and professional development.	LQF 6
		developing the public's and youths' awareness of the need for non-formal		Ability to develop and implement	LQF 6

		and informal learning in the acquisition of competencies;		non-formal education programmes for the youth.	
		motivating the youth for personal and professional development;		Ability to assess the developed competencies of the youth.	LQF 6
		providing opportunities for the youth to try out activities related to their interests which contribute to the development of career competencies;			
		developing and implementing non- formal education programmes for the youth;			
		providing short-term employment opportunities for the youth in the municipality/community in cooperation with local businesses;			
		with the young person, assessing his/her developed competencies.			
4.3.6.	Developing a youth volunteering system, contributing	Identifying areas where volunteer support is needed;	Application level: Basic principles of volunteering.	Ability to develop, coordinate and implement a youth volunteering system and programme.	LQF 6
	to the development of youths' competencies.	keeping up with digital opportunities for the implementation of the volunteering system;	Available databases for volunteering.	Ability to develop cooperation with organisations for involving the youth in volunteering to develop	LQF 6
		identifying organisations that organise volunteering;	Legislative framework for volunteering.	their competencies.	

		developing cooperation with organisations for involving the youth in volunteering to develop their competencies; developing a youth volunteering programme.			
4.4. Pro	oviding useful leisure	activities for the youth:		,	
4.4.1.	Identifying youths' leisure interests.	Assessing youths' interests, rights, needs and opportunities in relation to leisure time;	Analysis level: Methods for obtaining and collecting youths' views.	Ability to connect with the youth and get their views.	LQF 6
		obtaining a representative opinion of the youth, using different forms of		Ability to identify and analyse youths' leisure interests.	LQF 6
		opinion gathering, identifying needs;		Ability to build positive, non- judgemental relationships and communication with the youth	LQF 6
		selecting and analysing information on youths' leisure interests;		from different youth social groups.	
		building positive, non-judgemental relationships with the youth from different youth social groups;			
		implementing youth work based on youths' leisure needs, which develops youths' competencies and is in line with the basic tasks and principles of youth work;			
		communicating the leisure needs of the youth with stakeholders.			

4.4.2.	Developing youths' skills for independent leisure activities.	Informing the youth about current events, opportunities and resources available to the youth; applying non-formal education methods to promote youths' independent skills for useful leisure activities; providing opportunities to try out different leisure activities focused on the development of youths' competencies and non-formal education approaches; developing youths' self-organisation for leisure time; creating an environment for independent leisure activities with the youth.	Application level: Ways and means of promoting youth initiatives, leisure activities. Developing positive communication and cooperation.	Ability to use non-formal education materials and methods to promote youths' independent skills for useful leisure activities. Ability to provide opportunities for the youth to try out different leisure activities.	LQF 6 LQF 6
4.4.3.	Organising leisure activities, events with the youth.	Planning, organising and evaluating leisure activities, events with the youth based on the needs of the youth; implementing the basic tasks and	Application level: Experiential learning and its cycles. Team building and management.	Ability to organise leisure activities and events with the youth. Ability to implement the basic tasks and principles of youth work in leisure activities and events.	LQF 6
		principles of youth work in leisure activities and events;	Youth organisations in Latvia.	Ability to use non-formal education methods and mentor the youth.	LQF 6

		using non-formal education methods;			
		developing youths' self-organisation in organising leisure activities;		Ability to cooperate with youth organisations and other stakeholders.	LQF 6
		mentoring the youth in the implementation of their own leisure activities and events;			
		cooperating with youth organisations;			
		cooperating with other stakeholders.			
4.4.4.	Developing youths' socialising skills.	Identifying groups of youth in particular need of socialisation activities;	Awareness level: Youth deviant behaviour.	Ability to develop youths' socialising skills.	LQF 6
		understanding of societal values, symbols and their meanings;	Application level: Factors contributing to the comprehensive development of the youth.	Ability to understand and explain the values, symbols and meanings of society, social norms to the youth.	LQF 6
		understanding social norms and other cultural characteristics;	Values, virtues and social norms	Ability to implement socialisation activities for the youth.	LQF 6
		explaining values and social norms to the youth;	in society.		
		developing the youth as social beings and individuals;			
		implementing socialisation activities.			

