

# GERALD DOWDEN

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## PERSONAL PROFILE

- a highly-experienced consultant trainer in the youth sector, with three decades experience of youth work field practice, in all aspects of youth work, in inner-city London environments
- proven track-record of developing qualification training and assessment frameworks, including educational curricula and programme delivery
- delivery of over 50 training courses at international level
- vast experience of working in intercultural contexts with a wide diversity of people
- vast experience of working with young people
- experience of working freelance and as an employee
- experience of working in the public, private and third sectors
- expert in the field of non-formal education
- extensive experience of partnership networking and liaison work

## UK WORK EXPERIENCE

- Trainer & Assessor - Youth Work Apprenticeships – John Ruskin, Westminster and K&C Colleges 2011 to present
- Coordinator – the big HELLO Induction Course – Cambridge Tutors' College (International) – 2010 to present
- Workforce Development & Training Officer - Croydon Integrated Youth Support Service 2010 to 2013
- Training & Accreditation Officer – Richmond Youth Service 2004 to 2010
- Development Officer - London Region Youth Exchange Committee 2003 to 2004
- Voluntary Sector (Youth) Development Worker – Wandsworth Council 1997 to 2003
- Co-Ordinator - "Out & About" Project (Language & Living Skills for Young Refugees) – Adult & Community Learning Fund 2002 to 2003
- Director – Tent City – International Youth Camps (Hammersmith & Hackney) 1990 to 2001
- Development Worker - Young Inn London (international youth exchange project) 1991 to 1993
- Senior Youth Worker – Sands End Detached Youth Project (ILEA) 1985 to 1991
- Detached Youth Worker – Wandsworth Unemployed Youth Project (ILEA) 1982 to 1985

## INTERNATIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- Co-design and delivery of 'EYEOpener' training course – independent trainers group - Netherlands, Finland, Portugal, Italy 2011 to 2014
  - Co-design and delivery of "non-formal education" training course - British Council (Prime Minister's Global Fellowship) India Brazil China 2009
  - Trainer - SALTO Bi-Tri-Multi Network Training Courses - Austria Bulgaria Finland France Hungary Iceland Italy Luxembourg Malta Norway Poland Romania Sweden Turkey UK 2004 to 2014
  - Trainer - British Council Summer School - Montenegro 2005 & 2006
  - Co-design and delivery of SALTO ID (Inclusion & Diversity) Network Training Courses - Belgium Sweden & Czech Republic 2005
  - Trainer - Power of Trust: Cultural Diversity and Tolerance in the YOUTH Programme - UK 2004
  - Trainer - English for the YOUTH Programme - Austria 2004 to 2006
  - Trainer - Switch On: Introduction to Youth Exchanges France 2002 to 2006
  - Trainer - EuroMed Youth Exchanges as a New Arena of Learning seminar – ATAV Hammamet - Tunisia 2003
  - Trainer - Les Jeunes en tant que Formateurs (Young People as Peer Educators) - Civitassolis - Italy 2002
- **Disclosure and Barring Service clearance**
  - **references available on request**

## EDUCATIONAL & VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

PCE/DTLLS – Kingston College (Greenwich University) – 2010/11

Edexcel L3 NVQ HSC (Children & Young People) Carshalton College 2008

City & Guilds Internally Verify the Assessment Process (D34) Young @ Now – 2004

Training of Trainers for European Youth Projects Certificate IKZ – 2003/04

RSA Cert – TESLA - CONEL – 1995

ILEA Training the Trainer - ILEA Training Unit – 1990

Certificate in Youth & Community Studies – JNC Qualification - Thames Polytechnic 1989

GCE "A" levels – English & French Norwood Technical College - 1974

GCE "O" levels – English Lang. & Lit. ; French; Maths; Latin; German; History; and Geography - Westminster City School – 1972

## PUBLICATIONS & CURRICULUM DESIGN

UK Trainers' Pool - Trainers' Competence Assessment Framework 2012-13

International Trainers' Competence Assessment Framework British Council 2013

Level 3 Diploma in Youth Work Practice – design of curriculum & assessment framework HTEC 2012

Level 2 NVQ in Youth Work Training Course – design of curriculum & assessment framework SLTG 2006

ID Booklet IDEas for Inclusion and Diversity - SALTO 2006

"Formation en Leadership" – youth work training course Ministere de la Jeunesse et des Sports Senegal 2005/06

Impact Study on Actions 1, 2, 3 & 5 of the European YOUTH Programme - Connect Youth International 2003

Needs Assessment of Drugs Misuse in the Asian Youth Community - Dept of Health & Mushkil Aasaan 2002

Curriculum & (Software) Materials Course Design - Certificate in Basic Youth Work (Developing HIV/AIDS & Sexual health Education) Course Hackney Community College 1998

Curriculum & (Software & Audio) Materials Course Design - NVQ English Language Levels 1 & 2 Course Refugee Council 1996