



Directory of Youth & Community Work Courses

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FOREWORD

This directory (13th edition) is compiled on an annual basis in response to the ongoing and ever-increasing demand from individuals for information on youth and community work courses, received by the Irish YouthWork Centre.

In the wider context of the Youth and Community Sector it also bears in mind the constant expansion in the area of training and accreditation for youth and community workers, both paid and voluntary and this can again be evidenced by a number of new inclusions to this year's edition.

A small number of the courses included in the directory had not finalised all their course details for the next academic year at the time of going to print. More detail on the courses included in this directory can be acquired either by requesting prospectuses from the relevant colleges, youth organisations, and other agencies or contacting the Irish YouthWork Centre at a later date.

We are grateful to the colleges, youth organisations and other agencies that supplied us with the relevant information. Although every effort has been made to ensure that the information in this directory is accurate and up to date, the Irish YouthWork Centre cannot accept responsibility or liability for any errors or omissions.

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BA (HONS) YOUTH AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

Award: BA (Hons) Youth and Community (Brunel University)

Course Duration: Two years, part-time, distance learning with study block.

Number of Places Available: No limit specified.

Entry Requirements: Participants should hold a Certificate, Diploma or DipHE in Youth and/or Community studies or in a related area to convert to BA (hons) Youth and Community.

Course Aims: This programme provides the opportunity to those holding a Certificate, Diploma or DipHE in Youth and/or Community, or in a related area to confer to BA(Hons) Youth & Community.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: **Semester 1, Year 1:** *Sociology and Society*; **Semester 1 & 2 Year 1:** *Drugs & Young People, Working in a Community Context, Research Methods*; **Semester 1 & 2, Year 2:** *Research Project*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: None specified

Methods of Assessment/Examination: The programme comprises four core modules of 20 credits which, together with a Research Project of 40 credits provides the required 120 credits for the BA. Each module will be assessed by a project, requiring a submission of 4,000 words (apart from the Research Project requiring a submission of 7,000 words) which will demonstrate evidence of critical and reflective practice within your organisation.

Where and How to Apply:

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School of Sport and Education
Brunel University

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England

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Website: www.brunel.ac.uk

BA (HONS) YOUTH WORK

Award: BA (Hons) Youth Work.

Course Duration: 2 years part time in-service, January-December on a modular basis, with 6 modules to be completed each year. Contract hours will be 50 per module and 200 effort hours. Students are required to attend class one afternoon and evening a week. This means class attendance for an additional evening a week. Students will be required to complete a 8 week external placement in year one.

Number of Places Available: 24. Priority will be given to students who are presently completing the Higher Certificate in Youth Work.

Entry Requirements: Candidates must have completed a Higher Certificate in Youth Studies or equivalent qualification. Students applying with diploma or higher in similar field may seek exemptions from certain modules.

Fees: Currently fees are €2,795 per annum.

Course Aims: To enable students to acquire practical youth work skills and an academic base to inform their practice & enable them to become conscious reflective youth work practitioners.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: **Year 1:** *Understanding Organisations; Sociology and Social Change; Conflict Resolution; Law & Policy of Youth Work; Ethical Practice in Youth Work; Equality Studies; External Placement.* **Year 2:** *Youth Work as an Agent of Change 1: Youth Work Responses to Young People; Managing Youth Work; Gender Studies; Adult Community & Education; Youth as Agent of Change 2.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: The degree level placement will take place with an agency/project that works with young people but not in a youth work context. The purpose is to equip the student to work with and understand issues facing other non-youth work professionals.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: There will be an exam in every subject for the last two years leading to the degree. Throughout there will be a heavy emphasis on ongoing assessment. Students will be required to keep a learning journal and personal portfolio. Written assignments and presentations will form part of the assessment. Every effort has been made to reduce the burden of written work by sharing assignments between related modules and having joint pieces of work.

Where and How to Apply:

Life Long Learning Centre,
Dundalk Institute of Technology,
Dundalk, Co. Louth.
Tel: 042 9370200.

Or contact the *Programme Manager, Louise Fitzpatrick. Tel: 01 8728298*

B.SOC.SC. IN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY WORK

Award: B.Soc.Sc. (Youth and Community Work) recognised by N.U.I.

Course Duration: Three Years. The next intake for this course will be in September 2009.

Number of Places Available: 20-25.

Entry Requirements: This course is open to mature students (23 years) who are of advanced standing i.e. they will have either substantial experience in Youth and Community Work or will have successfully completed a suitable access course (e.g. Diploma in Community Development, Youth and Community Work Practice, Social Studies etc.) All applicants are expected to have the equivalent of one year's relevant experience as volunteer, activist or full time worker. Short-listed candidates will be required to attend for interview in May 2009. Application is now done through the CAO (on-line or by hard copy form), by the 31st of January each year.

Fees: Students do not have to pay college lecture fees if they have not previously attended third-level education. However, there is an application fee and a registration fee. Students should note that some of the registration fee is refundable to those accepted for 3rd level local authority grants. Contact fees office in U.C.C. for more details.

Course Aims: (i) To develop through an integrated studies curriculum an increased awareness of social education, and the nature of both urban and rural communities, within the context of a rapidly modernising and increasingly unequal society, as these contribute to a developing understanding of youth and community work practice which is anti-racist, anti-sectarian and anti-sexist. (ii) To provide a training programme for students wishing to take up posts in youth and community work. The achievement of these aims requires students to develop and demonstrate (a) a critical understanding of the values, methodologies and knowledge necessary for effective practice in youth and community work. (b) an ability and readiness to formulate, analyse and evaluate decisions. (c) an understanding of self and others in a pluralist society and a respect for diversity and minority rights.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: *In order to ensure that participants on the course can continue to be involved in the community, the course structure is designed on a flexible basis which brings the 'class room' to the community & thus will involve intensive periods of block learning.*

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Assessment is geared towards the needs of adult learners and will adapt a variety of different assessment methods, such as, individual portfolio work, case studies and practice analysis etc.

Where and How to Apply:

Programme Details:

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Applied Social Studies/youthand communityworkcourses](http://www.ucc.ie/en/departmentscentresandunits/Applied_Social_Studies/youthandcommunityworkcourses/)

B.SC. HONS IN COMMUNITY YOUTH WORK (PART-TIME)

Award: B.Sc. at Honours level, validated by the National Youth Agency (UK) and recognised by JNC

Course Duration: Two Years.

Number of Places Available: Not specified.

Entry Requirements: Applicants must possess the DipHE in Community Youth Work.

Fees: Available on the University of Ulster website

Course Aims: This course is designed to update those with Dip HE in Community Youth Work to a Bsc(Hons) degree.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: For more information contact the University of Ulster at the contact details listed below - or see their prospectus www.ulster.ac.uk/prospectus. The course is delivered over 2 years part-time one day per week. It comprises taught modules encouraging reflection on practice and the submission of a study applied practice mini dissertation.

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: Course work and dissertation.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: For more information contact University.

Where and How to Apply:

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BT37 OQB,
Northern Ireland.
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Email: k.harland@ulster.ac.uk
Website: www.ulster.ac.uk

B.Sc. HONS IN COMMUNITY YOUTH WORK

Award: B.Sc. at Honours level, validated by the North South Education and Training Standards in Youth Work recognised by JNC

Course Duration: Full-time 3 years

Number of Places Available: Not specified.

Entry Requirements: Applicants must satisfy the general entry requirements for admission years of age to a first degree course. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age at the date the course commences. An interview will form part of the selection process. Mature students are welcome to apply and must provide evidence that they can successfully study at University.

Fees: The fees are available on University of Ulster website

Course Aims: This course is designed to update those with Dip He in Community Youth Work to a Bsc (Hons) degree.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: The course integrates teaching & practice in its approach to learning. There are four work-based placements over the three-year period. The first three placements occur in Year 1 & 2 and last for an average of 10 weeks. Students' practices on these placements is assessed. The modules of study reflect the need to develop knowledge and skills for practice. These include: *Individual & Group Work, Management & Supervision Theory & Practice. Academic Disciplines including Psychology, Sociology, Social Policy & Legal Studies also form key elements of the course. The BSc has an exit point after 2 years at which stage students are awarded a Diploma of H.E. in Community Youth Work. It comprises taught modules encouraging reflection on practice and the submission of a study of applied practice mini dissertation.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: There are three placements including opportunity for an international placement.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Examination, work-based placement practices, journalling and peer assessment.

Where and How to Apply:

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B.SC. HONS IN COMMUNITY YOUTH WORK (PART-TIME)

Award: B.Sc. Hons Level, validated by the North/South Education and Training Standards Committee for Youth Work

Course Duration: 4 years (recruitment in 2010 will be at Jordanstown)

Number of Places Available: No limit specified.

Entry Requirements: Applicants must be over 20 years of age and be working at least 16 hours per week for an employer within the Community Youth Work field. Their work should include the range of roles and functions normally associated with a professional Community Youth Worker and applicants should have support from their employers to be released from work where necessary to complete the course, including an eight-week placement.

Applicants should normally provide evidence of competency in numeracy and in written and spoken English. They must also have attained passes in 4 different subjects, of which one should be GCSE 'A' level and 3 GCSE level, or equivalent approved alternative qualifications as specified by the Training Board NI. The University is extremely keen to recruit candidates to this programme who may not meet these academic qualifications but whose experience in the field may be relevant to the programme.

