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Northampton**

Welcome to the University of Northampton

BA (Hons) Childhood and Youth

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Academic staff introduction: 2020-21



Dr Rachel Bassett-Dubsky
Interim Programme Leader

Rachel is interested in Inclusion, Social Justice, boundaries, constructs, power and education.

She has a background in Social, Emotional and Behavioural difficulties.



Ricky Murphy

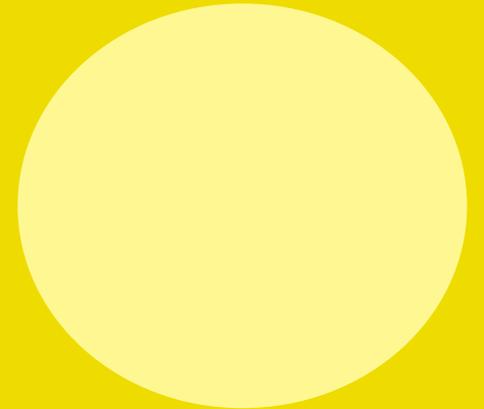
Ricky is a systemic therapist who has worked for the Tavistock clinic and the Anna Freud centre.

He has a breadth of experience working for children's rights in Northampton.



Adam Chapman

Adam is interested in young people's negotiations of privacy & risk taking in a digital age. His background is in FE: pastoral leadership; focused on widening participation & social mobility.



Korrin Smith-Whitehouse

(Korrin joins us from 1st September 2020. Photo and bio will follow then.)

Academic staff introduction: 2021+



Dr Kay Calver
Programme Leader

Kay's main interest is teenage pregnancy and motherhood. She has a background in sexual health working for the NHS and youth based organisations.



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Lisa Smallwood

Lisa is a Dramatherapist and Creative Practitioner who has worked in the fields of SEN, forensics and education. She is interested in the role of the creative arts in all our lives.

Course overview

Develop your knowledge and understanding of the lives and experiences of children, young people and their families through academic study and work-based learning.

This practical degree supports your academic and professional development to enhance your skills and career prospects.

Why choose us?

- Spend 120 hours each year working with children, young people and families.
- Taught by experts in the field who are passionate about what they do.
- Achieve additional qualifications such as first aid and mental health awareness.
- The opportunity to take part in national and international study trips.

Don't just take our word for it..... What do our students say?

The placement opportunities have taught me more than I could have ever wished for.

Staff know each individual very well, which helps when individuals need extra support academically.

The guest lecturers are really good, they are experts in their field and really impressive. The amount of trips you have is really good and they're varied across the course, they include international and local which is really good.

Don't just take our word for it..... What does our independent external examiner say?

“I would like to congratulate the Childhood and Youth team on the delivery of a well organised, innovative and highly relevant programme of study. This is an exciting and challenging course which provides students with a combination of both academic content and practice based-learning. Content is broad in scope, providing students with ample opportunities to learn about a variety of contemporary topics related to the field, both in terms of academic research and policy and practice. The course is rigorously designed and clearly provides students with the knowledge and experience needed to move into the world of work”.

Entry criteria

- A typical offer is CCC at A Level or MMM at BTEC
- Applicants are normally expected to hold English and Maths equivalent to a GCSE grade C (4)
- You will be required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), formerly known as a CRB

Top tips for your personal statement

- Demonstrate your commitment to working with children and young people, through voluntary or paid work.
- Make it really clear what kind of settings you have worked at and how long for.
- Outline what skills you have gained from your work based learning and your previous education.

Your first year

Promoting Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing

Through enhanced interactive media, this module introduces you to tools and skills that can be used in your professional practice.

Children, Young People, Their Rights and the Law

Develop your knowledge and understanding of how policy, legislation and practice in children and young people's services impacts on their rights.

Introduction to Childhood and Youth

Explore definitions of childhood and youth and consider when childhood ends, or whether childhood is disappearing as we know it.

Work Based Learning

Develop and apply knowledge, skills, professional behaviours and reflective practice in workshops. You will complete 120 placement experience hours.

Development, Health and Learning

Explore the holistic development of children and young people.

Development, Health and Learning: Working Together

Identify how different professionals work together to promote the holistic development of children and young people.

Your second year

Effective Intervention, Safeguarding and Integrated Working

Understand and critique integrated services in protecting children and young people and promoting their well-being.

Transitions for Children, Young People and Families

Explore and analyse key transitions experienced by children, young people and families. Consider what makes a 'successful' transition and how this can be effectively supported.

Research Methods

Consider different approaches to conducting research to better understand the lives of children, young people and families.

Work Based Learning

Develop and apply knowledge, skills, professional behaviours and reflective practice in workshops. You will complete 120 placement experience hours.

Young People and Society Part 1 SEN and Inclusion

Focuses on an understanding of the issues and debates specifically related to the area of special educational needs and the implications for learners and young people.

Young People and Society Part 2 Diversity and Pluralism

An exploration of the many, sometimes conflicting issues, debates and perspectives related to living in a plural and diverse society.

Your final year

Social Justice and Equality

Consider the notions of equality behind such issues as punishment, recidivism, reparation and restoration in youth justice and wider society.

