



**Ruskin College**  
Oxford

**Community Development  
& Youth Work BA (Hons)**



**Course Booklet**



**91%**  
STUDENT  
SATISFACTION

**75%**  
get jobs in  
youth and  
community  
within 6  
months



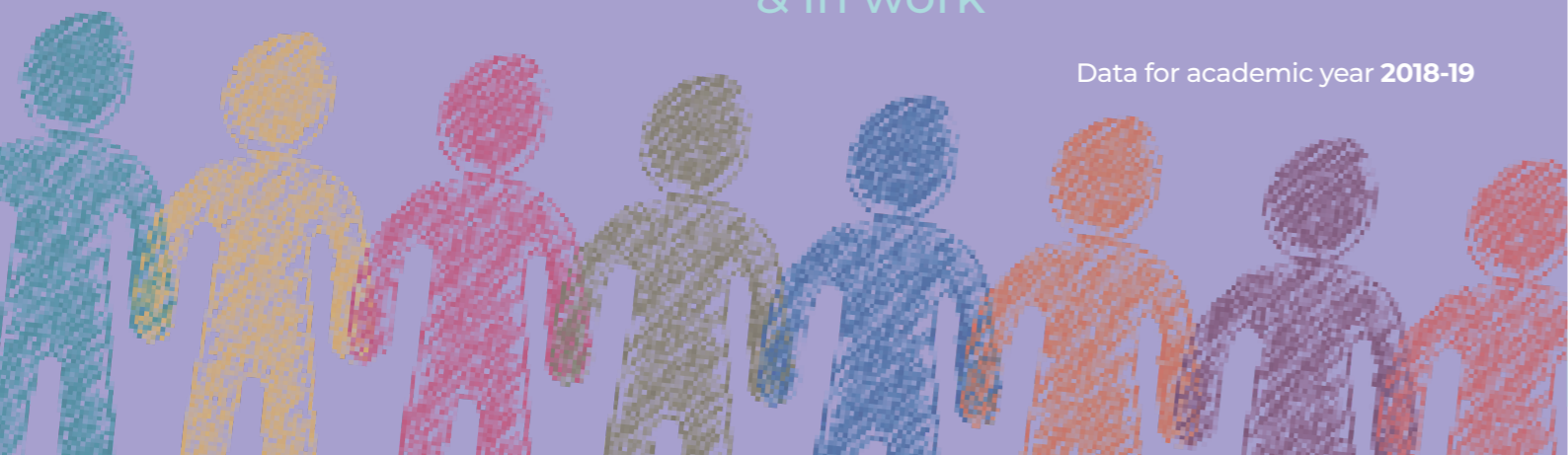
**41%**  
BAME  
students

**39%** students  
with  
DISABILITY



more than  
**20** YOUTH &  
SOCIAL  
& WORKERS  
qualified  
& in work

Data for academic year 2018-19



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & YOUTH WORK BA (HONS)

**Duration:** 3 years full-time / 4½ years part-time

**Validation:** The Open University

Community development and youth work is about making a difference in society, and this degree programme will equip you with the skills to make that difference. It will help you to use your own life experiences to develop solutions to bring about real positive change to the lives of young people and their communities.

Through informal learning settings, you will get ready to work with young people and community groups, while developing the academic skills you need to succeed in the field.

The course is professional accredited by the National Youth Agency (NYA) and the Endorsement and Quality Standards Board for Community Development Learning (ESB).

## Who is it for?

If you have previous experience within youth or community work, or life experience which has enhanced your understanding of these areas, this would be a great course for you.

## What do I need?

There is no specific Level 3 qualification required but you will need English at Level 2 and a commitment to achieving Level 2 in Maths during the course. You will also need to undergo an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

## Why Ruskin?

Each year the National Youth Agency (NYA) monitor the quality of each programme and our Youth and Community degree was awarded the highest category of 'Satisfactory with Distinction.'

Ruskin has a remarkable history of community engagement and development, alongside a reputation for excellence in social science studies.

You will study in a challenging and supportive learning environment with a small group approach which really focuses on you.