Fees: Those employed by statutory organisations will seek funding from their employers. Those employed by voluntary youth agencies may be able to access funding support through the In-Service Training and Support Scheme for Voluntary Youth Organisations.

Course Aims: This course provides a nationally recognised qualification in Community Youth Work which enables graduates to work in a wide range of professional settings such as youth centres, communities centres, neighbourhood centres, agencies for the homeless, drug rehabilitation schemes and work with young offenders.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: For more information contact the University of Ulster website www.ulster.ac.uk or contact the course directors at the contact details below.

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: There are 2 in-situ placements within the student's own agency and one ex-agency placement.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Written examinations, coursework, placement assessments.

Where and How to Apply:

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Course Director
Faculty of Social Sciences
School of Sociology and Applied Social Studies
University of Ulster at Jordanstown
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DIPHE IN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY WORK

Award: DipHE in Youth and Community Work (Brunel University).

Course Duration: Three years, part-time, flexible learning with study block

Number of Places Available: No limit (see course aims).

Entry Requirements: Applicants must be over 21 years of age with a minimum of three years continuous work experience in the field of Youth and Community work. Participants should be able to demonstrate a commitment to equal opportunities, be able to undertake a programme of study at this level and be unable to participate in other qualifying routes.

Course Aims: The programme provides a flexible route to initial qualifying training for part-time, full-time and voluntary youth workers who are unable to undertake other programmes. It is an opportunity to obtain the award whilst continuing to work. It is a modular, flexible route where participants complete four modules per year. The programme is provided either through local groupings sponsored by an employing body, or a consortium or employers, with a local co-ordinator and supervisors, or through a Brunel based group.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: *The course is based on a series of 12 modules and 11 practice competences which together lead to the DipHE. You will take the theoretical elements through study packs, study days and tutorial support, with practical work integrated throughout the programme.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: Not specified.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Assessment is by coursework only. You will undertake regular ongoing practical work throughout the programme. Evidence of competence is assessed through submitting folders of evidence.

Where and How to Apply:

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UB8 3PH
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Website: www.brunel.ac.uk

DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY AND YOUTH WORK (FULL-TIME)

Award: Diploma awarded by N.U.I. Those who complete the diploma, having reached the necessary standard, may proceed to a further year's study to the BA (Applied Social Studies).

Course Duration: Two years full-time, available on a two-year cycle.

Number of Places Available: 20. **Closing date for applications:** 27th April, 2009

Entry Requirements: Applicants should be over 21 years of age and fulfil, at least, the minimum CAO entry requirements for attendance at an N.U.I. university, or be over 23 years of age. Candidates for this course must, also have substantial youth or community work experience. Each applicant who meets the entrance requirements is interviewed, incorporating a group exercise (and possible written exercise and second interview).

Fees: Citizens of the EU attending full-time undergraduate courses of over two years in duration do not incur payment of fees, (except in the case of persons not meeting residency requirements, or doing repeat courses) but note that a Registration Fee is payable in each year of the course, (presently €721). For further information contact: fees.office@may.ie

Course Aims: The overall aim of the course is to provide students with the education and training to enable them to become professional community workers or youth workers, capable of working on their own initiative and taking responsibility for their work.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: **Year 1** - Introduction to Sociology; Introduction to Government; Communications & Interpersonal Relations; Social Administration; Community Studies; Introduction to Community Work & Youth Work; Psychology; Practice Seminars & Case Studies. **Year 2** - Social Analysis; Social Problems & Social Policies; Management & Administration; Major Common Issues; Community Work Theories & Issues; Community Work Principles & Practice; Youth Work Theories & Issues.

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: Practice learning will include - observation visits, study visits, individual fieldwork assignments, group projects including a community profile, practical skills workshops, workshops in youth and community arts, personal and group development sessions, a number of fieldwork placements.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: To be awarded the Diploma students must complete successfully their fieldwork placements and other practice learning assignments. In addition their learning during the course will be evaluated by written work. Essays, reports and reviews will be required from time to time. There will be two written exams at the end of each year (worth 30%) and an oral examination (worth 10%). Essays and fieldwork reports make up the remaining 60%. Students who achieve a mark of 55% or higher in the final exam may proceed to a further year of full-time study for the BA (Applied Social Studies).

Where and How to Apply:

Department of Applied Social Studies
St Anne's Building
NUI Maynooth
Maynooth, Co. Kildare

Tel: (01) 7083743/4574 **Fax:** (01) 7084708

Email: appliedsocialstudies@nuim.ie **Website:** <http://cappss.nuim.ie> OR
<http://www.muim.ie/academic/>

DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY AND YOUTH WORK (PART-TIME)

Award: Diploma awarded by N.U.I. *Those who complete the diploma, having reached the necessary standard, may proceed to a further year's study to the B.A. Applied Social Studies.*

Course Duration: Three years part-time, including part-time in-service. Participants will be required to attend university one day a week, a 10 week placement in Year 2 and a number of week long residential workshops over the three years.

Number of Places Available: 20. **Closing date for applications:** 27th April, 2009

Entry Requirements: Applicants should be over 21 years of age and fulfil, at least, the minimum CAO entry requirements for attendance at an NUI university, or be over 23 years of age. Candidates for this course must, also have substantial youth or community work experience. Each applicant who meets the entrance requirements is interviewed, incorporating a group exercise (and possible written exercise and second interview).

Fees: This year's fee has yet to be set. The Registration Fee is currently €721. A separate fee structure applies to Non EU students.

Course Aims: The overall aim of the course is to provide students with the education and training to enable them to become professional community workers or youth workers, capable of working on their own initiative and taking responsibility for their work.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: *Introduction to Sociology; Introduction to Government, Communications & Interpersonal Relations; Social Administration; Community Studies; Introduction to Community Work & Youth Work; Psychology; Practice Seminars & Case Studies; Social Analysis; Social Problems & Social Policies; Management & Administration; Major Common Issues; Community Work Theories & Issues; Community Work Principles & Practice; Youth Work Theories & Issues; Youth Work Principles & Practice; Group Workshop.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: Practice learning will include - observation visits, study visits, individual fieldwork assignments, group projects including a community profile, practical skills workshops, workshops in youth and community arts, personal and group development sessions, a number of fieldwork placements.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: In order to be awarded the Diploma it will be essential for students to have completed successfully their fieldwork placements and other practice learning assignments. In addition their learning during the course will be evaluated by written work. Essays, reports and reviews will be required from time to time during the three years. Distribution of marks is the same as full-time option (see previous page). Students who achieve a mark of 55% or higher in the final examination may proceed to a further year of full-time study for the BA (Applied Social Studies).

Where and How to Apply:

Department of Applied Social Studies,
St Anne's Building
NUI Maynooth
Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Tel: (01) 7083743/4574 **Fax:** (01) 7084708

Email: appliedsocialstudies@nuim.ie **Website:** <http://cappss.nuim.ie> OR
<http://www.muim.ie/academic/>

DIPLOMA IN YOUTH & COMMUNITY WORK (Year 1 & Year 2)

Award: **Year 1:** KDYS Certificate in Youth & Community Work

Year 2: Diploma in Youth & Community Work N.U.I. University College
Cork

Course Duration: Each year comprised of one night a week for twenty weeks from September to March plus one residential weekend in November and one Saturday in January. The course will be run in 1-2 separate locations in Kerry (depending on demand).

Number of Places Available: 25 per course.

Entry Requirements: Applicants must be over 21 years of age with some experience of working with young people and community groups Applicants for Year 2 programme must have completed Year 1.

Fees: Current Fee is €800 for each year of the course. In addition there is a non refundable application fee of €35.00

Course Aims: The course is designed to: (a) introduce participants to the theory and practice of youth & community work and (b) equip participants with basic knowledge, skills and qualities to enable them to develop their youth work practice.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline:

Year 1: *Communication Skills; Planning & Organisation Skills; Understanding Young People; Developmental Needs of Young People; Needs Analysis; Group Work; Understanding Your Community; Social Analysis; Attitudes; Dealing with Conflict.*

Year 2: *History & Models of Youth & Community Work; Practical Approaches to Youth & Community Work; The Role of the Youth & Community Youth Worker; Leadership Styles; Organisational Development; Funding & Management Issues.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: **Year 1:** The course will involve a 6 week group project with young people. **Year 2:** The course will involve a 50 hour placement in a youth & community work agency.

Method of Assessment/Examination: **Year 1:** Course attendance, Community Profile, Essay, Learning Journal, 6 week Group Project with completed Project Workbook. **Year 2:** Course attendance, Agency Profile, Learning Journal, 50 hour Practice Placement and Placement Report.

Where and How to Apply:

Application Forms will be available in May 2007

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Training Co ordinator
KDYS, Youth Centre
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Tralee, Co.Kerry
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Email: renapowell@kdys.ie

DIPLOMA IN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY WORK

Award: Diploma in Youth and Community Work (U.C.C.)

Course Duration: 2 years, one night per week from October to May each year.

Number of Places Available: 20

Entry Requirements: It is open to all adults 21 years and older who have an interest in the area irrespective of their previous educational attainment and is also offered on an outreach basis.

