

Raising the bar for staff, for children

**Kingston
University
London**

Social work

Social work and social care

Postgraduate

Undergraduate

Graduate Diploma in Residential Work (Children's)



18 month, degree level course
Endorsed by Social Pedagogy
Professional Association

Three concurrent modules over 12 months (The Hard Stuff, The Healing Stuff, The Head of the Household)

Skill simulation in learners' own children's homes
Virtual & Augmented Reality, ethical AI Generated content, with real-time supervisory reflective discussion



First Module: The Big Picture (6 months)

History, context, and current challenges of Residential Care

Authenticity, relationships, and the professional use of self

What does it mean to bring yourself into the work? Sharing personal and professional experiences and histories, and the history of residential care in the UK

Emotional work, group peer to peer learning and challenge

How is the children's home shaped? What values support this, and how is it shaped by the system?

Love in professional practice

Shared values, openness and agility of lecturers and learners

'Social Graces', Burnham & Roper-Hall

Mix of in person and distance learning