4.4.5.	Developing youths' integration skills in cooperation with	Identifying groups of youth in particular need of integration activities;	Application level: Groups of youth with fewer	Ability to develop youths' integration skills.	LQF 6
	different institutions.	understanding youths' needs and barriers to integration;	opportunities. Basic principles of an inclusive society. Inclusive non-formal	Ability to understand youths' needs, barriers and support needed for integration.	LQF 6
		understanding the range of support measures needed to help the youth to integrate;	education methods for working with youth with fewer opportunities.	Ability to cooperate with other stakeholders.	LQF 6
		implementing integration activities;	Working with youth with fewer opportunities.		
		building cooperation with different institutions.	Gender equality.		
			The concept of communication, professional communication, perception, its types, means of communication, establishing and maintaining contact with the youth, active listening skills.		
			Analysis level: Social problems, their identification and research.		
			Organisation of support (support measures, methods, materials) for youth with fewer opportunities.		
4.4.6.	Implementing social inclusion measures for youth with fewer	Analysing the needs and barriers of youth with fewer opportunities;	Awareness level: Basic tasks for social rehabilitation.	Ability to involve youth with fewer opportunities in youth work in an open and holistic way.	LQF 6

oppo	ortunities ^{1.}	mapping the target audience of youth			
		with fewer opportunities;	Nature, signs and services of addictions.	Ability to create opportunities and implement social inclusion	LQF 6
		creating opportunities for youth with fewer opportunities to participate	Forced labour, human	measures for youth with fewer opportunities.	
		fully in various activities, improving their standard of living and well-	trafficking.	Ability to map and analyse the	LQF 6
		being;	Prevention, its levels and target	needs and barriers to the inclusion of youth with fewer opportunities.	
		identifying and reducing barriers to the involvement and participation of	groups.	Ability to reduce barriers to the	LQF 6
		youth with fewer opportunities;	Application level: Inclusive design and different	involvement and participation of youth with fewer opportunities.	
		creating a supportive and safe environment free from all forms of	forms of communication for youth with fewer opportunities.	Ability to create a safe environment for the youth and to implement	LQF 6
		violence;	Ways of participatory activities	different forms of youth work to promote the inclusion of youth with	
		developing opportunities for participation in decision-making for	at the local, national and international levels.	fewer opportunities.	1.05.6
		youth with fewer opportunities;	Means of alternative	Ability to develop cooperation with	LQF 6
		implementing different forms of youth work to promote the inclusion	communication.	social workers and other stakeholders.	
		of youth with fewer opportunities. among their peers;			
		noing inclusive mothers to increase			
		using inclusive methods to involve the youth or involving a specialist to do so;			

¹ youth with limited opportunities – youth with physical or mental disabilities; learning difficulties; economic barriers (low standard of living, low-income, homeless, long-term unemployed, debtors, etc.); cultural differences (immigrants, refugees, ethnic minorities, youth with cultural and language difficulties, etc.); health problems (youth with chronic or severe illnesses or psychiatric disorders, etc.); social barriers (facing discrimination based on age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, anti-social or risky behaviour, single parents, orphans, ex-prisoners, substance and process addicts, etc.) and geographical barriers (youth from very remote rural areas, rural youth, youth with limited access to services, etc.).

4.5. Pro	omoting the participa	ensuring that the youth are able to participate actively in social, political, cultural and economic life without discrimination; developing cooperation with social workers and other stakeholders; using discreet communication with the youth.	h fewer opportunities		
4.5.1.	Informing the youth about the various opportunities for participation at the local, national and European levels.	• ,	Application level: Ways and systems of informing the youth. Different levels of governance, local and national responsibilities.	Ability to analyse and critically evaluate information on participation opportunities at the local, national and European levels, relevant to the needs of the youth. Ability to effectively and creatively reach out to different youth audiences in face-to-face and indirect settings.	LQF 6
		providing information on participation opportunities that is relevant to the development needs of the youth; cooperating with other units and partners in providing information to the youth.		Ability to cooperate with other units and partners in providing information to the youth.	LQF 6