Fees: €800 for the academic year 2009/2010. €1,100 for the distance learning option.

Course Aims: This two year programme is open to those who are interested in working with young people either as a volunteer or in a professional capacity. It is designed to introduce participants to the theory and practice of youth work. The course will help participants to understand, analyse, evaluate and develop in skills in communication, facilitation, research and evaluation.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: Year 1 Introduction to Youth and Community Work: Social Analysis; Disadvantage and Social Exclusion; Introduction to Research Method in Youth and Community Work; Principles and Practices of Youth and Community Work.

Year 2: *Youth and Community Work Practice Placement; Models of Youth and Community Work; History of Youth and Community Work; Core Skills in Youth and Community Work.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: Students will be required to be involved in a 50 hour placement in a youth and community setting in the 2nd year.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Continuous assessment including written assignments, year 2 includes written assignments, placement work and placement report and an agency report.

Where and How to Apply:

Centre for Adult and Continuing Education

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Western Road
U.C.C.
Cork

Tel: (021) 4902301/ 4904739

Email: ace@ucc.ie

Website: www.ucc.ie/ucc/depts./ace

N.U.I. CERTIFICATE IN YOUTH STUDIES

Award: N.U.I. Certificate in Youth Studies from N.U.I., Maynooth.

Course Duration: 100 hours part-time over one year. The course is conducted in conjunction with youth organisations and is generally delivered off-campus.

Number of Places Available: Dependent on the outreach centre running the course (see bottom of page). Usually 20 approx.

Entry Requirements: Participants must be 23 years of age or over and have at least 2 hours per week involvement in a youth club or youth organisation.

Fees: Dependent on the outreach centre running the course (see bottom of page)

Course Aims: The course aims to provide participants with an opportunity to become familiar with the knowledge and skills to provide a comprehensive service for young people. It looks at the personal and political situation of young people.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: The course content includes: *The History of Youth Work in Ireland; Youth Policy; Role of the Youth Leader; Styles of Leadership; Group Work; Assertiveness; Child and Adolescent Psychological Development; Problem Solving; Conflict Resolution; Social Issues - Drugs, AIDS/HIV, Homelessness, Crime; Gender; Health & Safety; First Aid.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: Practical assignments, the opportunity to do the NCVA Level 2 "Work Experience" Module, and possible a placement.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: 85% minimum attendance, participation in class assignments..

Where and How to Apply: (*Apply direct to Course Locations, below*)

Liberties College
Mark's Alley
Dublin 8:
Tel: 01- 4542100

PRE-VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY YOUTH STUDIES

Award: Pre-Vocational Certificate in Community Youth Studies.

Course Duration: One Year, Part-time, over three semesters. Currently the course is run in University of Ulster at Magee, but next year there is the possibility it may be extended to Newry/Louth

Number of Places Available: 24 Places (*12 from the Republic & 12 from the North*)

Entry Requirements: Applicants will normally be employed for at least 16 hours per week in a community youth work setting and will have attained grade A, B or C at GCSE level in five subjects, or have attained an equivalent standard in a professional, or other qualification, recognised by the Senate. Applicants of 20 years of age, or over, or in exceptional circumstances, Candidates are required to provide evidence of competence in numeracy and in written and spoken English.

Fees: Contact University at Magee re fees.

Course Aims: The course training is at 'pre-vocational' level, but provides a level of competence and encouragement that would be an enhancement for anyone wishing to pursue a permanent career in community youth work. It is suitable for unqualified workers who are involved in 16 or more hours work in community youth work settings. It is also suitable for those with wide community youth work experience, yet whose previous experiences in the formal education system have been less than fruitful.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: The course is comprised of six half modules at Level B standard. Each of the six modules is worth 10 Credit points, 60 points in total. The total credit points are equivalent to 50% of a Year-1 on an Undergraduate Course. **Semester 1:** *Introduction to Group Work (10 Credits); Perspectives on Youth Culture (10 Credits)*. **Semester 2:** *Introduction to Community Development (10 Credits); Methods of Evaluation & Reflecting on Practice (10 Credits)*. **Semester 3:** *Management & Development of Community-Based Projects (10 Credits); Working With Diversity (10 Credits)*.

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: None. Participant will be assigned a mentor from outside the participant's employing agency. The mentoring system operates outside the formal teaching sessions & mentoring pairs are encouraged to meet once a fortnight.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Examination, assignments.

Where and How to Apply:

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SINGLE SUBJECT CERTIFICATE IN YOUTH & COMMUNITY WORK

Award: Institute of Technology Sligo under HETAC, Single Subject Certificate in Youth & Community Work.

Course Duration: 30 weeks (90 hours in total, one night per week).

Number of Places Available: Limited number of places available. *Check locally to see if course is running this year.*

Entry Requirements: Applicants should be Youth Club Volunteer Leaders, over 18 years of age, members of Community Groups or anyone interested in working with young people in a youth club or within a community group setting.

Fees: €600 approx.

Course Aims: The primary course aim is to provide the student with the basic skills which educates him/her to work successfully in a Youth Work or Community Setting. The course also aims to provide the student with: a basic introduction into Social Care with specific emphasis on Youth and Community Work; an understanding and an appreciation of the major and ancillary disciplines pertinent to Youth and Community Work; some practical skills for interacting with young people and communities; an active atmosphere of learning in which positive attitude and personal competence are stressed; and the acquisition of a range of personal and social skills which relate to the students level of competence and which can be used effectively in employment situations.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: *Youth Work Practice:* Introduction to Youth Work in Ireland, Practical Implications of Running a Youth Club, Programme Planning - an Operational Model, Working With Young People At Risk. **Skills Development:** Introduction to Development Group Work, Introduction to Basic Social Research, Communication Skills - Written, Verbal, Non Verbal, Presentation Skills, Procedure at Meetings. **Behavioural Science:** Adolescence - an Introduction into the Psychology of Adolescent Development, Adolescent Development, Socialisation - an Introduction to Sociology with an Emphasis on Influence to Society on Behaviour. **Issues in Youth Work Practice:** Sexual Abuse, Bullying, Suicide, Drug Misuse. **Practical Project:** Carrying Out a Practical Project within a Youth Work/Community Setting.

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: None apart from research project.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Each participant will be required to undertake a practical project, keep a class diary and make a verbal presentation. There will also be a written examination at the end of the course. The mark allocation is as follows: Written Examination 40%; Research Project 40%; Class Diary 10%; Presentation 10%. Students must also achieve an attendance level of 60% for the duration of the course.

Where and How to Apply:

Mr. Pat Forde,
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Sligo
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THE TRINITY ACCESS PROGRAMME

FOUNDATION COURSE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION: MATURE STUDENTS

Award: Trinity College Dublin certificate in *Foundation Studies for Higher Education: Mature Students*.

Course Duration: The course is full-time and runs throughout the academic year. Classes are held in the mornings & afternoons. An average of 20 hours per week is required for assignments and study outside the classroom. Being part of the course is definitely a full-time commitment.

Number of Places Available: 25 approx.

Entry Requirements: There are no standard educational requirements, such as the Leaving Certificate or Aptitude Test. The application is composed of an essay, the endorsements of two referees, an application form and interview. A mature student is someone who is over 23 years of age on 1 January of year of application.

Fees: There are no fees and core textbooks can be taken out on loan for the year. Students who meet with the Department of Social and Family Affairs' criteria are eligible for Back to Education Allowance (BTEA). Students are not eligible for a Local Authority Grant.

Course Aims: The course aims to prepare students for entry to undergraduate studies. It is solely for mature students who have a deep desire to study at third level but whose limited conventional education and financial circumstances have prevented them from achieving this goal.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: Students can choose from two broad subject areas: *Arts & Social Sciences* or *Science*. In addition, courses are provided on: *Study Skills; Educational Support & Guidance; Information Technology; Mathematics (introductory, intermediate or advanced level)*.

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: None.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: By continual assessment and final examinations.

Where and How to Apply:

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TAP Co-ordinator
The Foundation Course for Higher Education - Mature Students
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THE TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN/CDVEC LIBERAL ARTS COURSES FOR YOUNG ADULTS & MATURE STUDENTS

Award: FETAC Certificate in *Liberal Arts which can be used to apply for places through the CAO*

Course Duration: The courses are full-time.

Number of Places Available: 25 places 2009/2010 in each of Liberties College (young adults only) Pearse College (mature students) and Plunkett College (mature students)

Entry Requirements: Young Adults- Liberties College: Applicants should have normally have taken the Leaving Cert within the last two years; meet specified socio-economic criteria such as low family income and little or no family progression to higher education; and have achieved at least one honour and five passes in the Leaving Certificate. Mature Students- Pearse & Plunkett Colleges. There are no standard educational requirements, such as the Leaving Certificate or Aptitude Test. The application is composed of an essay, the endorsements of two referees, an application form and interview. A mature student is someone who is over 22 years of age on 1 January of year of application.

