

DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES, MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY WORK IRELAND ARE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR

The NUI level 7 Special Purpose Certificate 'Community Work in a Changing Ireland'

This Certificate programme is designed to enable participants to develop an appreciation of the principles and processes that underpin social inclusion and equality focused community work and contribute to sustainable community work initiatives in their own communities.

Community Work in a Changing Ireland aims to provide those with an interest in developing and/or contributing to community-based initiatives with a comprehensive overview of the key aspects of community work and associated activities.

AIEB
ALL IRELAND ENDORSEMENT BODY FOR
COMMUNITY WORK EDUCATION & TRAINING



**Apply Here by Monday
December 9th at 5.00pm**

A grant to the All-Ireland Endorsement Body for Community Work Education and Training (AIEB) from the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) has provided some funding to support delivery of this programme. Community Work in a Changing Ireland is an AIEB Recognised introductory Community Work Education and Training programme.

Why Choose This Course?

Ireland has gone and continues to go through a period of rapid social change which impacts on all communities, urban and rural, large and small. This course offers participants the opportunity to reflect on those changes and to explore how communities and community work can engage with those changes and respond effectively to the issues emerging.

Maynooth University has a long tradition of productive relationships with groups and communities. The Dept of Applied Social Studies (DAPPSS) has established itself as the pre-eminent provider of professional education in community work and youth work on a full and part-time basis.

Community Work Ireland (CWI) is the national organisation that promotes and supports community work as a means of addressing poverty, social exclusion and inequality; promoting, protecting and advancing human rights and ultimately achieving social change that will contribute to the creation of a just, sustainable and equal society. CWI has a long track record in the field of supporting professional development, education and training for community workers.



This course is for people who are:

- Playing a leadership role in and passionate about working for inclusion, equality, human rights and collective action in their community on a paid or voluntary basis
- Interested in developing community work skills, knowledge and understanding
- want to better understand their community and our society
- Keen to meet and build relationships with others working to address common concerns

Programme Objectives:

To provide students with an opportunity to:

- Explore key issues impacting on communities and different groups within those communities e.g. young people, migrants, Travellers and other minority groups.
- Develop their understanding of the principles of community work and its relationship with other interventions in the community.
- Examine the key concepts and themes in community work e.g. social justice, equality focus.
- Develop knowledge of the distinct and complementary roles of those involved in community work e.g. activists, professional workers and external agencies.
- Develop a critical awareness and understanding of the historical and contemporary context of community work.
- Develop skills in planning for and initiating community work initiatives.

Course Modules



- Module 1: Understanding Community and Society
- Module 2: Principles and Processes of Community Work
- Module 3: Key Concepts and Themes in Community Work
- Module 4: Roles and Responsibilities in Community Projects
- Module 5: Community Work in Ireland: past and present
- Module 6: Initiating and Planning a Community Project

Aspects of the programme content are flexible to allow opportunities to focus on issues of particular interest to students or a particular community e.g. migrants, young people, older people, disabled people, Travellers etc.

Methods

Lectures will be used where appropriate, though the emphasis of the programme will be on experiential learning through workshops, seminars and practical assignments, with structured reflection/discussion to promote learning.

Ideally students will have some relevant experience and expertise in areas related to the programme content and will be encouraged to share and to learn from each other.

Level

The Certificate is Level 7 Special Purpose on the National Framework of Qualifications.

Assessment

Assessment will be carried out through coursework and presentations. There is an 80% attendance requirement for successful completion of the programme.

Certification and Progression

Successful completion of the course will lead to the NUI Certificate “Community Work in a Changing Ireland”. Holders of this Certificate may be eligible, if they meet the course entry requirements, to progress to the BA in Community Work and Youth Work in Maynooth University which is available on a full or part-time basis.

Duration and Structure

The programme will be delivered over 100 hours contact time including project visits. It will take place over a number of three-hour online sessions with in person day long sessions, two-day blocks, weekends and residential events.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Cost

The cost of the programme is €400 which covers registration, tuition fees and accommodation at Maynooth University for residential training.

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Come to our online information sessions to find out more:

Thursday 28th Nov. 7-8pm

Friday 29th Nov. 1-2pm

Register for the Information Sessions Here

For further queries email info@cwii.ie