

Community Work in a Changing Ireland

**NUI Maynooth Certificate in
Community Work for Migrants
September 2009-January 2010**



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Introduction

MRCI is co-ordinating a certificate *Community Work in a Changing Ireland* with the National University of Ireland, Maynooth. The certificate aims to provide an over view of the key aspects of community work/community development. By the end students will have;

- Explored key issues impacting on communities and different groups within communities for example young people, migrant workers, Travellers
- Understood the principles of community work
- Examined the key themes in community work on equality, anti racism, social justice
- Developed skills in planning community work initiatives

Is it accredited?

This is a certificate awarded at level 8 (special purpose) under the National Qualifications of Ireland Framework. Those who successfully complete the course will receive a NUI Certificate *Community Work in Changing Ireland*. Holders of this certificate may be eligible, if they meet the course entry requirements to progress to the new professional BA degree in Youth and Community Work in NUI Maynooth, available on a fulltime or in service basis in September 2010.

Who is for?

The certificate is for migrant workers interested and/or active in justice and rights for migrant workers and their families. It is open to people from an immigrant background who are currently employed in community work roles in for example Area Based Partnerships, Community Development Projects or other local groups.

Where is it on?

Two sessions will take place in National University of Ireland Maynooth, the others in an 'easy to reach location' in Dublin. Field trips will be organised to community based projects including a residential based weekend outside of Dublin.

What are the costs?

Participants are asked to make a contribution of €500 each to a registration fee required by NUI Maynooth. All other costs including tuition, accommodation (for example the residential weekend) room rental and food etc is covered by MRCI. It is expected that participants will meet the costs of their own travel. However there is a bursary available to support participation where required and can be applied for. In the case of applicants working in community work roles it is encouraged that their employers are approached for financial support with the course (e.g. registration costs).

Course Assessment

Assessment will be through course work – essays, assignments, class presentations. Each participant will be assigned a tutor to support their learning on the course (two and a half hours per month). Assignments will be set with people's language capabilities in mind. A course project will be undertaken which require an element of group work and research. 80% attendance is part of the course requirement.

When is it on?

The course will commence with a residential weekend starting on **Friday evening 25th to Sunday 27th** and is expected to finish in **mid January 2010**. Every effort will be made to support full participation of all students i.e. consideration of the fact that many will be working full time so. There are several elements to the course;

1. Lectures and organised inputs in the format of one two day session per month from September to January 2010. (Draft timetable below)
2. Two to three project visits organised (less than one per month)
3. Tutor time – two and a half hours contact time per month
4. Project time – group project which will require group sessions from time to time

Session	Date	Location
Workshop 1 wk residential (Fri-Sun)	September 25 th - 27 th	NUI Maynooth
Workshop 2 – Sat & Sun	October 10 - 11 th	Dublin City Centre
Workshop 3 – wk residential (Fri-Sun)	November 13 th - 15 th	Outside of Dublin
Workshop 4 – Sat & Sun	December 5 th - 6 th	Dublin City Centre
Workshop 5 – Sat & Sun	January 16 th – 17 th	Dublin City Centre
Graduation Ceremony and Celebration	January Date to be confirmed	NUI Maynooth

Please note - Draft Timetable may be subject to change

Selection Criteria

It is anticipated that the number of applicants will be greater than the number of places available. Therefore the following criteria will apply for selection of participants;

- Quality of application
- Relevant community work experience
- Gender

How do I apply?

Please fill out the attached application form and return to Helen in MRCI by **21st of August**. Depending on numbers applying there may be an interview process in August/September. Any questions or requests for further information please contact Helen Lowry in MRCI by email helen@mrci.ie phone – 01 8897570 (direct line)



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Application Form
PLEASE PRINT YOUR INFORMATION CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS

First Name	
Family Name	
Gender	Gender Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Date of Birth	
Occupation	

Home Address	
Mobile Phone No	
Email Address	

Please say in your own words why you are interesting in participating in this course? (50-75 words)

What relevant experience do you feel you have in the area of community work and rights for migrant workers? (50-75 words)

What is your availability? (Please note 80% attendance is required)

Weekdays in evening YES NO Comment _____

Weekends YES NO Comment _____