Fees: There are no fees and access to Trinity College's libraries is available to all course participants. Students who meet with the Department of Social and Family Affairs' criteria can retain their social welfare entitlements (Back to Education Allowance). Students can also apply for a Local Authority Maintenance Grant.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: Students normally undertake five academic modules such as *English Literature, History, Political Studies, Social Studies, Psychology, Philosophy* and three core subjects, such as *Information Technology; Personal and Professional Development and Applied Communication Skills.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: Students participating on these courses attend a range of 'taster' activities in Trinity College throughout the year, including workshops, guest lectures, library and information skills training, family days, shadowing day and mini Trinity week.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: By continual assessment and final examinations.

Where and How to Apply:

Liberties College, Bull Alley St, Dublin 8
Tel: 01-4540044 Email: info@liberties.cdvec.ie

Plunkett College, Swords Road, Whitehall, Dublin 9
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Pearse College, Clogher Road, Dublin 12
Tel: 01 4536661 Email: information@pearse.cdvec.ie

Website: www.tcd.ie/Trinity_Access/courses/liberal_arts.php

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY STUDIES

Awards: FETAC - (Level 5) YOUTH STUDIES EYXXX . Certificate in First Aid. A special unit of work approved by Nui Maynooth is available in year 2 to students over 21 or those who meet NUIM Matriculation requirements. Students gaining the Youth Studies Award and completing the NUIM link may apply to NUI Maynooth for entry to the NUIM *Certificate in Youth Work Studies* Programme.

Course Duration: Two years full-time.

Number of Places Available: 50

Entry Requirements: Applicants should have (or expect to gain) Grade D in at least 3 subjects in the Leaving Certificate or an equivalent exam. However, the course will particularly suit mature applicants who may not have formal educational qualifications. Relevant experience may be offered in place of examination qualifications, though supporting references will be required. All eligible applicants will be interviewed and should be able to demonstrate a strong interest in and commitment to youth or community work. It is a mandatory requirement of this programme that applicants have at least ten hours voluntary experience in youth work, which may include membership of a youth organisation/club. A supporting reference form from the youth work sector is required.

Fees: There are no tuition fees but students will have to pay charges such as examination entry fees, student services, SCC charges and field trips - €295 in Year 1 & €235 in Year 2. These charges do not apply to students who are eligible for VTOS. Students on this course are eligible to apply for a means tested Maintenance Grant of up to a maximum of €3,420

Course Aims: The course aims to enable participants to address, both theoretically and practically, the personal and social issues which impact on young people and their communities e.g. drug abuse, social exclusion, poverty and unemployment. They will be encouraged to plan and evaluate their community youth work practice. Students who receive the Full Award will be considered eligible to apply for positions at the levels of

Principal Areas of Study: *Young People in Society; Understanding Youth Work; Working with Young People; Communications; Work Experience; Multi-Media; Addiction Studies; Community Arts and Intercultural Studies.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: Commitment to full participation and attendance is required from all participants. Participants will be expected to undertake a significant level of course work as well as work experience during the course, working in different areas of youth and community work e.g. youth club work, juvenile justice projects, community based projects, educational projects, addiction education programmes and special interest groups etc. The course will be monitored by CDYSB.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: For every module there is an assessment scheme that sets out how credit for this module is gained. Credit may be awarded for course work, project work, practical achievement and assignments. Some modules include examinations, but no course is assessed by examination only

Where and How to Apply:

Admissions Office

Liberties College

Bull Alley Street, Dublin 8

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SECTION TWO:

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BA/DIPHE IN INFORMAL AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Award: BA(Hons) in Informal Education.

Course Duration: Three years full-time and four years part-time by distance learning divided into level one, level two and level three.

Number of Places Available: No limit specified.

Entry Requirements: The distance learning programme requires specific commitments from students: full details of course requirements will be sent with application information. Students should note that it is a course requirement to attend all regional study days and residentials. Students who already hold a professional qualification in youth and community work or community education may join the programme for the BA(Hons) element of the programme.

Fees: Contact YMCA College for further information.

Course Aims: This is a professional course designed to meet the changing needs of informal and community educators not just within youth work and community work but also within schooling, further education and social work.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: *Level One -Course Content/Curriculum Outline: Level One—Understanding Children and Young People; Understanding Community Learning and Development; Understanding Informal Education; Managing and Evaluating Informal Education—1; Reflection on Professional Practice—1. Level Two—Developing work with Children and Young People; Developing Work in and with Communities; Developing Informal Education; Managing and Evaluating Informal Education—2; Reflection on Professional Practice—2; Level 3: Youth work and Critical Practice; Critical Practice in Community Learning and Development; Informal Education and Critical Practice; Managing and Evaluating Informal Education—3; Reflection on Professional Practice—3.*

Fieldwork and Professional Practice: Students are required to complete 360 hours of face-to-face practice per level to run concurrently with their studies. For distance-learning and full time students this may be their normal place of work.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Assessment is continuous. Students will be required to complete various projects and assignments and individual study. There is a three-hour examination for those students studying to BA (Hons) level. They also have to write self assessments. In this they are helped by assessments written by tutors, supervisors and line managers.

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BA LOCAL STUDIES AND BA COMMUNITY STUDIES(HONS LEVEL 8)

Award: Honours B.A Local Studies or B.A. Community Studies, NUI Maynooth Level 8.

Course Duration: The degree is delivered over a five year cycle, part-time. Open Information Evening Wednesday 13th May 2009 at 7.30pm

Entry Requirements: Applicants to the degree programme should be Mature Students, i.e. aged 23 years or over by the 1st January in the year of admission. NUI Maynooth encourages applications from adults who may not have completed second level education. Selection for places on the degree programme will be made on the basis of an application form and interview.

Fees: Course fees are charged on a module basis. Details are available from the fees office.

Course Aims: Developed in response to the demand for an inter-disciplinary, flexible progression route to degree level for mature students who may have already participated in other undergraduate programmes. It represents a further expansion of NUI Maynooth's provision for mature students with a commitment to flexible part-time delivery, modularisation, credit accumulation and recognition of accredited prior learning. The programme is offered on campus at Maynooth, and at the University's Kilkenny campus.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: Five year degree cycle. The following programmes are provided: **1. Local Studies. 2. Community Studies.** *Students may follow one programme only.*

Modules for Programme 2: Community Studies: *Study Skills & Student Support; Introduction to the Programmes & Social Research; Information Technology. Social Analysis; Models of Community Development; Introduction to Adult Development & Learning. Public Administration; Theories & Principles of Community Work; Learning Groups: Processes & Methods. Social Problems & Social Policies; Role of the Community Worker; Psychology of Adult Development. Urban Society (Common Module); Community Work & Social Exclusion; Counselling Theories & Applied Skills Rural Society Economy; Youth Work in Ireland (Common Module); Group Work Skills: Theories & Practice. Development Theories; Youth Work Principles & Practice; Community Education & Social Change. Gender & Theories of Chang*

Fieldwork and Practice: There are field courses attached to this course and short summer schools which involve a community development case study, rural development case study and experimental group work.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Each module is assessed. In general assessment methods include project work, written examinations, presentations and a minor thesis.

Where and How To Apply:

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Also Kilkenny Campus

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Tel: 056 7775910 **Fax:** 056 7761369

CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Award: Certificate/Diploma in Community Development (U.C.C.).

Course Duration: One year for Certificate plus an additional year for the Diploma. One night per-week from October to May each year.

Number of Places Available: 20

Entry Requirements: Applicants should be 21 years of age or older.

Fees: €800 for the academic year 2009/2010

Course Aims: **Year 1:** of this course is designed to introduce participants to the theory and practice of community & development work. It is primarily for adults who are currently actively involved in their local community.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: **Year 1:** *Social Analysis of Community , Group Work Skills, History and Theory of Community Development, Research Skills in Community Development Work.* **Year 2:** *The Formation of Community; Principles and Practice of Community Work, Models of Community Work; Community Work Practice Placement..*

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Continuous assessment including written assignments, a community profile, a group project, and a journal of learning. **Year 2:** includes written assignments, placement work, and placement report and an agency profile.

Venue: UCC and Outreach Centres from October to May. **Year 2** includes practice placement and some Saturday workshops.

For an application form, contact

Centre for Adult and Continuing Education

The Laurels
Western Road
U.C.C.
Cork.

Tel: (021) 4904706

Email: ace@ucc.ie

Website: www.ucc.ie/ucc/depts./ace

DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Award: Diploma in Community Education (U.C.C.).

Course Duration: Two years, one night per-week, being run at various locations in addition to UCC.

Number of Places Available: 25-30 approx.

Entry Requirements: Applicants should be 21 years of age at the time of registration.

Fees: €570. The closing date for this course is July 2008

Course Aims: Designed in consultation with local education providers, community-based organisations and groups to provide an opportunity for adults to access a third level accredited programme in Community Education.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: The course modules are: **Year 1:** *Introduction to Social Philosophy; Introduction to Sociology; Research Skills in Community Education; Introduction to Social Policy.* **Year 2:** *Introduction to Social Psychology; Introduction to Mass Media; Introduction to Government; Introduction to European Studies.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: There is no fieldwork or placement attached to this course.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Continuous assessment in the form of written assignments.

Where and How to Apply:

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DIPLOMA IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Award: Honours/Pass Diploma recognised by the N.U.I.

