

GERALD DOWDEN

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PERSONAL PROFILE

- a highly-experienced consultant trainer in the youth sector, with three decades experience of youth work field practice, in all aspects of youth work, in inner-city London environments
- passion for and commitment to diversity & inclusion
- proven track-record of developing qualification training and assessment frameworks, including educational curricula and programme delivery
- delivery of over 60 training courses at international level
- vast experience of working in intercultural contexts with a wide diversity of people
- vast experience of working with young people
- vast experience of fostering young refugees
- experience of working freelance and as an employee
- experience of working in the public, private and third sectors
- expert in the field of non-formal education
- extensive experience of partnership networking and liaison work

UK WORK EXPERIENCE

- Foster Carer (UASC) Croydon Council 2001 to present
- Trainer - Foster Carers & UASC young people - Croydon 2019 to 2021
- Facilitator - Developing Intercultural Competence Erasmus+ for Youth & Community Work students - Glyndwr University - University of South Wales 2016 to 2018
- Trainer & Assessor - Youth Work Apprenticeships – EPIC CIC, John Ruskin, Westminster and K&C Colleges 2011 to 2016
- Coordinator – the big HELLO Induction Course – Cambridge Tutors' College (International) – 2010 to 2018
- Workforce Development & Training Officer - Croydon Integrated Youth Support Service 2010 to 2013
- Training & Accreditation Officer – Richmond Youth Service 2004 to 2010
- Development Officer - London Region Youth Exchange Committee 2003 to 2004
- Voluntary Sector (Youth) Development Worker – Wandsworth Council 1997 to 2003
- Co-Ordinator - "Out & About" Project (Language & Living Skills for Young Refugees) – Adult & Community Learning Fund 2002 to 2003
- Director – Tent City – International Youth Camps (Hammersmith & Hackney) 1990 to 2001
- Development Worker - Young Inn London (international youth exchange project) 1991 to 1993
- Senior Youth Worker – Sands End Detached Youth Project (ILEA) 1985 to 1991
- Detached Youth Worker – Wandsworth Unemployed Youth Project (ILEA) 1982 to 1985

INTERNATIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- Co-design and delivery of 20 "EYEOpener" (6-day) training courses – independent trainers' group - Belgium, Czechia, Finland, Iceland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, 2011 to present
- ESC for Young Refugees Training Course - Greece 2021
- Facilitator - ESC Training Course for National Agency Staff - Greece 2018
- Facilitator - European Youth Work Convention 2015
- Co-design and delivery of "non-formal education" training course - British Council (Prime Minister's Global Fellowship) India Brazil China 2009
- Trainer - SALTO Bi-Tri-Multi Network Training Courses - Austria Bulgaria Cyprus Finland France Greece Hungary Iceland Italy Luxembourg Malta Norway Poland Romania Sweden Turkey UK 2004 to present
- Trainer - British Council Summer School - Montenegro 2005 & 2006
- Co-design and delivery of SALTO ID (Inclusion & Diversity) Network Training Courses - Belgium Sweden & Czech Republic 2005
- Trainer - Power of Trust: Cultural Diversity and Tolerance in the YOUTH Programme - UK 2004
- Trainer - English for the YOUTH Programme - Austria 2004 to 2006 Trainer
- - Switch On: Introduction to Youth Exchanges France 2002 to 2006
- Trainer - EuroMed Youth Exchanges as a New Arena of Learning seminar – ATAV Hammamet - Tunisia 2003
- Trainer - Les Jeunes en tant que Formateurs (Young People as Peer Educators) - Civitassolis - Italy 2002

EDUCATIONAL & VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

PCE/DTLLS – Kingston College
(Greenwich University) – 2010/11

Edexcel L3 NVQ HSC (Children & Young People) Carshalton College 2008

City & Guilds Internally Verify the
Assessment Process (D34)
Young @ Now – 2004

Training of Trainers for European Youth
Projects Certificate IKZ – 2003/04

RSA Cert – TESLA - CONEL – 1995

ILEA Training the Trainer - ILEA
Training Unit – 1990

Certificate in Youth & Community
Studies – JNC Qualification - Thames
Polytechnic 1989

GCE "A" levels – English & French
Norwood Technical College - 1974

GCE "O" levels - 8 - Westminster City
School – 1972

PUBLICATIONS - CURRICULUM & PROGRAMME DESIGN

E+ KA2 Co-ordination and Editorship
YMCA George Williams College -
Roma Youth Horizons -
Essex Boys and Girls Clubs
*Forest Schools & Bushcraft
Practice* 2017-18

Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice
– design of curriculum & assessment
framework
EPIC CIC 2015 HTEC 2012

UK Trainers' Pool - Trainers'
Competence Assessment Framework
2012-13

International Trainers' Competence
Assessment Framework
British Council 2013

Level 2 NVQ in Youth Work Training
Course – design of curriculum &
assessment framework
SLTG 2006

ID Booklet Ideas for Inclusion and
Diversity - SALTO 2006

"Formation en Leadership" – youth work
training course Ministère de la Jeunesse
et des Sports Senegal 2005/06

Impact Study on Actions 1, 2, 3 & 5 of
the European YOUTH Programme -
Connect Youth International 2003

Needs Assessment of Drugs Misuse in
the Asian Youth Community - Dept of
Health & Mushkil Aasaan 2002

Curriculum & (Software) Materials
Course Design - Certificate in Basic
Youth Work (Developing HIV/AIDS &
Sexual health Education) Course
Hackney Community College 1998
Refugee Cou