

Want to really make a difference to the lives of children and families?

 Department for Education

BE THE DIFFERENCE.

Social work with vulnerable children and families is both a challenging and rewarding way to make a huge difference to many.

Now more than ever, being in the social work profession can be life changing for those you support and a real way to positively impact on society.

STEP UP
TO SOCIAL WORK

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#StepUpToSocialWork a hugely rewarding degree programme and could be your next career.

Social work is a challenging and rewarding career which can enable you to make a real difference to the lives of vulnerable children and families. You will need to build relationships with families facing difficult times, show patience and be a good listener. You will also need good observational skills, analytical thinking and sound judgement to make the right decisions to protect children. Social work regularly tests resilience, stamina, and resolve - all of which you will need to succeed. Social work can be life changing for those you support.

The **Step Up to Social Work** programme is a unique opportunity to receive support whilst you train for a new career in social work. On the 15-month training programme, you will receive hands-on experience of working in real-life social work teams through placements in local authority settings whilst undertaking your qualification. Once you've successfully completed the course, you'll be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work, enabling you to apply to register and practice as a social worker.

The Department for Education will cover:

- The full cost of your university tuition fees on the programme
- A tax-free bursary of £19,833 paid over the duration of the programme to support you during your training.

Key dates

- Recruitment for the programme opens in mid-February 2023 (check the website for details)
- Full day assessment centres are scheduled for either the week beginning 26th June or the week beginning 3rd July 2023
- The programme will start in January 2024 running until March 2025.

The programme runs once every two years, dependent on government funding, so if you are interested, make sure you don't miss out on your chance to apply.

Entry criteria

We are looking for dedicated individuals who have experience of working with vulnerable children, young people, families or vulnerable adults and who can demonstrate their maturity and emotional resilience. We encourage applications from a diverse range of candidates and aim to have a workforce that represents the society we serve.

You will need to have:

- A minimum of 6 months full-time (or equivalent) experience of working with children, young people, families, carers or vulnerable adults, either in a paid or voluntary capacity.
- A minimum 2:2 degree qualification (level 6), e.g. an honours degree or a graduate certificate (in any subject). You must have completed your degree to apply for the programme.
- GCSEs in English or English Language and Mathematics at grade C or above, or the new grade 4 and above, or an approved equivalent.

You will need to show all of your original certificates to us as part of the application and assessment process. If you cannot find these, you can [order replacements online](#) here.

Programme Delivery

The programme is delivered locally through 6 North East London Boroughs (with Bromley) and includes the London Borough of Havering. The academic programme is delivered by London Metropolitan University.

Information & Applications

Applications are made directly to the Department for Education via the website which opens in mid February 2023 closing on 7th April 2023.

For more information about the programme and to make an application visit:

[Home | Step Up to Social Work \(pocketrecruiter.com\)](https://pocketrecruiter.com)

Online information sessions are offered by the North East London & Bromely Programme Managers and London Metropolitan University; providing information on the programme, selection process, funding arrangements, and more.

To join one of these sessions please use the link below:

Session One: Tuesday 28 February 18.30 – 19.30 via *MS Teams*

[Session One: Click here to join the MS Teams Online Meeting](#)

Session Two: Saturday 11 March 10.30 – 11.30 via *MS Teams*

[Session Two: Click here to join the MS Teams Online Meeting](#)

Session Three: Wednesday 15 March 12.30 – 13.30 via *MS Teams*

[Session Three: Click here to join the MS Teams Online Meeting](#)