



Comhairle Chontae Liatroma
Leitrim County Council



Leitrim County Council, in partnership with Maynooth University's Department of Applied Social Studies and supported by PEACEPLUS, is delighted to offer a unique opportunity for those passionate about community development.

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.

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*A project supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme,
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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.

Leitrim County Council delivers the **PEACEPLUS** programme to support inclusive, community-led peacebuilding across the county. Funded by the EU and UK Government, the programme builds on the legacy of previous PEACE initiatives, promoting social cohesion, shared spaces, and cross-community collaboration through locally driven projects.

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.



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 Content



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. cross border, migrants, young people, older people, disabled people, Travellers etc.

The following themes will be explored... Understanding Community and Society, Principles and Processes of Community Work, Key Concepts and Themes in Community Work, Roles and Responsibilities in Community Projects, Community Work in Ireland: past and present, Initiating and Planning a Community Project

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.



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