Raising youths' awareness of participation at the	Understanding of the types and methods of participatory activities;	Application level: Contemporary (new) forms and opportunities for participation.	Ability to raise youths' awareness of participation at the local and national levels.	LQF 6
local and national levels.	educating the youth on the different forms and methods of participation at the local and national levels;	The concept of ladder of participation.	Ability to know and put into practice the types and methods of participatory activities with the youth.	LQF 6
	applying the types and methods of participatory activities in practice;		Ability to develop non-formal education programmes to promote	LQF 6
	programmes to promote participation in practice, based on youth work		Ability to encourage the discussion	LQF 6
	encouraging the discussion and exchange of ideas among the youth on participation and values in		youth about participation and values in society.	
	society.			
Raising youths' awareness of participation at the	Educating the youth on the different forms and methods of participation at the European level;	Application level: European values and fundamental rights.	Ability to raise youths' awareness of participation at the European level.	LQF 6
European level.	promoting youths' understanding of common European values and fundamental rights;	Decision-making at the European level.	Ability to promote youths' understanding of common European values and fundamental rights.	LQF 6
	promoting youths' involvement in participatory activities at the European level.			
	awareness of participation at the local and national levels. Raising youths' awareness of	awareness of participation at the local and national levels. educating the youth on the different forms and methods of participation at the local and national levels; applying the types and methods of participatory activities in practice; developing non-formal education programmes to promote participation in practice, based on youth work values; encouraging the discussion and exchange of ideas among the youth on participation and values in society. Raising youths' awareness of participation at the European level. European level. Educating the youth on the different forms and methods of participation at the European level; promoting youths' understanding of common European values and fundamental rights; promoting youths' involvement in participatory activities at the	awareness of participation at the local and national levels. Paper Contemporary (new) forms and opportunities for participation.	awareness of participation at the local and national levels. Evels. Evels.

4.5.4.	Providing opportunities for the practical participation of the youth in decision-	developing youths' self-organisation	Application level: Fundamentals of rights (in the context of participation), democratic values.	Ability to provide opportunities and develop mechanisms for the practical participation of the youth at different levels.	LQF 6
	making.	participatory activities;	Perception of types and forms of participation that are not compatible with a democratic	Ability to support youths' initiatives and proposals to the municipality.	LQF 6
		proposals to the municipality;	society. Decision-making processes at	Ability to build cooperation between decision-makers and the	LQF 6
		opportunity to participate in the consultation process before decisions	the local and national levels.	youth.	
		affecting youth policy are taken; providing feedback to the youth on their proposals;	Analysis level: Reliability of information, media literacy.	Ability to provide feedback to the youth on their proposals.	LQF 6
		building cooperation between decision-makers and the youth;			
		making proposals for the development of practical mechanisms for the participation of the youth in decision-making.			
4.5.5.	Promoting youths' active civil and political	Supporting youths' own ideas and initiatives;	Conceptual level: Obtaining the status of youth organisations. Establishment	Ability to involve the youth in various civil and political participation activities.	LQF 6
	participation.	involving the youth in the work of youth centres;	and legal framework for associations and foundations.	Ability to support youths' idea transfer to decision-makers.	LQF 6
			Application level:		

supporting the work of the local youth council;	Principles of parliament, youth councils, youth organisations.	Ability to support youths' own ideas and initiative.	LQF 6
involving the youth in the work of local youth council;	Principles of the municipality citizens' council.	Ability to be civically active.	LQF 6
supporting communication of the local youth council with decision-makers;	Analysis level: Electoral system in Latvia and Europe.	Ability to promote youths' active civil and political participation.	LQF 6
gathering information on youth organisations;			
involving the youth in the activities of youth organisations;			
promoting cooperation activities with youth organisations;			
informing the youth about the formation of youth organisations;			
establishing contact and cooperation with student parliament;			
educating stakeholders on the role, functions and funding of student parliament t;			
understanding the needs of student parliament;			

		providing support to student parliament;			
		counselling support persons for student parliament;			
		involving student parliament in various initiatives and participatory activities outside school;			
		supporting youths' idea transfer to decision-makers;			
		involving the youth in municipality citizens' councils;			
		explaining the importance of youth participation in local, parliamentary and European elections.			
4.5.6.	Involving the youth in volunteering activities at the local, national and international levels.	Informing the youth about current volunteering opportunities in youth-friendly language and through youth-friendly channels (face-to-face and online);	Application level: Basic principles of international volunteering.	Ability to involve the youth in volunteering at the local, national and international levels.	LQF 6
		training the youth for voluntary activities;		Ability to implement volunteering activities at the local, national and international levels.	LQF 6
		allowing young volunteers to manage the processes;		Ability to evaluate the competencies and learning outcomes of the youth together with the youth themselves.	LQF 6