Course Duration: Two-year course delivered on a modular system through a combination of home-based distance learning manuals, regional tutorial workshops and an integrated fieldwork project. The Diploma is a collaboration of N.U.I. Maynooth with U.C.D., U.C.C. & U.C.G. and focuses the delivery of the course to meet the needs of students from the North-East and the North-Midlands of Ireland. Actual delivery takes place in various locations within the target area depending on need and facilities.

Number of Places Available: No limit specified.

Entry Requirements: Interview with Candidate

Fees: Currently fee for 2009/2010 is €1700 (*this may change with increases in Universities*).

Course Objectives: The course is designed to enable participants to develop a broad ranging knowledge of the theoretical field of rural development such as will assist them to appraise critically the multiplicity of strategies and approaches in the field. It aims to introduce students to the rural development policy framework, to train them in the planning and management of rural development activities and create an awareness of the differential impacts of various rural development approaches.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: The course will consist of the following eleven modules: *Introduction to Rural Development; Socio-Economic Aspects of Rural Development; Socio-Economic Community/Area Resource Audits; Community & Rural Development through Groups; Choosing & Setting up a Rural Development Related Organisation/Structure; Marketing for Rural Enterprise; Business Planning & Stimulating Rural Enterprise; Interpersonal Communications, Leadership & Groupwork Skills; Designing & Managing an Area Development Plan; Inter-organisational Partnerships & the Role Support Agencies; Social Exclusion & Gender Equality Issues in Rural Development.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: There is a fieldwork placement attached to this course.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Assessment will be based on written responses to the activities in the Distance Learning Manuals, workshop participation and integrated fieldwork project. 75% attendance at the workshops is also required.

Where and How to Apply:

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DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL INTEGRATION AND ENTERPRISE

Award: Honours/Pass Diploma recognised by the N.U.I.

Course Duration: One/two years full-time or part-time (distance learning).

Number of Places Available: No limit specified.

Entry Requirements: Applicants will be required to: **(a)** have satisfied matriculation requirements of the Faculty of Commerce and be over 21 years at the time of enrolment **or** be at least 23 years at the time of enrolment **(b)** have relevant practical experience of work with development organisations or disadvantaged groups.

Fees: The fees for 2009/2010 have yet to be set.

Course Objectives: The course aims to provide an integrated qualification for Community Development Workers in the area of Social Integration and Enterprise. It will emphasise the importance of the social economy, providing the necessary information on social integration and the setting up of community businesses, while enhancing the knowledge and skills of community workers.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: The course consists of the following twelve modules: *Introduction to the Social Economy; Social Skills for Disadvantaged Groups; Social Mobilisation Skills; Development Work in the Social Economy; Managing a Local Development Service; Co-operative Management; Enterprise Skills for Development Workers; Organising Training; Information Management; Research Methods; Project Development for Social Enterprises; Organisational Communications.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: There is no fieldwork/placement attached to this course.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Assessment is continuous by means of written assignment and end of year examination.

Where and How to Apply:

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UCC

Cork

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N.U.I. DISTANCE LEARNING DIPLOMA/DEGREE IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT (ON-LINE LEARNING)

Award: Honours/Pass Diploma recognised by the N.U.I.

Course Duration: (Diploma) Two-year (part-time equivalent). Degree (additional two years to holders of the Diploma in Rural Development)

Number of Places Available: No limit specified.

Entry Requirements: Applicants will be required to have reached 23 years of age on or before 1 January of the year of proposed entry and will be selected following an assessment interview.

Fees: Diploma - €2,800 (2009/2010). Payable in two installments.

Course Objectives: The course aims to provide the participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to initiate and manage local rural development. It is designed on a part-time equivalent distance learning basis, enabling students to develop a broad ranging knowledge of the theoretical field of rural development and creates an awareness of the differential impacts of various rural development approaches.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: The course consists of the following eleven modules: *Introduction to Rural Development; Socio-Economic Aspects of Rural Development; Socio-Economic Community/Area Resource Audits; Community & Rural Development through Groups; Choosing & Setting Up a Rural Development related Organisational Structure; Marketing for Rural Enterprise; Business Planning & Stimulating Rural Enterprise; Interpersonal Communications, Leadership & Groupwork Skills; Designing & Managing an Area Development Plan; Inter-organisational Partnerships & the Role of Support Agencies; Social Exclusion & Gender Equality Issues in Rural Development.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: There is a fieldwork (100 hours) project attached to the Diploma course.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Assessment for the Diploma will be based on written work submitted as part of home-based distance learning, participation in workshops and the fieldwork project and report.

Where and How to Apply:

Programme Details:

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HIGHER DIPLOMA IN ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Award: Pass or Honours Diploma accredited by the N.U.I.

Course Duration: The course is offered on a modular basis. It can be taken over 2 semesters.

Number of Places Available: 20.

Entry Requirements: Applicants should normally have a primary degree or professional diploma or an equivalent qualification. Priority will be given to those with experience in the field of Adult and Community Education. Candidates will be interviewed for this course.

Fees: The course fee for 2009/2010 has yet to be set. The current fee is €4585 (EU Citizens).

Course Aims: The course is designed to meet the learning needs of practitioners with degrees or the equivalent in Adult and Community Education.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: The course will consist of a combination of the following modules (it is not possible to offer all modules each year). *Philosophy of Adult Education; Social Analysis; Gender Studies; Group Work & Facilitation; Counselling Theory & Practice; Curriculum Development; Psychology of Adult Learning; Community Arts; Community Development; Trends & Issues in Adult Education; Electives.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: All students must be working in the field of Adult and Community Education.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Assessment will be continuous and will be based on assignments and projects undertaken by the participants during the course. The Higher Diploma is a terminal qualification. Students who are awarded an Honours H.Dip. may be eligible to continue to the second part of the M.A. subject to having a degree or equivalent.

Where and How to Apply:

Further information is available from:

Postgraduate Coordinator
Department of Adult and Community Education

N.U.I. Maynooth

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DIPLOMA/HIGHER DIPLOMA IN ARTS - ADULT GUIDANCE COUNSELLING

Course Duration: Two year part-time, offered in 2 x 3 day workshops and 6 x 2 day workshops each year and one weeklong workshop in year 1 and distance education including e-learning materials.

Number of Places Available: 18

Entry Requirements: Applicants should have a degree or equivalent and must have experience of counselling/guidance. Candidates will be interviewed.

Fees: The course fee for 2009/2010 has yet to be set. The current fee is €3400 per year (EU citizens). There will be an additional charge of €350 in year one for psychometric testing.

Course Aims: To develop participants' knowledge of the theoretical field of Adult Guidance and Counselling and the key skills and competencies involved in working with clients.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: *Introductory Module, Psychology of Human Development, Perspectives on Work & Unemployment, Vocational Guidance, Theory & Practice of Guidance & Counselling, Group-Work, Research & Evaluation Methodologies, Psychology of Work & Working Life*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: Participants must be working weekly with a minimum of 6 clients in a guidance capacity

Methods of Assessment/Examination: 4 x taped client interviews, essays, research thesis, self and peer assessment, practicum and portfolio.

Graduates of the course can apply to the Institute of Guidance Counsellors for professional membership

Where and How to Apply:

Further information is available from:

Breda Gibney
Department of Adult and Community Education
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Maynooth
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M.A IN COMMUNITY & YOUTH WORK

Award: Masters in Community & Youth Work by N.U.I.M.

Course Duration: Two year full-time or three year part-time route.

Number of Places Available: Limited. *Closing date for applications: 29th May, 2009*

Entry Requirements: Participation in the MACYW programme is open to those who: (a) have a primary degree in one of the social sciences (social work, sociology, social or public administration, political science, economics, psychology, anthropology, town planning, adult education etc.); (b) have experience, paid or voluntary, or work with communities, neighbourhood groups, youth organisations or projects or other similar groups.

In addition to (a) those holding other primary degrees may also be considered in the light of their experience and personal studies.

Fees: This year's fee has yet to be set. They are expected to be in line with those for other professional qualifications at Masters level.

Course Aims: To provide students with the education and training to enable them to become professional community and youth workers, capable of working on their own initiative and taking responsibility for their work and to undertake associated practice research.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: Objectives are as follows: 1. To enable students to acquire, or perfect, the core skills of learning and communication; 2. To give students the necessary understanding of: modern society - Irish, European and global; how it has developed and how it is changing; political, legal and administrative systems, and in particular how they affect local communities and young people; the extent and causes of social inequalities and social problems, the development and relevance of social policies and the tools for further social analysis; 3. To encourage students to make connections between their own values and their work, 4. To ensure that students have an understanding of the basic knowledge and insights derived from the social sciences, as they relate to youth work and community work; 5. To enable students to explore the central concepts, models and theories in community and youth work; 6. To provide students with opportunities to acquire or perfect the essential skills necessary in work with individuals, with groups and with communities; 7. To enable students to identify and develop the personal qualities they have which can be of most value to them in community and youth work. 8. To provide students with the knowledge and skill to understand and undertake practice research.

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: There are two fourteen-week block fieldwork placements. Students on the part-time in-service programme undertake at least one fourteen week placement outside their own place of work.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: The award of the M.A. in Community and Youth Work requires the successful completion of 120 ECTS credits, taken over two or three years.

