



The Post-Graduate Diploma in Educational Leadership (**Tóraíocht**) is offered in partnership by Maynooth University and the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST). The course leads to a Level 9 qualification (60 credits).

The course aims to enhance the capabilities of teachers in their current work and to support their preparation for future senior leadership positions. The course is open to fully qualified teachers with a minimum of four years full-time teaching. It encourages colleagues from both primary and post-primary sectors to engage in issues of school leadership together through learning and dialogue while seeking to achieve an overview of the current education system and to recognise the unique contributions that teachers and school leaders can make to the lives of the students in their schools.

The programme is delivered nationally in Education Centres and in the Department of Education at Maynooth University on an annual basis. The following centres have been selected for the academic year 2016/2017:

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| (a) Maynooth University | Monday - 4.30-8.00pm |
| (b) Limerick Education Centre | Monday – 4.30- 8.00pm |
| (c) Drumcondra Education Centre | Tuesday - 4.30-8.00pm |
| (d) Galway Education Centre | Wednesday - 4.30-8.00pm |
| (e) Waterford Education Centre | Wednesday – 4.30-8.00pm |
| (f) Carrick-on-Shannon Education Centre | Thursday – 4.30-8.00pm |

All centres are offered subject to sufficient numbers of applicants

Closing date for applications: Monday 16th May, 2016 Late applications may be considered – **Course fee:** €2,200

Further Information:

Information sessions for this course will be held in individual venues as per the schedule below. If you are interested in applying for this course attending one of these evenings will be an ideal way of answering any questions you may have, meeting course staff and seeing a full overview of the programme.

Booking in advance is not necessary, just come along on any evening. All information sessions last approximately one hour.

Information Sessions:

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| Drumcondra/Maynooth (in Drumcondra Education Centre) | Monday February 29 th | 7.30-8.30pm |
| Galway Education Centre | Tuesday March 1 st | 7.30-8.30pm |
| Waterford Education Centre | Tuesday March 8 th | 7.30-8.30pm |
| Carrick-on-Shannon Education Centre | Wednesday March 9 th | 7.30-8.30pm |
| Limerick Education Centre | Thursday March 10 th | 7.30-8.30pm |

If you have any questions ahead of attending one of the meetings please contact education.department@nuim.ie or annmarie.cudden@nuim.ie with your enquiry.

PGDEL (Tóraíocht) explores the challenges and opportunities involved in school leadership. The course modules centre on the leadership of learning, of people and of the organisation. Time is spent considering the capabilities, personal and professional, that contribute to successful and life-enhancing school communities. Candidates have an opportunity to practice leadership skills through completion of a school related action research project.

Application must be made online through the Postgraduate Application Centre (PAC) system at www.pac.ie Further information relating to the application process is available from education.department@nuim.ie or annmarie.cudden@nuim.ie (01) 708 6715

Course information available from paula.kinnarney@nuim.ie or carmellillis@pdst.ie