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		keeping records of volunteering hours and competencies;			
		practising intercultural dialogue;			
		implementing international volunteering by hosting and/or referring the youth;			
		evaluating the competencies and learning outcomes of the youth together with the youth themselves;			
		issuing a certificate of acquired competence;			
		implementing a process to honour volunteers.			
4.6. Proj	ect implementation in	youth work			
4.6.1.	Planning youth projects at the local, national and	acknowledging the available project tenders for youth work activities;	Application level: Project management.	Ability to plan youth projects at the local, national and international levels.	LQF 6
	international levels.	planning project activities strategically and according to the needs of the youth.	Available project tenders and support programmes for youth work at the local, national and international levels.	Ability to know the needs of the youth and the available project tenders for youth work.	LQF 6
				Ability to attract additional funding for youth work.	LQF 6
4.6.2.	Preparing applications for youth projects at the	Choosing the appropriate source of funding for the project idea;	Application level: Current issues in youth policy and youth work.	Ability to prepare a project application at the local, national and international levels.	LQF 6

	local, national and international levels.	preparing a detailed activity plan and timetable for the implementation of the project; planning the project budget; preparing the project application in accordance with the requirements of the funder and legislation; using project information systems in accordance with funder requirements.	International volunteering project management.	Ability to prepare a project application in accordance with the requirements of the funder and legislation.	LQF 6
4.6.3.	Managing youth projects at the local, national and international levels.	Following the achievement of project objectives; setting up and managing the project team; identifying and involving strategic partners in the project; monitoring the progress of the project according to the timetable and budget; evaluating the effectiveness and results of the activities; preparing the project report.	Application level: Organisational methods. Project management process methods and tools.	Ability to manage projects at the local, national and international levels. Ability to work with strategic partners. Ability to use organisational methods in project management.	LQF 6 LQF 6

the local, national approved project application; and international application in projects.	
levels. implementing planned project activities; Risk management in projects. Ability to adapt to new/unforest situations during project implementation. Quality management.	en LQF 6
activities in youth work.	
4.6.5. Ensuring project Ensuring project publicity activities; Application level: Ability to ensure project result	LQF 6
result dissemination activities. Project publicity and dissemination methods. dissemination and publicity activities.	
results implemented in the project; Designing sustainable projects. Ability to ensure the sustainable of the activities implemented at the end of the project.	
ensuring the sustainability of the activities implemented after the end of the project. the end of the project.	
4.6.6. Making proposals Obtaining information from the Application level: Ability to make proposals to	LQF 6
for the development and implementation of new projects. youth and gathering their ideas and needs; youth and gathering their ideas and needs; Reasoning. stakeholders for the development and implementation of new projects.	t
identifying problems;	
defining solutions; Ability to work effectively with stakeholders to identify needs, and implement solutions.	LQF 6
substantiating the need for new	
projects to stakeholders; Ability to promote the exchang and implementation of best pra	
promoting the exchange and transfer in Latvian youth policy, as wel	
of best practice in Latvian youth policy, as well as recommendations recommendations from other countries, at the local and/or	
policy, as well as recommendations from other countries, at the local and/or national levels.	

	and/or national levels.		

Professional Duties and Tasks							
No.	Tasks	Skills	General knowledge	Competence (level of qualifi	cation)		
5.1.	Using the Latvian language.	Communicating both verbally and non-verbally in a variety of professional situations and environments; communicating according to the target audience and demands of the situation; observing Latvian literary language norms in business communication; producing structured, detailed texts, arguing and explaining aspects of the professional field; using professional youth field vocabulary in Latvian; publishing materials and presenting to different audiences; debate constructively, present youth needs in a reasoned manner in the national language.	Application level: Youth policy and youth work terminology in Latvian. Verbal and non-verbal communication. Literary language norms. Language culture. Presentation and public speaking. Critical thinking and constructive dialogue.	Ability to communicate fluently in the national language, verbally and non-verbally, observing literary norms and using professional terminology in the performance of work duties. Ability to creatively reason, explain and debate complex or systemic youth issues. Ability to think critically and evaluate information, to debate constructively and to present a reasoned position, ensuring that information is presented correctly, comprehensibly and in accordance with the literary language norms.	LQF 6		