Where and How to Apply:

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MEd IN ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION/ADULT GUIDANCE & COUNSELLING

Award: MEd may be awarded with Honours or Pass. The Department also offers an MLitt and a Ph.D. Programme for suitably qualified candidates.

Course Duration: Those who already have a degree and the HDip in Adult and Community Education (Hons.) or the Higher Diploma in Arts (Adult Guidance or Counselling) maybe admitted to the MEd.

Number of Places Available: 25

Entry Requirements: Applicants must have, a primary degree or its equivalent or at least a Second Class Honours and Higher Diploma in Adult and Community Education or the Higher Diploma in Arts Adult Guidance and Counselling. Applicants must also have experience in the field and must make themselves available for interview by the Department for Adult and Community Education.

Fees: The course fee for 2009/2010 has yet to be set. The current fee is €4050.

Course Aims: This course is particularly suited to those who are seeking theoretical frameworks from which to explore and question the assumptions that underpin their work practices and belief systems. It is appropriate for policy makers, managers of change in organisations and systems, facilitators of new approaches to research and development and managers of service delivery in changing contexts.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: **Module 1** - *Research in Adult & Community Education*. (10 credits) **Module 2** - *Group Supervision and Reflective Research* (10 credits). **Module 3** - *Thesis and Research Completion* (10 credits) **Module 4** - *Advanced Theoretical Perspectives on Adult Development and Learning*. **Module 5** - *Research methods in Adult and Community Education*. **Module 6** - *Current Trends and policies in Adult Education and Human Development*. **Module 7** - *Political, Social and Ethical Perspectives on Adult Education and Human Development*.

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: All students must be working in the field of Adult and Community Education.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Assessment will be based on minor research dissertation (20,000 words approx) and five written assignments. Candidates are also required to attend a minimum of 80% of classes.

Where and How to Apply:

Further information is available from:

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M.A. IN ADULT LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Award: MA in Adult Learning and Development from N.U.I., Galway.

Course Duration: Two years, part-time., using technology-based open learning methods, combined with a requirement for 11 days attendance over the two years. Computer mediated communications play a central role in the delivery of this programme.

Number of Places Available: 24 max.(Subject to change)

Entry Requirements: Honours grade in B.A. Degree in Training and Education, or its equivalent.

Fees: Check with Open Learning Centre (details below).

Course Aims: This course has been designed by both educators and trainers to ensure that a comprehensive view of human development is explored. It is action based and learner driven.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: **Year 1:** *Learning Society 1; Psychology of Learning 1; Organisational Issues in Training Education & Training; Educational & Training Technology; Learning & Work; Research Methods 1.* **Year 2:** *Learning Society 2; Psychology of Learning 2; Research Methods 2.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: No fieldwork/placement attached to this course.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Written assignment for each module. A proportion of marks will also be available for quality of contributions to online discussions on course topics. In addition each learner will produce a dissertation on a topic to be chosen in consultation with course tutors.

Where and How to Apply:

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M.A. IN COMMUNICATION AND CULTURAL STUDIES

Course Code: DC611

Award: M.A. in Communication and Cultural Studies.

Course Duration: Two years, part-time. Biennial intake.

Number of Places Available: 25.

Entry Requirements: Honours degree in the Humanities or Social Sciences.

Fees: €4828.00 approx. The course fees for 2009/2010 have yet to be set.

Course Aims: This programme is aimed at people working in areas, which involve communication, who wish to draw back from their professional role and reflect on the implications and processes of communications in contemporary society. It will help people to develop the critical capacity to analyse the importance of culture in daily life and to assume leadership roles in formulating policies and implementing programmes, which utilise communication for social improvement in a variety of situations.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: **Year 1: Semester 1** - *Theory of Language; Mass Communication Theory.* **Semester 2 (two of):** *Communication, Technology & the Politics of Culture; Contemporary Cultural Theory; Media Studies.* **Year 2: Semester 1 (two of):** *Communications & International Relations; Narratives in Contemporary Screen Media; Television & Children.* **Semester 2:** *Research Methodologies/Seminars.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: See under Course Aims above.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Participants are assessed by course work and/or examination. Supervised research will commence in the second year, and a dissertation will be completed over the course of the summer of this year.

Where and How to Apply:

EU Applicants:

Apply on line from the 25th May 2007 through the Postgraduate Applications Centre
www.pac.ie

Non EU Applicants:

Apply on line from February to 1st July 2007 through the Postgraduate Applications
Centre www.pac.ie

For Further Information:

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Dublin City University
Dublin 9.
Tel: (01) 7005338
Fax: (01) 7005504
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Website: www.pac.ie

M.A. IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Award: M.A. in Community Development (N.U.I.).

Course Duration: Two years, full-time over four semesters.

Number of Places Available: 12.

Entry Requirements: Graduates who have at least a second class honours Grade II degree in a social science or related discipline. Development work is not a requirement for entry onto the programme although accumulated work experience will be taken into account.

Fees: €5115 per annum (2009/2010 fee). A separate fee structure applies to non-EU students. Successful candidates who are offered a place must confirm their acceptance of a place with a non-refundable deposit of €320.

Course Aims: This programme aims to impart a specialist knowledge of the practical, organisational, managerial and developmental skills required for the practice of community work and to increase analytical and evaluative understandings of the policy contexts within which community development practice takes place.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: *Semester 1: Community Development Theory, Community Development Practice-Contemporary issues and debates, Social Policy 1, Group Work 1/Working with Groups, Introduction to Business, Techniques of Policy, research and Analysis. Semester 2: Development in International Context, Gender, Development & Human Rights, Sustainable Development in Ireland, Understanding communities, Working with vulnerable populations, Social support, family and community.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: Work practice period in a development agency in Semester 3.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Assessment will be via a combination of project assignments, case-study reports, seminar presentation, theses research and written examinations. Three sets of written examinations are held, at the end of Semesters 1 and 2 and in April of Semester 4. A minor dissertation is submitted in May of Semester 4 thereby completing the programme.

Where and How to Apply:

Postgraduate Admissions Centre
www.pac.ie

For Further Information:

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M.A. IN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY STUDIES

Award: M.A. in Youth and Community Studies - Ireland Programme (Brunel University).

Course Duration: Two years, part-time. Distance learning.

Number of Places Available: No limit specified.

Entry Requirements: Graduates who hold a recognised Youth and Community "initial" qualification. Non-graduates who hold a Certificate, Diploma or Dip HE in Youth and Community Work have several years professional experience, may also be eligible.

Course Aims: This programme is designed to meet the need for continuing professional development of established practitioners in services for young people. It offers advanced in-service professional education for experienced youth and community workers and managers. The MA does not give a JNC recognised qualification, but assumes that participants already hold such a qualification.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: The programme consists of eight modules (*all core*), of 15 credits each, together with a dissertation (60 credits), providing the required 180 credits for the MA. The modules are: *Psychological Development; Sociology, Sociology of Youth Work & Youth Work; Quality Work in Partnerships; Social Policy; Management in Youth Work; Staff Development & Training; Contemporary Issues in Youth & Community Work; Research Methods - part included in study block.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: Not required on this course

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Each module is assessed by one written assignment of 4,000 words. The dissertation of 15,000 words is assessed in part two of the course

Where and How to Apply:

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M LITT AND PHD IN ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Award: Pass or Honours MLitt in Adult and Community Education, N.U.I. Maynooth.

Course Duration: 2 years.

Number of Places Available: No limit specified.

Entry Requirements: Applicants must have (a) a primary degree with at least Second Class Honours (b) at least a Second Class Honours Higher Diploma in Adult and Continuing Education, or its equivalent (c) at least three years experience in the field (d) a proven research record (e) been interviewed by the Centre for Adult and Community Education.

Fees: The course fee for 2009/2010 has yet to be set. The current fee is €3,023 (EU Citizens).

Course Aims: The course offers an opportunity to students to pursue a Masters degree by research only. The M.Litt. and PhD is particularly appropriate for those who wish to investigate in depth a particular topic, have research experience and a familiarity with relevant bodies of theory.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: *The course is research based & will depend on individual topics chosen by candidates.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: There is no fieldwork or placement attached to this course.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Students will be required to undertake a major thesis (40,000 words approx) incorporating empirical research pertinent to the field of Adult and Community Education.

Where and How to Apply:

Further information are available from:

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POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA COMMUNITY YOUTH WORK/MSc COMMUNITY YOUTHWORK

Award: Postgraduate Diploma leading to MSc. in Community Work. Professionally endorsed by the North South Education and Training Standards Committee for Youth Work and the University of Ulster.

Course Duration: Part-time: **Postgraduate Diploma:** two years part-time at Jordanstown College, and a further year for the Masters by dissertation Normally taught on Mondays

Number of Places Available: Not specified.

Entry Requirements: Applicants should be over 23 years of age employed full-time in youth or community work and have gained a 1st or upper 2nd class honours degree. All applicants will be interviewed.

Fees: Those employed by statutory organisations may seek funding from their employers. Those employed by voluntary youth agencies may be able to access funding support through the In-Service Training and Support Scheme for Voluntary Youth Organisations (YCNI).

