

# Diploma in Society, Health and Development

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## Shaping success

for 14-19 year olds in Tower Hamlets



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# What is a Diploma?

The diploma is a brand new qualification. Diplomas are different from courses you may have taken before. Diplomas focus on the world of work and the skills you will need for employment as well as further learning.

As a diploma learner you will visit real workplaces, learn from professionals and use industry equipment. You will need to be prepared to travel. You may study with people you haven't met before (for example, from other schools in Tower Hamlets). Sometimes you will hook up using the latest IT facilities, sometimes in person.

## Is the Diploma for me?

The diploma will suit you if:

- you're aged 14-19
- you're looking for a mix of classroom learning and practical experience
- you're keen to learn in new ways and in new places
- you can be creative, like solving problems and teamwork
- you want a real challenge

Children's Services in Tower Hamlets has been judged outstanding. We know that consulting young people and their families is essential to keeping us that way. The diploma is a chance to take that one step further and to develop our young people to be the Children's Services professionals of the future. We look forward to offering real challenges and insight into this important area of work.

**Kevan Collins, Corporate Director,  
Children's Services, London  
Borough of Tower Hamlets**

## Why the Diploma in Society Health & Development?

The health, social care, children and young people's and justice services are four of the biggest and fastest growing employment sectors in the UK. These public and private sector services employ thousands of people in Tower Hamlets and there are always vacancies at every level.

By opting for the Diploma in Society, Health & Development you will

- learn what working in the health, social care, children & young people's and justice sectors might involve
- learn how the services work together to improve people's opportunities, safety and quality of life
- apply your learning to real work practices
- develop personal qualities, professional awareness and skills that Society, Health and Development practitioners value and use

## What will I study?

### Principal Learning

Knowledge and skills relevant to the Society, Health & Development employment sectors.

### Functional Skills

Applied learning in English, Maths and ICT.

### Personal, Learning & Thinking Skills

These include team work, working on your own initiative, thinking creatively and reflecting on your learning.

### Work Experience

A minimum 10 days placement related to or building on your Diploma.

### Project

Explore Society, Health & Development in more depth according to your interests.

### Additional & Specialist Learning

Choose an extra qualification which reflects your special interests (for example GCSE double science or A level Sociology).

The Diplomas will ensure that we at Barts and The London continue to work with local education and the community whilst helping to shape tomorrow's workforce.

**Barbara Hargreaves, Head of Learning and Development, Barts and The London NHS Trust**

We strongly believe that the Society Health and Development Diploma will equip students with the skills and knowledge that will help them into higher education and the career of their choice.

**Deb Clarke, Joint Director of Human Resources, London Borough of Tower Hamlets and Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust**

## Where will I study?

Society, Health & Development is available in Tower Hamlets at:

### Central Foundation Girls' School

020 8983 1015

### Mulberry School for Girls

020 7790 6327

### Oaklands School

020 7613 1014

### Sir John Cass's Foundation & Redcoat School

020 7790 6712

### Tower Hamlets College

020 7510 7777 (advice line)

020 7510 7510 (switchboard)

## How long will it take?

If you're currently in Year 9, you can opt to study a diploma throughout years 10 and 11. You will spend a day and a half each week on Society, Health & Development Principal Learning. You will spend the rest of your week studying Functional Skills, Additional & Specialist Learning and other core school subjects.

If you're in year 11 or you're considering 16+ options, the diploma will be your main programme. You could complete the Foundation or Higher Diploma in one year. Studying for a Progression or Advanced Diploma will normally take two years.

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UEL is excited to be part of the new 14-19 educational changes. The diploma offers learners an additional route into higher education and will equip them with a broad range of skills and competencies to take into the workplace or onto further study.

**Professor Susan Price, Vice Chancellor, University of East London**

## Where can my Diploma lead?

The diploma offers you excellent preparation for employment, further and Higher Education. Universities and employers have helped to design your diploma qualification and will support you to achieve it.

See below for the levels of qualification on offer in Tower Hamlets and what your next step might be:

Level	Equivalent to	Progress to
1 Foundation Diploma	5 GCSE passes	Level 2 qualifications Apprenticeship Employment with training
2 Higher Diploma	7 GCSEs grades A*-C	Level 3 qualifications Advanced Apprenticeship Employment with training
3 Progression Diploma	2 A levels	Advanced Diploma Employment with training Higher Education
3 Advanced Diploma	3.5 A levels	Higher Education Employment with training

For more information on diplomas, speak to your Connexions adviser or visit [www.yp.direct.gov.uk/diplomas/](http://www.yp.direct.gov.uk/diplomas/)

For more information on employment and learning opportunities in Tower Hamlets go to [www.thelearninghub.org](http://www.thelearninghub.org)

At LSBU we greatly value the knowledge and skills you will acquire as a student on the diploma. This will provide you with excellent preparation for our degree courses.

**Professor Mike Molan, Executive Dean,  
Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences  
London South Bank University**