5.2.	Using a foreign language.	Using foreign languages in verbal and non-verbal communication in a variety of professional situations;	Awareness level: Concept of cultural diversity. Application level:	Ability to use a foreign language non-verbally and verbally on professional issues in youth work.	LQF 6
		communication;	Youth policy and youth work terminology in a foreign language.	Ability to use a professional foreign language when reasoning and discussing youth issues with	LQF 6
		observing the principles of intercultural communication in a multicultural environment;	Characteristics of verbal and non-verbal communication in a multicultural environment.	professionals and non-specialists. Ability to communicate in a	LQF 6
		independently improving knowledge of scientific and professional youth vocabulary in a foreign language(s).	Extensive professional vocabulary. Principles of intercultural communication in a multicultural environment.	multicultural environment following the principles of intercultural communication.	
			Analysis level: Strategies for identifying, preventing and resolving intercultural conflicts.		
5.3.	Using digital technologies.	Acknowledging the latest digital tools used by the youth; using digital tools;	Awareness level: Legislation on digital technologies.	Ability to manage and use digital technologies and tools to foster communication, creativity and innovation in youth work.	LQF 6
		keeping up with digital methods in youth work and artificial intelligence;	Application level: Information search techniques and strategies.	Ability to create digital content in different formats using digital content creation tools.	LQF 6
		keeping up with the latest opportunities and technologies;	Digital technologies, tools and their use in youth work. Security of digital devices and	Ability to use digital technologies to promote active citizenship and social inclusion of the youth, cooperation with	LQF 6

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	using digital technologies to	technologies.	others.	
	promote active citizenship and social inclusion of the youth,	_	Al Transaction	LOF
	cooperation with others;	Data protection.	Ability to respect the protection of personal data in accordance	LQF 6
	cooperation with others,		with data protection regulations.	
	using digital content to access	Digital environment, risks and	with data protection regulations.	
	using digital content to access, filter, create and share;	threats in the digital environment.	Ability to assess and prevent	LOF
	Ther, ereate and share,		risks and threats to youths'	LQF 6
	assassing the volidity and	Digital identity.	physical and psychological	
	assessing the validity and reliability of information using		health when using digital	
	different criteria;	Means of digital communication.	technologies.	
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	using digital technologies to foster	Computer security programmes.	Ability to develop digital skills in youth work.	LQI'0
	communication, creativity and		youth work.	
	innovation in youth work;	Analysis level:		
		Information and communication		
	creating digital content in different	systems security.		
	formats using digital content	Data security.		
	creation tools;			
	recognising the opportunities,			
	limitations, impacts and risks of			
	digital technologies;			
	ensuring the protection of personal			
	data in accordance with data protection regulations;			
	protection regulations,			
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	preventing risks and threats to youths' physical and psychological			
	health when using digital			
	technologies;			
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		developing digital skills in youth work.			
5.4.	Working in a team.	Working and negotiating in a team;	Application level: Teamwork.	Ability to work in a team.	LQF 6
		setting own and team objectives and achieving them; evaluating the achievement of	Team building and development, methods to improve teamwork, team feedback.	Ability to respect the diversity of others, their needs and to express and understand different views.	LQF 6
		objectives, assessing own and team contribution;	Management theories and principles, strategic management.	Ability to overcome prejudices and accept compromises.	LQF 6
		using feedback to set new objectives for individual and team work;	Change management. Work environment organisation	Ability to overcome obstacles and adapt to change.	LQF 6
		expressing and understanding different views;	process and management. Self-organised work process.	Ability to evaluate own and others' performance when working in a team.	LQF 6
			Decision-making methods.		
		being respectful of the diversity of others and their needs;	Planning methods.		
		being willing to overcome prejudices and accept	Cooperation principles.		
		compromises;	Analysis level: Self-evaluation mechanisms.		
		developing mechanisms for cooperation between youth work stakeholders (including cross- sectoral);			

		knowing one's own capacities;			
		overcoming obstacles and adapting to change.			
5.5.	Developing professionally in youth work.	Being aware of one's own personal and social development/improvement opportunities;	Awareness level: Regularity of facts, theories and professional processes.	Ability to evaluate one's professional activity and to develop one's professional competence independently.	LQF 6
		evaluating professional performance and competences;	Application level: Mechanisms for identifying needs for the development of personal	Ability to systematically acquire new knowledge and experience.	LQF 6
		setting goals, motivating oneself for professional development;	competencies and strategies for exploring possible learning and career paths.	Ability to assess one's own physical and mental health.	LQF 6
		identifying strengths and weaknesses in one's professional activity;	Time management.	Ability to integrate an analytical approach into professional activity and professional	LQF 6
		,	Stress management.	development.	
		setting goals for professional development;	Common codes of conduct in different societies and environments.	Ability to contribute to the creation of new knowledge	LQF 6
		organising one's learning process for professional development;	Components of a healthy mind, body and lifestyle.	through targeted research.	
		cooperating in teams, communicating constructively in different environments;	Analysis level: Professional reflection on		
		maintaining personal, social and	competencies and professional achievement.		