Course Aims: The course aims to offer students reflective practice in the field of youth and community work with two core aims: the development of effective critical discourse for professional practitioners in youth and community work; and the delivery of a postgraduate programme that will challenge, develop and engage critically in issues that relate to the fields of youth and community work through informed and innovative methods of teaching and learning.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: There are six modules for the Postgraduate Diploma: *Advanced Social Policy; Leadership, Management & Supervision; Working in Communities Informal Education; Interpersonal Skills; Critical Reflective Practice & Research & a Supervised Placement.* Masters is dissertation-based..

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: Two placements, one in-situ placement (8 weeks 30 hours per week in the students place of work) a second placement (4 weeks full-time in an ex-agency setting).

Methods of Assessment/Examination: A wide range of assessment approaches will be used: written essays; portfolios; seminar presentations; practice workshops; individual and group projects; presentation of a dissertation.

Where and How to Apply:

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POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA/M.Sc IN CHILD PROTECTION AND WELFARE

Award: Postgraduate Diploma/M.Sc in Child Protection and Welfare (Trinity College)

Course Duration: The course requires full-time attendance in College for nine separate weeks spread over the academic year 2009-2010 and the completion of work related assignments

Number of Places Available: Not specified. **Closing date Wednesday 30th April 2008,**
Course Selection Interview date Thursday 31st May 2007

Entry Requirements: Applicants should have a degree or equivalent professional qualification, have at least three year's post graduation experience in the area of child protection or relevant professional experience and must submit a written undertaking from their employer to facilitate via fee payment and guarantee release their full participation in the Postgraduate Diploma.

Fees: The Postgraduate Diploma course is sponsored by the Department of Health and Children and the Health Service Executive by a block grant subsidy, with the remainder to be paid by the successful applicant's employer. Contact address at bottom of page for more details.

Course Aims: The course is aimed at experienced professionals in the field of child protection and welfare to respond effectively to the needs of children at risk and promote the development of family support and welfare services, particularly in the context of the *Child Care Act 1991, Children First: National Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children* and other recent legislative and policy developments.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: *Postgraduate Diploma: Three day induction course followed by 9 block weeks in college, one week per month from October to May. The course comprises the following modules: Child Protection Perspectives; Child Protection Practice; Child Care Law; Psychology; Domestic Violence; Principles & Techniques of Working with Families; Working directly with Children and Adolescents; Children & Young People in & out of Home Care; Family Support & Prevention; Multi-Professionalism in Child Protection & Welfare.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: Course is in-service.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Competence is assessed on the basis of written assignments including a practice based project.

Where and How to Apply

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Course Co-Ordinator

Postgraduate Diploma in Child Protection and Welfare

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B.SC IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Award: Degree in Training & Education from D.C.U. CAO Code: DC235.

Course Duration: Full-time, three years.

Number of Places Available: No limit specified.

Entry Requirements: Participants should hold a Leaving Certificate and have the minimum entry requirements which are Grade C₃ in two higher level subjects and Grade D₃ in four ordinary or higher level subjects including Mathematics and English or Irish. Holders of the National Vocational Certificate (FETAC/NCVA) at at least Level 2 may apply through the CAO. Adults currently involved in part-time or voluntary basis in Adult/Community Education & Training projects may also apply. Such applicant must be over 23 years of age and will be assessed for entry by means of interview and written assessment.

Fees: The course fees for 2009/2010 have yet to be set.

Course Aims: The course is designed to develop participants knowledge and skills in the field of education and training; theory and practice.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: The course consists of the following modules: *Education & Training Management; ICTs; Instructional Design, Journalism & Social Studies/Policy.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: There is no fieldwork/placement specified for this course.

Method of Assessment/Examination: For details of assessment please contact address below.

Where and How to Apply:

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CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA OR DEGREE IN TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Award: Foundation Diploma, Certificate, Diploma or Degree in Training & Education from N.U.I., Galway.

Course Duration: There are four academic years to reach Degree Level. **Year 1:** Certificate in Training & Education. **Year 2:** Diploma in Training & Education. **Year 3:** There are two options: **Option 1:** Certificate in Training & Education - World Class Standards **Option 2:** Certificate in Training & Education - Equality. Either of these two options can be taken as the third year in the four-year B.A. in Training & Education. Alternatively, each can be taken as a stand-alone course for which a Certificate in Training & Education - World Class Standards or Equality will be awarded. **Year 4:** B.A. Degree in Training & Education. **Foundation:** In preparation for these courses, N.U.I., Galway offers a Foundation Diploma in Training & Education which gives credit towards the B.A. Degree.

Number of Places Available: No limit specified.

Entry Requirements: No academic qualifications required. Aimed at those with experience in training, human resources management or experience in the voluntary / community sector.

Fees: The course fees for 2009/2010 has yet to be set.

Course Aims: This course has been designed by both educators and trainers to ensure that a comprehensive view of human development is explored.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: **Year 1:** Certificate in Training & Education Modules: Learning - Individual Help (2-day); Learning - The Group (2 day); Learning - Essential Trainer Skills (2- day); Learning - The Process (1-day); Learning - The Outcome (1-day); **Year 2:** Diploma in Training & Education Modules: Management (2-day); Course Design (2-day); Course Delivery (2-day); Contemporary Issues (1-day); Practical Research & Writing (1-day). **Year 3 - Option 1:** Certificate in Training & Education - World Class Standards Modules: Introduction to World Class Standards (2-day); Human Resource Management (2-day); Human Resource Development (2-day); Business Skills & Project Management (1-day); Philosophy & Techniques (1-day);. **Year 3 - Option 2:** Certificate in Training & Education - Equality Modules: Teamwork (2-day); Perspectives on Work (2-day); Projects & Campaigns (1-day); Equality (2-day); The Voluntary & Community Sector (1-day). **Year 4:** Degree Modules: Critical Thinking (2-day); Applied Communications (2-day); Research Skills Workshops. Foundation Diploma Course Module: Essential Trainer Skills (2-day) Equality Matters for Trainers 2-day).

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: No fieldwork/placement attached to this course.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: There are 5 assignments and an end of year project in Years 1, 2 and 3 and 2 assignments and a minor dissertation (12,000 words approx) in Year 4. There is one assignment for the Foundation Diploma Course.

Where and How to Apply:

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DIPLOMA AND DEGREE IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING (PART-TIME)

Award: Certificate, Diploma or B.Sc. in Education and Training.

Course Duration: The programme is offered on three discrete stages at Certificate, Diploma and Degree level and students can access and exit the programme at a number of points.

Number of Places Available: 30.

Entry Requirements: Varies according to the three stages.

Fees: The fees for 2008/2009 have yet to be set.

(Certificate in Education and Training) Year 1

The Certificate in Education and Training provides an introduction to a range of contemporary issues in adult and continuing education in the areas of *social and personal education, citizenship education, curriculum, teaching and learning methodologies, communication skills, microteaching and audio-visual skills*. It also provides *practical skills in integrating information and communication technologies in adult education*.

(Diploma in Education and Training) Year 2

The Diploma in Education and Training allows students an opportunity to further their knowledge and appreciation of key areas in adult and continuing education, such as *social and personal education, citizenship education, curriculum evaluation and assessment, the psychology of motivation and learning, interpersonal communication skills and information and communication technologies for adult learners*.

(B.Sc in Education and Training) Year 3

The B.Sc in Education and Training encourages students to examine the knowledge, skills and values that underpin adult and continuing education. The modules reflect current thinking in the field of theory and practice in education. Core modules include *the study of values, identity, multiculturalism, equality, lifelong learning and a wide range of issues relating to work and community based learning and the creation of online learning environments*.

Course Aims: The programme aims to enhance the existing knowledge and skills of educators and trainers in the fields of curriculum development and evaluation, teaching and learning strategies and fundamental educational concepts. It will seek to utilise and integrate existing knowledge and skills and build upon prior experience as educators and learners.

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: See under *Entry Requirements* above.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Lectures, seminars, workshops, coursework, project.

Where and How to Apply:

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NATIONAL COLLEGE OF IRELAND CERTIFICATE IN MANAGING ORGANISATIONS IN THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR

Award: N.C.I. Certificate in Managing Organisations in the Voluntary & Community Sector. (including FETAC level 6 minor award 'Management and Leadership in Community Organisation')

Course Duration: 20 weeks part-time, one evening per week, three hours per evening.

Number of Places Available: 25

Entry Requirements: The course is for people who are currently working or would like to work in the voluntary/community sector.

Fees: The course fee for 2008/2009 is €945, check the website at: www.ncirl.ie

Course Aims: The course is designed to maintain and enhance the capability of individuals and organisations in the voluntary and community sector, and to encourage wider responsibility and ownership in meeting and managing the challenges associated with active governance. It provides an introduction to management policies, practices and techniques to better enable voluntary and community groups respond and survive in today's business and social environment.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: The course is structured around 4 modules: *Processes, Practice, People and Planning.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: None specified.

Methods of Assessments/Examinations: Attendance at sessions and active participation. One assignment (Strategic Planning), one project (Organisational Development) and one learner's record, kept throughout the programme.

Where and How to Apply:

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CERTIFICATE IN NON-FORMAL GUIDANCE

Award: Certificate in Non-Formal Guidance (U.C.C.)

Course Duration: One year from 7pm-10pm on Tuesday nights

Number of Places Available: No limit specified.

