

Mark Antony Bailey

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Profile

Full time qualified Youth Worker with experience in many fields of Youth Work and Social Care. Group work facilitator. Youth Voice expert. Trainer. Advocate. Experienced in working with marginalised groups. Work Environment Assessor specialising in Youth Work qualifications.

Professional Experience

Freelance Advocate, NYAS 11/2023 – present
Freelance advocate working with children and young people in child protection proceedings and cared for and care experienced children and young people.

Youth Work evaluator, People Dialogue Change 09/2023
Evaluating a youth work provision interviewing young people and senior managers.

Youth Worker mentor, Gorse Hill Studios 09/2023 – present
Mentoring new youth worker to support development of local youth council.

Bank Youth worker, Trafford Council 09/2023 – present
Bank youth worker for Trafford Council. Detached/College/School/Centre based youth work.

Training materials content creator, The Training Hub 06/2023 – 08/2023
Wrote training materials for 'Children's Rights and Advocacy' course for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Career break 06/2023 – 09/2023 | Italy/Spain

Advocacy and Engagement Officer, Trafford Council 08/2010 – 06/2023 | Stretford
Manage advocates for cared for and care experienced children and young people. Responsible for supporting Children in Care Council, Aftercare Forum and Youth Council. Lead for Voice of the Child. Trainer on Participation and Engagement and Voice of the Child. Manager Independent Visitors volunteers scheme.

Advocacy and Participation Officer, Trafford Council 08/1999 – 07/2010 | Stretford
Manager of Children's Rights Service providing advocacy to cared for and care experienced children and young people. Responsible for Children in Care Council and Children's Rights training.

Youth Justice Worker, Halton Intermediate Treatment Scheme 01/1994 – 08/1999 | Runcorn
Working with children and young people in the youth justice system. Writing Pre sentence reports and supporting children and youth people through Intermediate Treatment and Specified Activities Orders

Youth Worker, The Salvation Army 08/1993 – 01/1994 | Manchester
Part time Youth worker running a weekly Youth Club in Chorlton Cum Medlock

Youth Worker, Lancashire County Council 08/1993 – 01/1994 | Haslingden
Youth Worker in Youth Information and Guidance service

Caseload of young people living at home and residential home work.

Skills

Group work (Group work facilitator with children and young people and with adults. Also skilled in facilitating group work involving children and young people and adults.),

Working with marginalised young people (Experienced in working with young people experiencing homelessness, lack of education, employment and skills, and involvement in the criminal justice system.),

Advocate (Wishes and feelings visits. Statutory reviews. Complaints. Child protection conferences. Secure reviews.),

Trainer (For professionals: Advocacy. Voice of the Child. Participation and Engagement. Independent Visiting. Working with cared for and care experienced children and young people. For young people: Involving children and young people in recruitment and selection. Public speaking. Negotiation.),

Teacher/Lecturer (Social work practice teacher and occasional University lecturer on social work courses.),

Management (Twenty years management experience with an MA in Management.),

Complaints (Supporting children and young people to access and navigate social care complaints procedures.),

Assessment (Newly qualified in assessing workplace competence for Youth Work qualifications.),

Research (Research with children, young people and adults through surveys, focus groups and group work. Training children and young people to conduct their own research.),

Stakeholder Engagement (Built and maintained relationships with a wide range of stakeholders in social care including senior managers, front line staff and children and young people.),

Supporting volunteers (Trained, matched and supported volunteers who were befrienders for cared for children and young people. Managed any safeguarding concerns or other issues. Managed expenses and recording.),

Staff Development (Developing staff to reach their goals through supervision and professional development.),

Negotiation (Negotiated with social care professionals on behalf of children and young people.),

IT (Word and Powerpoint for reporting and presentations. Edit movies using Apple iMovie and Microsoft Movie Maker. Canva for social media design and posters.),

Customer service (Dealing with people in distress and managing difficult situations.)

Education

Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment	2023
MA Management (Distinction), <i>Manchester Metropolitan University</i>	2008
Youth Work (Post Graduate Diploma), <i>St Martin's College Lancaster</i>	1991
Law degree (2:2), <i>Birmingham University</i>	1990
Level 3 Advocating on Behalf of Children and Young People, <i>Nocn</i>	2008
Level 1 Communicating with Disabled Children and Young People, <i>Nocn</i>	2007
Level 2 Certificate in Counselling Skills and Concepts, <i>Awarding Body Consortium</i>	2005
Social Work Practice Teacher, <i>John Moores University</i>	1997

References

Tony Morrissey, *Head of Safeguarding*, Trafford Council
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Caroline Gleaves, *Manager*, Gorse Hill Studios
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Interests

Football (Playing and watching Manchester City), **History** (Avid reader and podcast listener about history), **Spain** (Interest in the history, politics and places of Spain)

Courses

Supervisory Skills , <i>Trafford Council</i>	2007
Autism Awareness , <i>Autism Action Group</i>	2003
Disability Equality Training for Managers , <i>Breakthrough</i>	2007
Assessment and Planning for Asylum Seeking and Refugee Children and Young People , <i>National Children's Bureau</i>	2006
Training for Trainers in Safeguarding Children , <i>North West inter-Agency Trainers</i>	2006

Organizations

Upton Magnets FC , <i>Footballer</i>	1996 – 2021 Chester
Spurgeons , <i>Independent Visitor</i> Volunteer befriender of a cared for young man.	2009 – 2015 Salford
Ashfield Road , <i>DJ Slipperz</i> DJ for weekly Lock Down Street Party.	04/2020 – 09/2020 Altrincham