



West Midlands Social Work Teaching Partnership

The West Midlands Social Work Teaching Partnership aims to improve and maintain high standards of social work education through research and practice. The Partnership is a collaboration between academics, practitioners, Local Authorities and Trusts across the West Midlands.

What will you gain from the Teaching Partnership as a Social Work student?

The Partnership's objectives are:

- ▶ Improved recruitment and selection onto pre-qualifying social work programmes.
- ▶ A curriculum that is relevant and informed by current social work practice.
- ▶ A curriculum that is shaped and influenced by social work practitioners and those with lived experience.
- ▶ Co-teaching in the classroom from academics, social work practitioners and those with lived experience.
- ▶ Different ways to think about social work practice informed by organisational issues and social work practice experiences, helping bring social work to life.
- ▶ Academic staff who spend time in practice settings, keeping them up to date with contemporary social work issues.
- ▶ The alignment of academic research with the needs faced by frontline practitioners .
- ▶ Quality practice placements and an increased the number of statutory placement opportunities.
- ▶ An increased number of supportive and fully trained Practice Educators.
- ▶ A social work programme whereby graduates are ready for employment with the skills and experience needed to contribute to a stable and resilient workforce.
- ▶ A robust, regional Assessed and Supported Year in Employment (ASYE) framework for newly qualified social workers.
- ▶ Opportunities to share learning and good practice across the region via Teaching Partnership Masterclasses.
- ▶ Supported career pathways and Continuing Professional Development opportunities, including accredited modules designed to support key areas of practice.