Entry Requirements: There are no formal entry requirements but applicants should be 21 years of age at the time of registration. They should also have demonstrated commitment to working with young people in a community setting.

Fees: This Course is fully funded by Cork City Partnership. Please contact Aoife Ni Chonchuir in relation to funded fees on (021) 432310. Closing date for application forms for funding is in April/May 2008.

Course Objectives: This course is designed to enhance the personal development of participants and increase their awareness of their own responses and attitudes to others with particular emphasis on attitudes to young people. It aims to provide training and skills development to participants to further their work with young people "at risk" and to provide the necessary knowledge regarding other support systems, both within and outside their communities.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: *Communication Skills; Guidance & Support; Education & Human Development; Introduction to Non-Formal Guidance Research Skills.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: There is no fieldwork placement attached to this course.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Continuous assessment in the form of journal of learning, project presentation, written assignments and a research project.

Where and How To Apply:

All initial enquiries to
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For Further Information

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CERTIFICATE IN TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Award: N.U.I. Certificate in Training and Continuing Education (Level 7 Minor Module).

Course Duration: The course consists of four units delivered through the medium of flexible learning in a fourteen week period. There are a total of five workshop days included. The course is run at several venues throughout the year with different start times for each (e.g. Dublin South, Dublin North, Dublin West, Drogheda, Kilkenny, Cork, Sligo, Galway, Limerick, Donegal and Athlone).

Number of Places Available: 14-16 approx. on each programme.

Entry Requirements: This course is for people who already work as trainers or who aspire to do so.

Fees: €1250 for 2009/2010

Course Aims: This course has been produced in order to: Enable trainers to develop skills, knowledge and attitudes appropriate for use in their training role; Enable trainers to acquire basic competencies in trainer skills; Provide formal qualifications for those involved in training and continuing education; Encourage those in training/teaching roles to update themselves in new developments in training technology, methodology and delivery systems.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: The course consists of four units. **Unit 1** - *Assessing Training & Development Needs*. **Unit 2** - *Designing a Training Programme*. **Unit 3** - *Delivering Training*. **Unit 4** - *Supporting the Learner*. Each unit is broken down into sections making the material more manageable to work through. Throughout the programme there is a emphasis on equality matters for trainers such as gender, race & disability issues.

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: Participants are encouraged to apply their new learning to their place of work.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Participants will need to submit a portfolio of work to N.U.I. Maynooth for assessment which displays their competence in identifying, planning, implementing and evaluating training. Participants will also be required to make a brief training presentation in the company of an N.U.I. Maynooth assessor and produce a written assignment on some aspect of training and development.

Where and How to Apply:

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DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY-BASED GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

Award: Diploma in Community - Based Guidance and Support, U.C.C.

Course Duration: Part-time. One evening per week, Tuesdays from 7.00pm-10.00pm (Oct-May). Students are also expected to attend a number of full-day workshops held on Saturdays in U.C.C. throughout the academic year.

Number of Places Available: 25 max.

Entry Requirements: Applications are required to be over the age of 21 to be eligible as an adult student. Applicants must have completed the Certificate in Non-Formal Guidance, but the Cork City Partnership interviews participants regarding their suitability.

Fees: The 2008/2009 programme is funded by the Cork City Partnership. Please contact Aoife Ni Chonchuir in relation to funded fees on (021) 4302310. closing date for application forms for funding is in April/May 2008.

Course Aims: This course is designed to introduce students to the theory and practice of community-based guidance and support of young people and acts as follow-on Diploma from the Certificate in Non-Formal Guidance. It aims to provide the practical skills and personal development necessary for community based guidance and support and particularly in application to drug prevention issues.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: There are five modules: *Communication Skills; Guidance & Support; Education & Human Development; Drug Awareness & Education; Placement.*

(new brochure will be available from mid April 2006)

Fieldwork, Placements & Practice: There is a fieldwork placement attached to this course.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: There are no formal written examinations, all work is assessed on a continuous basis. The course is evaluated through a combination of learning techniques, including a 75% attendance record, essays, journal of learning, and by the completion of a group project.

Where & How To Apply:

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GRADUATE DIPLOMA/M.Sc IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING MANAGEMENT (LEADERSHIP AND E LEARNING)

Award: Graduate Diploma/M.Sc. in Education & Training Management (Leadership or Information and Communication Technologies). On successful completion of the Dissertation, students are awarded the MSc. in Education and Training Management (Leadership or Information and Communication Technologies).

Course Duration: Two years, part-time. One evening per week and each Saturday.

Number of Places Available: No limit specified.

Entry Requirements: Applicants should have a good honours degree with 2/3 years experience of working in a recognised educational/training environment. In certain circumstances, other applicants may be considered if they are able to present, at interview, evidence of professional experience and responsibility in a relevant area of work and a high level of interest in the research literature relevant to one of the themes highlighted in the programme.

Fees: The fees for 2008/2009 have yet to be set.

Course Aims: The course aims to provide students with the expertise to understand the major theories of management in education and training with a focus on either leadership or Information and Communication Technologies.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: The programme is available in two strands - *Leadership & Information & Communication Technologies*, from which **one** is chosen

Leadership: **Year 1: Semester 1** - Action Research; Management Thought; Individual Management Skills; Information Technology Applications in Education & Training Management. **Semester 2** - Strategic Context of Education & Training Management; Behavioural Science & Leadership Skills. **Year 2: Semester 1** - Curriculum Theory & Instructional Design; Boundary Management Skills; E-Learning Applications in Education and Training. **Semester 2** - Dissertation.

ICT: **Year 1: Semester 1** - Action Research; Web-Based Interactive Design; Management Skills; Semester 2 - Educational Multimedia Development Emerging Pedagogies. **Year 2: Semester 1** - Collaborative Online Learning; Curriculum Theory & Instructional Design; Learning Applications in Education and Training. **Semester 2** - Dissertation.

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: There is no fieldwork or placement attached to this course.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Examinations & continuous assessment, dissertation.

Where and How to Apply:

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MA IN MANAGEMENT: COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY SERVICES

(FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME OPTIONS)

Award: This degree is jointly taught by All Hallows College and De Paul University and is awarded by Dublin City University.

Course Duration: One year, full time or two years, part-time. Commences on 15th July.

Number of Places Available: No limit specified.(closing date for applications is 15th May 2009)

Entry Requirements: Applicants should have either a degree or professional experience in anthropology, economics, pastoral studies, psychology, spirituality, the social sciences, religious studies or theology, nursing, education, community care or chaplaincy work.

Fees: Please contact the Post Graduate Office for details of fees for 2009/2010

Course Aims: The programme offers students the chance to learn theoretical models, best practice and skills training for effective management, administration and decision-making for this specialised field of non-profit organisations. Students will be able to relate the theory and practice of voluntary and service management to their own non-profit organisations, reflect on their own experience as a manager and plan for future change and development.

Course Content/Curriculum Outline: There are the following series of inter-disciplinary modules: *Introduction to Non-profit Management; Social Justice- a context for management; Financial Administration for Non-profit Organisations; The Manager as Communication -Public Relations & IT Communications; Human Resource Management; Leadership & Management; Marketing & Fundraising; Spirituality in the Workplace; Law & Voluntary Organisations; Strategic Planning & Managing Change; Policy Design & Analysis; Research Methods; Dissertation.*

Fieldwork, Placements and Practice: None specified.

Methods of Assessment/Examination: Dissertation.

Where and How to Apply:

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Closing date for applications: 15 May, 2009

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Library and information Service

- Lending service for youth & community work related books, videos and training materials.
- On-site **Research and Study Facility** with free **Internet Bay** with access to word processing packages and printing facilities.
- Photocopy/reference services for reports, statistics, and articles on youth work.
- Newspaper cuttings, Government Bills/Acts & Debates and Youth Statistical Updates.
- Profiles on over 200 organisations in the youth, community, social & voluntary sectors.
- Retention of over 120 youth work and youth work related periodicals/journals.
- On-line database & website of all information stocked in the library.

Publications and Resources

Low cost resources and training materials for sale (the IWYC acts as an official sales agent for a number of agencies including the National Youth Council of Ireland, Combat Poverty, Russell House Publishing, Nightshift Publications and the Directory of Social Change). It also offers an extensive range of research, guidelines, policy documents & packs for sale from **Irish Youth Work Press**, the publishing arm of Youth Work Ireland. A complete **Publications For Sale Brochure** is available (see address below)

Enquiry Services on:

- Trainers, consultants and specialists on youth & community work and related topics
- Venues suitable for hosting youth events and conferences
- Courses in Youth & Community Work and related fields
- Where to find youth work resources and training materials from other agencies
- Projects to connect those doing exciting/innovative work within similar work areas

Sharing Good Practice and Research

The Centre is constantly engaged in researching and documenting innovative approaches to work with young people in areas of special interest. This information is available through hard copy resources, database information and ongoing independent research being undertaken and commissioned by the Centre. Published by the **Irish Youth Work Press**, these publications include quantitative and qualitative research, training manuals & resource packs, issue-based guidelines, policy documents and information resources.

Events Programme

The Centre regularly organises theme based seminars, workshops and conferences. All events are supported with; up to date analysis of the issue and what's happening on the ground in the form of information and/or research packs; innovative & successful projects; good practice; and sources of further information

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