



Accreditation/Qualification?

(What does it mean to you?)



In 2014, the project team completely rewrote the scheme and added another level to the project presenting it to an organisation called the "Professional Development Consortium".

This organisation is responsible for controlling the professional development of everyone in business or professional companies where their employees must show that they are continually updating their skills and keeping their working knowledge of the job in line with current developments.

The Inspiring Youth Award was accredited in 2015. That means that the course that was presented to the Professional Development Consortium was acceptable to them as being suitable "Professional Development" for the young people that would undertake the training.

This was a "first" for the project team and also a "first" for the Consortium as never before had they dealt with young people who were not already in employment. The accreditation allows South Yorkshire Police to issue certificates with the Consortium logo on it.

In 2017, the award scheme was recognised and awarded "The Duke of York's Community Initiative Award". Now acknowledged by Royalty, this has added a further dimension to the scheme.

Both these accomplishments make the award so much more important to you. The Consortium has influence with all the major companies, universities and employment organisations in Great Britain.

Undertaking a scheme that has been identified as being of value by a member of the Royal family gives it a unique standing that will enhance your credibility. Whilst at school, you and almost all other students are going to gain a number of GCSE qualifications. When you leave school and apply to universities or apply for a job, imagine how difficult it will be for a prospective employer or registrar at the university to determine how good you are when everyone presents the same qualifications.

Now imagine their response when **YOU** apply with a number of GCSE's **AND** a completely unique certificate (equivalent to 10 GCSE's) accredited by both South Yorkshire Police and the Professional Development Consortium and given the Royal seal of approval.