DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE
The Diploma in Community Development Practice is a one-year part-time programme designed to enable community activists gain a thorough understanding of community development combined with the practical skills necessary to work effectively in development work.

The programme offers an opportunity to participants to explore community development in detail and to learn from the experiences of development initiatives elsewhere. The Diploma combines programme modules, seminars, project work and field trips in order to provide a comprehensive educational experience for participants.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicants for the programme should meet the University’s requirements for mature students. Formal academic qualifications are not required to commence the Diploma in Community Development Practice.

Applicants would ideally have experience of working in a community or voluntary organisation.

Applicants whose first language is not English, or who have not been educated through the medium of the English language during their two most recent years of study, must present one of the following qualifications in the English language: IELTS: 6.5 or TOEFL (IBT): 92. Applicants should have good reading and writing skills, as well as basic IT skills, as independent home study is required.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

Apply online at: www.nuigalway.ie/apply

Application by itself does not guarantee participation on the programme. Selection of students will be made on the basis of informal interviews following the completion of an application form. Numbers accepted on this programme will be limited.

**DURATION/ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

Classes take place once a week for 3 hours (demand will determine the timing of programme provision i.e. morning/afternoon/evening). There are also two Saturdays per term when attendance at workshops or fieldtrips are required, and a minimum of 75% attendance per term/overall is mandatory in order to successfully complete the programme.

**MODULES**

- Community Development Theory & Practice
- Social Analysis
- Communication, Group Work and Leadership skills
- Public Policy
- Project Planning, Development and Evaluation
- Research Techniques
Field trips will be organised for programme participants throughout the year. These visits to other community development projects will give participants opportunities to make contact with the practice of community development in other locations.

ASSESSMENT

In addition to the above mentioned attendance requirement, participants will submit assignments for each module (including a profile and a project) and will be required to reach a pass standard in all relevant coursework. Each aspect of the programme will be monitored by the programme board and will be delivered by course tutors who are based locally.

AWARD

NUI Galway will award participants who successfully complete the programme an NUI Diploma in Community Development Practice.

The Diploma in Community Development Practice carries an academic credit rating of 30 ECTS within the European Credit Transfer System and corresponds to Level 7 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAMME?

There are many career opportunities open to graduates of the Diploma in Community Development Practice programme, as it offers a solid practical and theoretical understanding of the community development sector. Some graduates have progressed onto further studies such as the B.A. in Community and
Family Studies while other graduates of the Diploma in Community Development Practice have improved their employment prospects in the field of community development.

TUITION FEES

- **EU**: €600.00
- **NON EU**: €1,100.00

(Please note that tuition fees are subject to annual review.)

Payment is expected once a place on the programme is accepted. Fees may be paid by instalments.

Fees Scholarships may also be available which will reduce fees by up to 30% for certain categories of students – eligibility criteria apply. Please contact us for further information.

In the event that tuition fees are being sponsored on behalf of a student (e.g. by an employer) appropriate payment arrangements will be agreed with the student involved.

Under existing legislation, students in employment may be eligible for income tax relief at the standard tax rate. For specific details on this scheme, students are encouraged to contact their local tax office.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Apply online at: [www.nuigalway.ie/apply](http://www.nuigalway.ie/apply)

Informal interviews will be held as a standard part of the application process.

WHO CAN I CONTACT?

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