## Struggling to recruit and retain qualified social workers?



Talk to us about how our new **Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work** could help you develop social workers within your organisation

Employers may not be aware of the rich seam of graduate talent they have within their own workforce – excellent staff perhaps working alongside social workers in a support role who, because they are not registered practitioners, are limited in the duties they can perform. With the OU's new qualifying Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work (PG Dip Social Work), suitable graduate staff can:

- continue to work while they are training
- draw on their experience in social care to make informed choices about their future career
- put their new-found skills and knowledge directly into practice
- qualify as social workers in less than 18 months
- hit the ground running as social workers when they qualify.

## **Next steps for Postgraduate enquiries**

**Employers** – share this opportunity with your workforce to identify staff who have a first degree and may have the potential to become social workers.

Visit <u>wels.open.ac.uk/social-work</u> and click Postgraduate Diploma and MA in Social Work

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