

# THE NEW CARERS FEDERATION VIRTUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



## Carers Federation Virtual Learning Environment (VLE):

We aim to provide training of the highest quality. We are an approved centre with City & Guilds to deliver qualifications in the health and social care sector. We are a leading training provider of the Level 2 & Level 3 qualifications in independent advocacy and deliver courses throughout England and Wales.

Our VLE is a unique and secure learning platform powered by Moodle.

It is an interactive on line learning tool which allows us to deliver flexible learning options from full on line learning activities to a mix of on line and classroom based activities.

### Benefits to Learners:

- You can access learning activities at a time and at a pace that suits your lifestyle
- We have a range of feedback and support interaction between learner and tutor all on line.
- You can access support forums and educational discussion groups

### City and Guilds Level 2 Award in Independent Advocacy:

If you are just starting out as an advocate or have an interest in advocacy then this on line training course will be an ideal starting point for you.

It is also popular with those who may use advocacy as part of their wider role such as support workers, social workers, health & social care professionals and other related professions and is a good way in to gaining employment or volunteering work with an advocacy or supporting organisation.

The assignments usually takes between 15 and 20 hours to complete depending on your experience. You do not need to be working as an advocate to take this Award as it is an introduction to Independent Advocacy. On completion of the Award you will receive a City & Guilds Certificate for the Level 2 Award in Independent Advocacy.

To obtain the Level 2 Award in Independent Advocacy candidates need to complete one Core Unit.

### Core Unit 201: Understand the purpose and role of the Independent Advocate

Examples of the topics covered in this Unit:

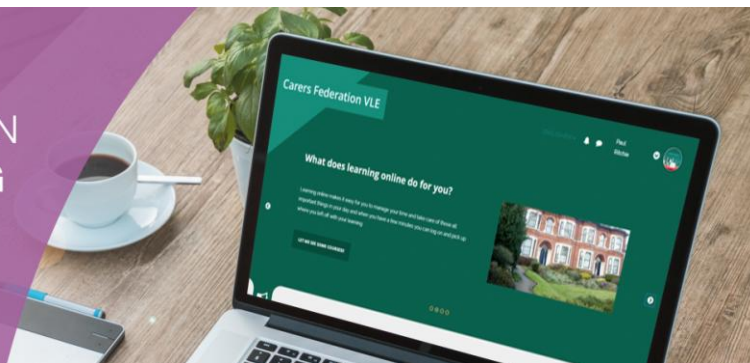
- Identifying the principles of Independent Advocacy
- Understanding the role of an Advocate
- Access to services
- Advocacy models
- Communication
- Equality and diversity

**Cost:** £250

**Includes:** Secure access to our Virtual Learning Environment and its resources, registration with City & Guilds, on line assessor support, assessment, verification and certification.



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## Introduction to Mentoring:

If you are just starting in a mentoring role, or have an interest in becoming a mentor then this short course will be ideal for you.

This course has been developed with experienced mentors, mentor trainers and mentor service managers who have been recruiting training and supporting volunteer and peer mentors including volunteer mentors in prisons for over 10 years.

The course usually takes about 60 minutes on line to complete after which you will receive a certificate of completion.

### Introduction to Mentoring Course Aims:

- To introduce you to the role of a mentor
- To explore basic mentoring skills and qualities
- To look at the mentoring process
- To explore some of the barriers and limitations to successful mentoring
- To look at some of the benefits of mentoring support

### Introduction to Mentoring course Objectives:

The course will take around 60 minutes to complete and by the end of the course, you will be able to;

- Have a better understanding of what a Mentor does
- Understand some of the skills and qualities involved in mentoring

- Understand the mentoring process
- Understand some of the barriers and limitations to successful mentoring
- Understand the benefits of mentoring

**Cost:** £35

**Includes:** Secure access to our Virtual Learning Environment and its resources, on line support, and certification.

## Carers Accreditation - Quality Standards in Carers Support:

Both young and adult carers can be affected by the impact of juggling their caring role with employment and/or education. The practical and emotional implications of a caring role can be both stressful and demanding, making work and study challenging, particularly in times of crisis. The reality for many carers is that they disengage from education or leave employment to focus on their caring responsibilities.

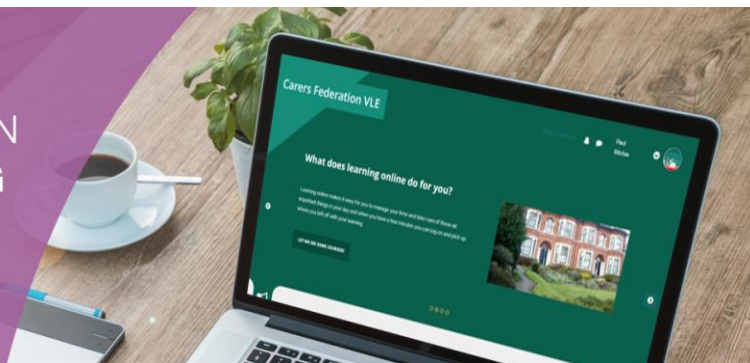
The Carers Federation Quality Standard in Carer Support has been developed by carers to provide accreditation and training for employers and educational providers to improve the experiences of carers across their organisations.

### Benefits to your organisation:

- Improved productivity / retention /performance and achievement
- Improved attendance / reduced sick leave



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- Improved staff/student morale and motivation
- Contributes to an ethos of inclusion and equality of opportunity
- Demonstrates Social Responsibility and a commitment to staff and students
- Increased communication and ability to evidence a culture of understanding

## What people are saying about the standard:

*"We are proud to care for all students and particularly for those, who as Carers might just need that extra guidance, support, or a listening ear. Thanks again so much, we've enjoyed the journey, and this validates our efforts and importantly intent for our young people."*

The standard will require your organisation to complete an achievement plan on line which will be assessed by our team specialist. The process of completion and assessment usually takes up to around 6 months

**Cost:** We will provide you an individual quote for the cost of accrediting your organisation.

To request a quote please email [qscs@carersfederation.co.uk](mailto:qscs@carersfederation.co.uk) or ring the team on 0115 9629334

**Includes:** Secure access to our Virtual learning Environment and its resources, support from our specialist team, access to planning resources and useful documents to help you complete the assessment

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