

SQA Employability Programme

At OYT Scotland, our aim is very simple. We seek to “inspire young people, through adventure under sail” running a fleet of ocean going yachts we give groups of young people the opportunity to not only experience sailing a boat but to actually take responsibility for both what they achieve during the voyage and where they go.

Whilst offshore sailing has a reputation of being quite an elitist sport and many people would be forgiven for thinking that the expeditions we offer are only for more affluent students; OYT Scotland through its charitable mission and fundraising activities actually aims to make sure that the only reason a young person is unable to take part is because they don't want to!

In order to deliver on this mission we offer a variety of programmes and this is our SQA Employability Programme in particular.

This is a 5 day intensive employability skills programme. The 10 or 20 young people and either 1 or 2 Staff will join us for 5 days and whilst sailing the boat around the west coast of Scotland will complete 9 SQA qualifications in a practical, hands on environment as well as 3 other awards. The qualifications available to all those that participate are (SQA units are at Level 3) –

- Communication: Listening - F3GM09
- Communication: Reading - F3GN09
- Communication: Speaking - F3GP09
- Communication: Writing - F3GR09
- Numeracy: Using Numbers – Measuring - F3GL09
- Numeracy: Using Numbers – Calculation - F3GK09
- Numeracy: Using Graphical Information - F3GG09
- Problem Solving - F3GD09
- Working with others - F3GE09
- Duke of Edinburgh Gold Residential Award
- RYA Start Yachting Award
- 100hrs towards the Young Scot Saltire Award

This is a very popular programme and forms a major part of our annual programme of over 70 voyages. Groups who select this programme normally use this with students and individuals who are either due to leave school in the next couple of years with few or no qualifications; or have already left school/college and need help gaining the skills and confidence needed to succeed in the work place.

For those based outside of Scotland this programme's accreditation is equivalent to RQF/CQFW Level E3.

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