

People and Society – National 4 ONLY

What are the aims of the course?

The main aims of this Course are to enable learners to develop:

- ◆ a range of skills which will enhance opportunities to engage positively in society
- ◆ knowledge and understanding of society and their place in it
- ◆ straightforward knowledge of key ideas from across social studies and social science disciplines
- ◆ an understanding of significant influences on society and individuals

Who is this course aimed at?

This course is aimed at S3/4 pupils who may find National 5 Geography, History or Modern Studies challenging and wish to develop their skills and knowledge across all the subject areas. This may lead to a National 4 or 5 qualification in Geography, History or Modern Studies in S5 or S6.

What will I be learning about on this course and what skills will I develop

People and Society is a flexible and inter-disciplinary Course offering learners the opportunity to study themes, issues and topics of interest and relevance to them. It develops a range of skills as well as knowledge and understanding of people and society from across subject disciplines, drawing on the social studies, health and wellbeing, and religious and moral education curriculum areas.

Investigating Skills (National 4)

In this Unit, learners will develop a range of straightforward investigating skills, including choosing suitable sources of information for an investigation, collecting information from sources of different types, and organising information. Learners will develop these skills through choosing, with guidance, key ideas for study which will allow them to acquire straightforward knowledge and understanding of people and society.

e.g. Impact of a major event, Natural Hazards, Crime and Punishment

Comparing and Contrasting (National 4)

In this Unit, learners will develop straightforward skills of using information to compare and contrast. Learners will develop these skills through choosing, with guidance, key ideas for study which will allow them to acquire straightforward knowledge and understanding of people and society.

e.g. Families past and present, Rich world v Poor world, Life in another country

Making Decisions (National 4)

In this Unit, learners will develop straightforward skills of using information to make decisions. Learners will develop these skills through choosing, with guidance, key ideas for study which will allow them to acquire straightforward knowledge and understanding of people and society.

e.g. Should the UK have left the EU?, The death penalty should be brought back?, All slaves were treated badly?

Added Value Unit: People and Society: Assignment (National 4)

In this Unit, learners will choose an issue for personal study relating to at least one key idea of the Course. They will research their chosen issue and present their findings. Through this activity they will have opportunities to experience challenge and application as they further develop and apply the skills, knowledge and understanding acquired in the other three Units of the Course.

What learning and teaching approaches will I experience?

Pupils will be able to choose different styles of learning and working to suit them. They will need to work independently and responsibly. ICT and library research will be important too. Group work, co-operative learning and debate will feature throughout the course.

How will I be assessed?

To achieve the National 4 People and Society Course, learners must pass all of the required Units, including the Added Value Unit.

National 4 Courses are not graded. There is no exam.

What will this course lead to in the future?

- ◆ other qualifications in social subjects and social science
- ◆ further study, employment and/or training