## What does it cover?

### Year 1:

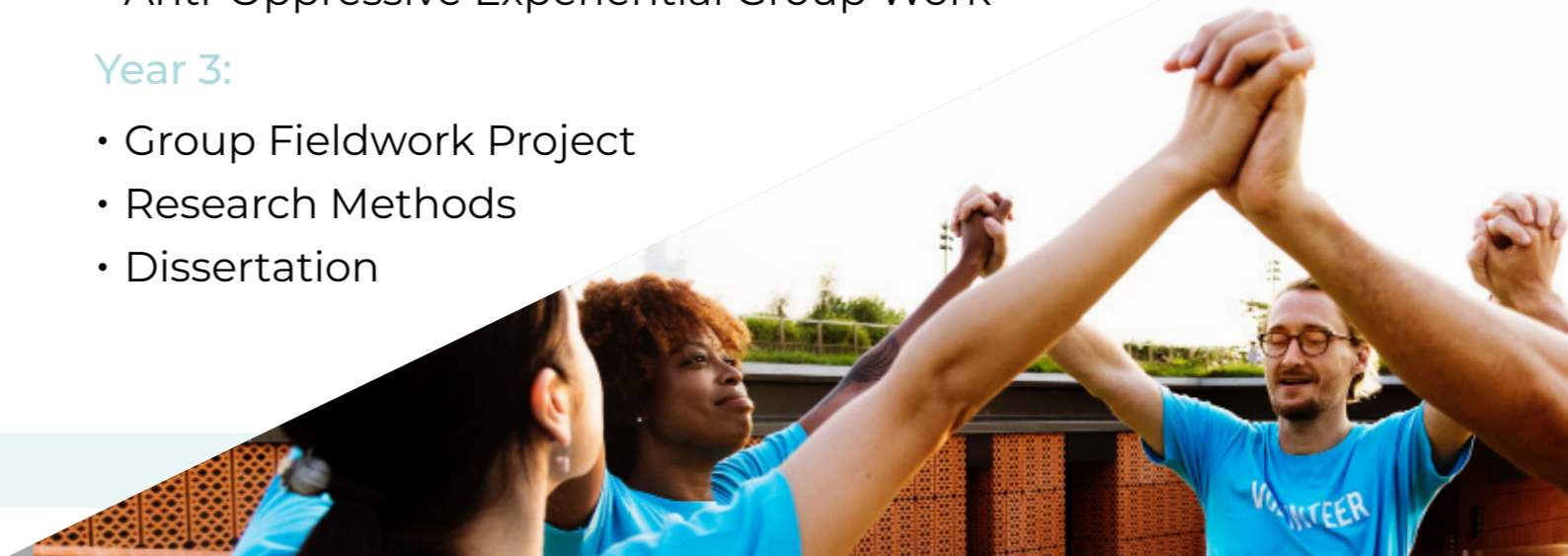
- The Reflective and Reflexive Practitioner
- Values and Pedagogy of Community Development & Youth Work
- Fieldwork Practice: Critical Skills & Personal Development
- Counselling and Group Work
- Power and Politics in Communities and Society

### Year 2:

- Identity, Positionality and Social Justice
- Group Work Practitioner
- Fieldwork Practice: Critical Skills & Personal Development
- Culture, Signs and Meanings
- Anti-Oppressive Experiential Group Work

### Year 3:

- Group Fieldwork Project
- Research Methods
- Dissertation



## How will I learn and be assessed?

You will be assessed through coursework, essays, presentations and case studies. There are no exams. You will get nine hours of teaching and one hour of tutorials each week (full-time), and complete 800 hours of fieldwork practice.

Previous fieldwork placements in Oxfordshire include Leys CDI, Wolvercote Young People's Club, Trax and Base 33.

## What jobs could it lead to?

Approximately 75% of graduates get jobs in youth and community work. Typical career paths include include community development practitioners, youth workers, and in allied roles in the housing, health, education, care, justice and leisure fields.

Some of our students choose to go on to further study at Masters level in a range of subjects including Community and Youth Work, Women's Studies and Counselling.

## What does it cost?

£9,250 per year full-time, £6,750 per year part-time (not including enhanced DBS check for work placement).

“ Ruskin gave me **frameworks** to understand the world and the **confidence** to lead in practice. ”

“ Ruskin enabled me to **reach my potential** and operate ethically within complex workplaces to a **high professional standard.** ”

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