		physical well-being;			
		identifying signs of burnout and seeking appropriate help; managing stress;	Synthesis level: Supervision, and its potential in the prevention, reduction and avoidance of burnout. Supervision in youth work.		
		critically evaluating different situations and making decisions;	Existing self-assessment materials and learning opportunities in youth work.		
		systematically developing competencies for youth work;			
		keeping up with developments in the theory and practice of professional activity and the professional field;			
		having a reasoned debate based on youth research;			
		developing research skills.			
5.6.	Respecting public interest and labour rights.	Respecting the norms of labour relations;	Awareness level: Nature of social dialogue and cooperation mechanisms.	Ability to take responsible decisions and apply norms in professional activities in accordance with the requirements	LQF 6
		fulfilling the obligations laid down in the employment contract and other legal provisions;	Application level:	of the labour legislation.	
		complying with organisational guidelines;	Employer-employee relations. The norms contained in the Constitution of the	Ability to resolve non-standard work situations.	LQF 6

		resolving non-standard work situations;	Republic of Latvia in the context of a legal and civil society.	Ability to engage in participatory activities.	LQF 6
		engaging in public interest issues;	Principles of professional communication.	Ability to analyse examples of civil and political youth participation.	LQF 6
		analysing different management systems and processes;	Analysis level: Labour legislation.		
		analysing examples of civil and political youth participation.			
5.7.	Complying with occupational, environmental and civil protection requirements.	Organising the workplace in accordance with the requirements of occupational safety and environmental protection;	Awareness level: Handling and communication in crisis and emergency situations. Crisis management.	Ability to comply with legal provisions on fire safety, electrical safety, occupational safety and environmental protection and to take appropriate action.	LQF 6
		complying with occupational safety requirements; complying with civil protection legislation;	Civil protection system. Occupational safety system. Environmental protection system. UN Sustainable Development Goals.	Ability to analyse and act responsibly in emergency situations and to provide first aid.	LQF 6
		acting in accordance with the requirements of fire safety, electrical safety, occupational safety and environmental protection;	First aid ABC. Application level:	Ability to act responsibly in emergencies and exceptional circumstances, within the framework established by the State and being aware of own	LQF 6
		dealing with emergencies in accordance with the established	Occupational protection rules. Environmental protection rules. Fire Safety Regulations.	responsibility for maintaining national security.	
		civil protection plans;	Electrical safety regulations. Civil protection regulations.	Ability to acknowledge one's own responsibility in professional	LQF 6

		acknowledging one's own responsibility for achieving sustainable development goals; providing first aid in the event of an accident.	Actions in the case of risks in the working environment. Legislative framework for emergency situations and exceptional circumstances.	work for achieving the sustainable development goals.	
5.8.	Respecting professionalism and general ethical standards in professional work.	Identifying and analysing one's own bias and its impact in professional practice; developing a professional attitude	Application level: Ethical theories and concepts, directions and key issues in ethics, ethics and morality. Options and strategies for	Ability to act responsibly in professional work and to respect general ethical norms in youth work.	LQF 6
		observing business etiquette in	resolving ethical dilemmas. Concept of ethical dilemma. Ethical relations with the youth,	Ability to respect personal and youth boundaries in professional work.	LQF 6
	professional work; respecting personal and youth boundaries in professional work;	work with minors. Values of a youth worker.	Ability to resolve ethical dilemmas in professional work.	LQF 6	
		pursuing professional activities without any form of violence;	Promotion of understanding and inclusion of different groups in society. Ability to observe gender equality in professional work. Ability to take responsibility in	LQF 6	
		pursuing values-based professional activities;	Personal boundaries in contact with the youth. Drawing and maintaining boundaries, their	professional work.	
		recognising and preventing any form of violence in professional work;	impact on well-being and violence prevention.		
		observing gender equality in			

	professional work.		

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