Empowering, Creative and Therapeutic Approaches

Deepen your knowledge and understanding of children and young people's development through creative and therapeutic provision.

Innovation, Leadership and Management

Prepare to become the innovators and leaders in services for children and young people.

Work Based Learning

Develop and apply knowledge, skills, professional behaviours and reflective practice in workshops. You will complete 120 placement experience hours.

Dissertation

Select a topic you are passionate about to explore in depth through an independent research study.

Learning & Teaching at Waterside.

- You will study in small interactive group sessions, enhanced by the latest developments in technology.
- Our Learning Hub, the heart of Waterside Campus combines resources, staff and learning spaces that would traditionally be separate.
- Waterside has been designed to give you a personalised learning experience, excellent opportunities to develop your academic experience and life skills.



Assessments

There are no exams on this course. Instead, you will be assessed through a range of methods including essays, reports, case studies, presentations, practical projects and reflective tasks.

National and international study trips



- Study for a term in a European University as part of the Erasmus Programme.
- Spend one week in Sweden to explore alternative ways of working with children, young people and families, approximately £340.
- Go to Atlanta in America to explore the civil rights movement, approximately £900.
- Visit a local prison to hear prisoners' experiences.
- Visit the houses of parliament in London to learn more about the role of government in shaping the lives and experiences of children, young people and families.
- Engage with a forest school to experience alternative forms of education.

Work based learning is at the heart of what we do

Youth club	Sports club	Youth theatre	Primary school	Special Educational Needs
Drug and alcohol misuse support	Online safety education	Animal assisted learning	Support worker	Social, emotional and mental health school
Playwork	Learning support	Community outreach	Mental health services	Youth justice services
Residential child care	Alternative education provision	Outdoor activities centre	Social care	Advocacy

Integrated Foundation Year

- The Integrated Foundation Year at the University of Northampton is an opportunity for you to successfully study a **four-year version** of the **three-year degree** without the standard entry qualifications, whilst gaining critical study skills.



Example careers

Communities Officer £33,213 - £37,023	Community Sports Development Officer £24,873 - £28,340	Domestic Abuse Outreach Worker £20,202 - £24,569	Looked After Children Development and Participation Manager £23,866-£25,463	Early Help Assistant Manager £32,825 - £35,401
MASH Officer - Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub £18,746 - £21,268	Personal Advisor - Leaving Care Team £25,809 - £28,215	Youth Offending Service Practitioner £22,401-£25,463	Pathways Advisor £24,313 - £26,317	Children's Safeguarding Project Officer £24,873 - £28,340
Child and Family Centre Worker £18,870 - £20,541	Young Carers Assessor £29,055 - £30,756	Youth Voice and Youth Engagement Partnership Coordinator £28,972 - £31,525	Young People's Worker £22,116 - £25,225	Community Support Worker £18,795 - £21,166
Family Support Worker £21,260 - £24,121	Play Worker £21,589 - £23,836	Inclusion Officer £24,873 - £28,340	Youth and Community Serious Youth Violence Co-Ordinator £39,774 - £41,706	Behaviour and Pastoral Leader £25,833 - £28,791

Graduate schemes

Graduate schemes are also a great option for when you finish your studies. Here are some Graduate Schemes in the field of children, young people and families.

Police Graduate Scheme

Explore Learning Assistant Director

Social Work Frontline Leadership Development Programme

Into University Graduate Education Worker Scheme

Local Government Association

Some of our graduates go on to further study

MA Social Work

MSc Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAHM)

MSc Counselling Children and Young People

MA Special Needs and Inclusion

Early Years Teacher Status

PGCE Primary Education 3-7

PGCE Primary Education 5-11



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STUDY ANYWHERE

Every full-time undergraduate student starting their first year with us in 2020 will get their own laptop to keep as part of their fee – meaning you can study where and when you like.

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NO EXTRA COST

All sports clubs and societies are free to join at Northampton and every essential course text book is available via the library, meaning you won't have to purchase copies.

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THE FUTURE NEEDS PEOPLE LIKE YOU

If you've not landed a job 12 months after graduating, but completed a Changemaker programme alongside your studies then we'll find you a paid, six-month internship as part of our Northampton Employment Promise.

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FUNDED TRIPS

Many of our courses include trips that'll help you develop new skills, discover new cultures and explore new ways of thinking. We think that's really important. So we fund all travel & accommodation costs on any compulsory study trips.

Support.

We are here for you.

Personal Tutor.

- You will be allocated a personal tutor at the start of the year
- They are there to help you with every aspect of university life
- They'll be in touch at various point in the academic year
- You can arrange to meet them at any time

Money Matters.

- A range of scholarships and bursaries to support you
- Financial Guidance Team on hand to help you with any money queries from student loans to financial hardship, and budgeting to loans

Accommodation.

- Halls of Residence on campus, in the town centre and Boughton Green Road
- Private Sector Officer to give advice and guidance if you're looking to go into private sector accommodation

Health.

- Doctor's surgery on campus
- Counselling and Mental Health Team
- Additional Needs and Disability Support (ASSIST)
- Residential Life Team are there to support and advise students living in halls

Thank you.
Any questions?

If you think of something later you can email the
Programme Leader for Childhood and Youth:

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