

APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES
STAIÉAR SÓISIALTA FEIDHMEACH

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NUI MAYNOOTH
Ollscoil na hÉireann Má Nuad



Master of Community and Youth Work



COMMUNITY WORK AND YOUTH WORK

Community Work is concerned with the development and empowerment of communities and groups through facilitating the active participation of people in addressing issues that affect them collectively.

The Youth Work Act (2001) defines Youth Work as a 'planned programme of education designed for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the personal and social development of young person's through their voluntary participation'.

Both Community Work and Youth Work share a focus on equality, social change, rights realisation and inclusion, and in practice are interrelated.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The programme equips graduates to work professionally as Community Workers and Youth Workers. It also facilitates you to work professionally in a variety of associated fields as advocates, campaigners, researchers, project co-ordinators, and to use community work and youth work approaches in youth justice and diversion programmes, women and Traveller projects, drugs projects, community based education, integration, anti-racist, primary health care and other initiatives.

COURSE CONTENT

Students learn what Community Workers and Youth Workers need to know and what they need to be able to do through a combination of taught modules, project and study visits, practice learning, research projects and major fieldwork placements. Particular emphasis is placed on 14 week supervised block placements

which offer unique opportunities for learning through doing in association with experienced practitioners.

TAUGHT MODULES

Key taught modules focus on the theory and practice of:

- Community Work
- Youth Work
- Social Analysis
- Research
- Organisational Management
- Group Work
- Community and Youth Arts
- Issues, Inequalities and Rights Realisation
- Social Policy and Public Administration
- Comparative, International and Development Studies

PROJECT AND STUDY VISITS AND PRACTICE LEARNING

- Study Visits to Northern Ireland, United Nations, European Union and rural and urban projects.
- Projects including community profiling
- Personal and Group development sessions
- Practical Skill Workshops including on child protection, campaigning, youth justice and suicide awareness

FIELD WORK PLACEMENTS

Full time students undertake one 14 week placement in each year of the programme. Placement locations are throughout Ireland, other EU countries, United States, Canada, Africa, Australia and Asia. Placements are with experienced practitioners in a variety of projects, voluntary and statutory agencies and initiatives operating at local regional national and international levels.



"The wide range of modules, designed to explore key issues for practice, and taught by experienced educators and practitioners expanded my knowledge and built on my skills – giving me the confidence to work in a wide variety of areas."

MACYW graduate



"Students enter the field as soon as they enter the classroom. The MACYW mixes academic and practical knowledge and skills and provides many opportunities to critically engage with issues of equality and justice as well as projects and practitioners."

MACYW graduate

AIMS

The MACYW integrates theory and practice learning, analysis, discussion and reflection in order that students can acquire:

- The knowledge, skills and qualities required for professional community work, youth work and associated fields
- Capacity to work on their own initiative, take responsibility for their own work and the work of others, and for supporting and facilitating the development of young people, communities and other groups
- Competence in research methods, ability to undertake practice research and expertise in critique and writing
- An in depth understanding of the changing local, national and global context in which they will work, including current issues and inequalities, and of the impact of these on communities and young people
- Capacity for critical reflection and ongoing enhancement of their own practice and work.

Would you like to work for social justice and human rights?

The Master in Community and Youth Work (MACYW) degree equips you with the knowledge and skills to work professionally with young people, groups and communities for a sustainable future where all can develop and participate. The MACYW is the only postgraduate programme in Ireland offering fully recognised and endorsed qualifications in both community work and youth work. It reflects the commitment of the Department of Applied Social Studies to contribute to human rights, social justice and equality. In line with current post graduate professional qualification requirements, the MACYW is taken on a two year full time basis, or three year part time if you are working in a relevant field.

"The MACYW programme content and emphasis on active collaboration between staff and students has without a doubt, changed the way in which I view and act in the world."

MACYW graduate



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- A primary degree in one of the Social Sciences or related disciplines (other degrees at discretion of the Department)
- Evidence of interest and involvement in work with communities, young people, civil society organisations, student groups, campaigns or other voluntary organisations

HOW TO APPLY

Applications should be made through the PAC: www.pac.ie/nuim

The selection process, in addition to the application, involves group and individual interviews (May to June annually).

Applicants called for interview must also complete the Garda Vetting procedure. PAC course codes are MH54 (full-time) and MH55 (part-time in-service).



FURTHER INFORMATION

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FEES

For information on fees, see <http://fees.nuim.ie/>

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

31 May annually (some extensions possible).

SCHOLARSHIPS

For information on any available scholarships see: <http://graduatestudies.nuim.ie/feesfundingfinance/funding>