

Exhibitor Focus



ABOUT EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE SERVICE

The Early Learning and Childcare Service is provided by Orkney Islands Council. Nurseries offer early learning and childcare to children from the term after their third birthday until they go to school. Some two year olds also have funded places, while there is also 0-3 provision at Willow Tree Nursery.

Some of the nurseries in Orkney are large, with up to 94 children attending at any one time, while smaller settings have only one or two children attending. Smaller nurseries are open during the school day in term time, while larger ones and Willow Tree are also open during the school holidays and before and after the school day.

There are early learning and childcare settings based all over Orkney and approximately 110 staff are employed in this service.

CAREERS

Some of the careers available within Early Learning and Childcare include:

- Trainee Early Years Practitioners (includes Modern Apprentices)
- Early Years Support Workers
- Early Years Practitioners
- Senior Early Years Practitioners
- Early Learning and Childcare Managers

SKILLS

Some of the skills you might need include:

- Enjoy being with small children
- Patience
- Playful nature
- Listening skills
- Communication skills - with adults and children
- Flexible and adaptable
- Able to work as part of a team
- Willingness to undertake continuous learning and professional development

QUALIFICATIONS

You need to have National 4s or Standard Grade General or above in English and Maths to apply for a Trainee post.

For an unqualified practitioner post, you will need two years experience with young children and you will be supported to gain a practice qualification (SVQ3 Children and Young People).

Qualified practitioners have either an SVQ3 or an HNC in Childhood Practice.

OPPORTUNITIES

Work Experience is available.

Trainee posts are available which include Modern Apprenticeships.

Student practitioner placements are supported.

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